

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Statewide Meeting
Fairbanks, Alaska
March 18-28, 2016

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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Game Sub-Committee Meeting Notes

January 14, 2016 at Cabela's, South Anchorage

1. Call meeting to order – Frank Neumann, 6:35pm

Anchorage ACC game subcommittee members present: Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Jim Bolgiano, Joel Doner, Willow Hetrick.

Absent: Neil DeWitt, Brett Barringer, and Dwight Johnson.

Department Staff: David Battle, Wildlife Biologist III, and Cory Stantor, Wildlife Biologist II.

Recorded Public Present: Richard Person.

Covered Proposals; 1 to 18, 67, 78, 79, 80, and 81.

Proposal #1 – Airboats are boats and are currently being classified as both boats and land vehicles. Anyone who has been in them can attest to them not being land vehicles. ADF&G may further restrict CUA's to say no motorized vehicles.

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed

Proposal #2 –Alaska Outdoor Council is trying to get rid of the 1,000 pound limit. As these vehicles come out of the factory, the dry rate is already 1,000 pounds. Focus should be placed on the pounds per square inch instead of overall weight.

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed

Proposal #3 –ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. General hunt is in non-subsistence area. Proposal wants further definition on subsistence vs. non-subsistence. If Board chooses to take this up, ADF&G requests to leave non-resident out of the discussion. Want a definition on who is eligible for 'subsistence' hunting, as all Alaskans are technically subsistence hunters despite some living in urban areas.

Game Subcommittee vote: 1 for, 0 opposed, 3 no vote. Decided to table this discussion until we can get more information on the subject.

Proposal #4 –Replace the word "take" with "kill". Board definition vs. the legislation definition are not congruent. All that is currently required to be counted against a bag limit is to draw blood. Definition of bag limit from 2014-2015 edition of AAC was referred to. Some thought the definitions should be the same and/or clarified. Concern is about the word "kill" and we have to define how the word "kill" applied to units where drawing blood is a "take". If we adopt this, the ADF&G has a problem.

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed.

Proposal 5 –Do not approve of being forced to harvest all meat from bird. Support the current regulations.

Game Subcommittee vote: 0 for, 4 opposed.

Proposal #6 –Agree that points can sometimes be blocked and hard to see. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. Not expected to have implications for sustained yield management. Spike forks are thought to be genetically inferior, so being able to harvest more with less question is a good thing for the State

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed.

Proposal 7 – Points should be measured any distance from the tip rather than one inch from the tip. Current definition came from Boone and Crockett. Possible question is in regard to the number of brow tines. Current definition is industry standard.

Game Subcommittee vote: 0 for, 4 opposed.

WE took public testimony on proposal's 67, 78, 79, 80, and 81 from Richard Person.

Proposal #67 –Disagrees with making trapping from State Federal Aid highway ROW's as proposed. As understood, all ROW's and associated easements would require permission for trapping. The land ownership scheme is complicated enough and trying to reach someone with the authority to allow trapping would be too difficult. These easements are typically pretty narrow, but may be larger in certain areas. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. State regulations do not guarantee access. 17B easements are grandfathered in, which allows people to cross Ahtna land and then back into State land.

Game Subcommittee vote: 0 for, 4 opposed

Proposal 78 –This proposal allows for the public to check in on tags, potentially damage the trap lines. Trapper have witnessed the stealing of traps and snares when required to publicly register. Benefits do not outweigh the negative results of it. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal but should consider area-specific regulations. Certain areas have historically been enacted to address illegal trapping (Units 12 and 20E, and 1 and 5).

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed

Proposal 79 –Unaware of any trap check requirements, but apparently there are 72 hour time limit for trapping checks. This proposal suggests that statewide, to prevent animals from suffering, to change the time limit for checking traps to 24 hours. Requiring traps to be checked daily imposes additional hardship on trappers that may spend a lot of time setting traps. Trap designs try to minimize animal suffering; those are the designs nation-wide. Would wipeout

90% of the trappers out of business because it is not realistic. Weather considerations also typically minimize the animal suffering. Richard has a 200-mile trapping loop he makes and having to check the traps every 24 hours is just not possible. Richard Person is opposed to this proposal. ADF&G is opposed to making this change at the Statewide meeting, this should be addressed in Regional-specific meetings.

Game Subcommittee vote: 0 for, 4 opposed

Proposal 80 –This proposal should have never made the proposal book; this proposal is convoluted and confusing. Mr. Person is opposed to this proposal and assumes that most trappers are as well. Understands the concern of personal pets being accidentally trapped, but this is not the mechanism to reduce accidental trapping. Serious challenges with these setbacks such as the defining what is a publicly maintained trail. Not a very well thought out proposal. ADF&G is neutral on the proposal but would like to conduct this at a regional board meeting and make regulations specific to each area.

Game Subcommittee vote: 0 for, 4 opposed

Proposal #81 –This is proposed by ADF&G at the request of the Board (i.e. Board-generated proposal). This is usually only an issue primarily in the early season of beaver trapping which says that the trap must be submerged. They don't want people setting land traps as to not accidentally trap other animals. This is a good idea to discriminate to beavers. Always thought submerged meant underwater. Clarifying that a portion of the trap must be in the water. Thinks that this is a good suggestion, it clarifies the question.

Game Subcommittee vote: 4 for, 0 opposed

Meeting Adjourned, 9:00PM

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee
1/19/2016
Preparation of Comments for BOG Statewide proposals
Meeting Location, William J Hernandez Hatchery

Subcommittee members present: Dwight Johnson, Frank Neumann, Neil DeWitt, Jim Bolgiano, Dr Brett Barringer

L Call to Order: Time 6:35PM by Frank Neumann, Game Subcommittee Chair

II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sherry Wright

III. Guests Present: John Frost, Dan Wright

Public Comments: John Frost – speaking both for himself and AK Bowhunters Assoc. **Prop 4** – Definition of bag limit is something the BOG can do, whereas the Legislators can change the definition of “take”. The AC has considered the archery proposals. Proposal 15 and 16 are very similar (requiring bow hunter ed and require carrying card in the field). We feel anyone hunting with a cross bow should also have separate cross bow education and carry a card. John has a power point he presented last year to the BOG. Cross bow are not conventional weapons – either firearm or bow. Next, John addressed the host of sheep proposals and the tentative BOG Sheep Working Group meeting. He believes the BOG will listen carefully to the working group recommendations and may kick the can farther down the road, depending on what happens there. **Proposal 25** seeks to repeal the BOG Prop 207 from last year’s meetings. It did not solve the problems that were stated, is excessively against resident hunters who happen to own an airplane and increases crowding. Would like to see support for Prop 25. **Prop 46** is to establish a Statewide archery season that has repeatedly failed before the BOG. If the bowhunters have a season first, the success rate is very low. The 14C hunt was cited as an example that allows a high hunt opportunity with a low impact to the resource. The other concept for suggesting an earlier season was for people to take an either / or – so you couldn’t take a sheep with a rifle if you didn’t get your shot with a bow. Limiting the number of weapons that are used, in no way do they support use of cross bow, but would support the concept of an early sheep hunt for anyone hunting with a weapon without optimal sight. This may spread out the crowding problem. **Prop 50** is one John has personally tried several times. As a child, he was taught to remove parts so that it didn’t affect the taste of the meat. With DNA testing, the trooper could take a small piece of meat from the antlers to determine what kind of animal has been harvested. This is a nuisance regulation that hunters must adhere to. **Prop 53** is another concern regarding wounded bear harvest requirement. **Prop 62** is concerning. **Prop 64** seeks to make the regulation statewide where there are black bear bait stations. The issue is that brown bears come in and decimate the bait stations. **Prop 65** — **Prop 69** concern that it would apply to duck hunting, use of beagles for rabbit hunting. **Prop 96 – 98** all address a proposed point system. It seems that some people get to hunt the same hunts year after year, others rarely, if ever get drawn. Seems like there should be some spreading around of the permits that are awarded. People could apply for as many hunts as they desire, but would need to rank their preference of hunts and species. All applicants would be assigned a number that applied and the permits would be divided out. Each year that you were NOT successful your number would get humped up and those who were successfully drawn would move down the list.

Question about GPS – is it justified? GPS is yet another means for hunter harassment.

John gave an example of flying up to Brooks Range with plans to land his aircraft on a strip he is familiar with. After 10 hours of flying, he arrives, only to see another plane has already landed there. What is he supposed to do? A person may make several passes in order to make a safe landing, taking into consideration ground speed, wind conditions, etc).

The Game Subcommittee began at Proposal 19 tonight in their proposal comment preparation. Covered Proposals; 19 to 49, and 138.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07PM

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee
1/26/2016
William J Hernandez Hatchery

- I. Call to Order at 6:35 pm by Game Subcommittee Chair Frank Neumann
- II. Subcommittee Roll Call: Frank Neumann, Phil Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Dr Brett Barringer, Dwight Johnson, Willow Hetrick, Neil DeWitt
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Cory Stantorf, David Battle, Sherry Wright
- IV. Guests Present: Joel Doner, Dan Wright, Paul Fussey (DPS)

Covered Proposals; 50 through 86.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05PM

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee
January 28, 2016
Cabela's conference room

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Chair Frank Neumann
- II. Subcommittee Member Roll Call: Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Phillip Calhoun, Brett Barringer
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Corey Stantorf
- IV. Guests Present: Gary Stevens, Don Hunley, Paul Fussey (DPS)
- V. Covered Proposals; 87 through 104.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Anchorage AC Comments Below

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee
2/2/2016
William J Hernandez Hatchery

- I. Call to Order: 5:35pm by [Frank Neumann]
- II. Roll Call: Willow Hetrick, Frank Neumann, Brett Barringer, Neil DeWitt, Phil Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano.
- III. Game Committee went through **Proposals; 105-110**
- IV. Adjournment: 6:30pm

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Fish Hatchery
February 2nd at 6:30 pm

1. **Call meeting to order:** Joel Doner, 6:41pm.
2. **Invocation:** Trevor Rollamn.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Kevin Taylor
4. **Roll Call to establish a quorum:** Gerold Gugel, Trevor Rollman, Donald Sutherland, Kenny Rogers, Kevin Taylor, Phil Calhoun, Norm Stadem, Joel Doner (chair), Frank Neumann, Brett Barringer (alternate), Martin Weiser, Neil DeWitt, Jim Bolgiano, Willow Hetrick (alternate).
Excused Absent: Dwight Johnson, Ernie Weiss, Brian Nelson.
Staff Present: Paul Fussey (DPS), Lem Butler (Wildlife Conservation), Bruce Dale (Wildlife Conservation), Sherry Wright (Board Support).
Public Present:, Rod Arno.
5. **Advise Guests of Public Testimony Sign-up sheet:** Joel Doner informed the public of sign-up sheet.
6. **Approve Agenda:** Martin Weiser motioned to approved minutes as written. Kevin Taylor seconded. No opposed.
7. **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:** Neil DeWitt motioned to accept minutes as written, Frank Neumann seconded. No opposed.
8. **Teleconference with Commissioner Cotton at 7PM:** Currently working in Oregon on fishing issues related to the State. Believes the important of AC's. Even if he wanted to get rid of them, couldn't do that (State law). ADF&G relies on AC's for input of information and advice. Attends AC meeting all over the State. Want full AC participation in upcoming BOF meeting. Support the approval of per diem for travel of AC's to meeting. ADF&G is facing additional reductions in budget. Governor is clear that AC/BOF/BOG/Board Support is important and the best possibility for the public to testify. Department is doing their best to continue. Legislature provides

funding to ADF&G to implement AC/BOF/BOG/Board Support. House Bill #137: anxious to make sure public is satisfied on how the Department is going to spend the money received which is geared towards sheep management. Will be audited by the US Government for use of those funds. Legislature also audits from time-to-time. Salmon enumeration on the Susitna/Yentna – budget constraints but still trying to get information to understand the # of fish in the river. Won't continue efforts that didn't assist is good population counts. Searching for ways to accomplish goals with methods that actually work. Department opposed NPS rulemaking, looking into legal action against NPS. In conversations with USFWS although don't expect many concessions from them. Department does believe that it goes against Alaska authority and that the Department doesn't need federal input. NPS/USFWS often have other considerations in managing lands that are not in alignment with SOA.

9. **Public testimony:** Rod Arno – National Park Service rule-making on NPS land (i.e. preserves). Proposed in FR, through public process, published final rule. NPS has taken over game management on their lands. Against mandate of NPS to conduct predator/prey management. SOA did not file injunction. SOA didn't even publish a new release of loss of management on NPS lands. Now it is going to be really hard to undo. SOA could use provisions within ANILCA that would not allow NPS to preempt SOA management. Wants to know what the SOA is going to do about it. USFWS has proposed a rule regarding non-subsistence hunting in refuge land. USFWS is proposing to implement "biological integrity" (humans should not interfere with game management). Also cannot disturb the gene pool by selective hunting b/c it goes against the definition of 'biological integrity'. SOA needs to comment on the USFWS proposal or residents of the SOA will lose access to up to 60% of the State. USFWS rule would make current subsistence hunters non-subsistence hunters. Senator Sullivan is against this bill. Comments closing March 8, 2016. February 18, 2016, open house at 4-5 and comment to 7:30 USFWS Anchorage office discussing proposed changes.
10. **Department Update:** Bruce Dale, Director of Division of Wildlife Conservation – Lem is in charge of the Board activity. stationed in Palmer. Bruce is also located in Palmer. Wants to reset the relationship between WC and AAC. WC is committed to building better relationship. WC has opposed NPS rule making all along. Through consultation, WC not impressed with the NPS response to concern. NPS rule will become law. WC has been working with DOL and are moving forward with litigation. DOI will make the decision whether or not to litigate. Setting up meeting with AG, SCI, PHI to better litigate through partnership. Has also been working with the Congressional Delegation. 2 years ago, had \$8 million dollars for budget. Extra money is going away. Last license increase was 1992. Budget gaps statewide. ADF&G will use the money for core services. Public must believe that ADF&G will spend the money the way they want them to, must have the trust. Tool online that shows all of WC projects, budget, where the money comes from, money spent: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=divisions/wcbudgetcorefunding> HB #137 as it stands would be \$5 increase to residents and = + \$2 million dollars a year to ADF&G. Would be nice to understand how much \$ from resident vs. non-residents revenue from hunting licenses. Survey memos will be created after each survey, annual short reports on survey activities will be yearly. Unit reports will still

be every 5 years. BOG Proposal 106 – summer counts, Tier I, population went below ANS, will go Tier II. WC must have emergency Tier II hunt application period. Takes a lot of money, time, change regulations, can't comply with the law, public notice, Tier II application period. Any animal that is counted in the summer = a problem. WC only wants this change to during Tier I/Tier II application cycle.

11. **Committee Reports**

Fish Chair- Joel Doner- Statewide BOF Comments: No comments to BOF Statewide. Deadline is coming up for the Call for Proposals for 2017 (April 8, 2016). Joel suggesting contacting Department for proposal suggestions. Must be taken up at the March meeting.

Game Chair- Frank Neumann- Statewide BOG Comments, House Bill #137, Sheep working group progress: HB #137 touches non-resident tag fees a lot. Frank thinks that AAC should get more involved with the Bill, perhaps write support letter to Senator Grissel. Kevin Taylor moves that AAC writes a letter in favor of HB #137, Frank Neumann seconded. Alaska resident license fees should be heightened. It's been since 1992 since fees were raised. See Bruce Dale's discussion about needs for HB #137. Suggest also increasing resident tag fees. 16 support of writing a letter supporting HB #137, no opposed. Kevin Talyor nominated Brett Barringer to write the letter. Neil DeWitt seconded. 16 in support of Brett writing a letter supporting HB #137. Will be available on Feb. 16 meeting.

Sheep working group – Dr. Bath wants group to come to consensus. Couldn't make a mission statement of the group. 207 isn't going away. Board mostly likely will not revisit, 50/50 split within the working group. Next meeting will have more data presented to group. NPS will be at meeting allowing people to understand what is going on in the Parks where no hunting is allowed.

12. **Old Business - None**

New Business- Taylor Rollman moved to accept Game Subcommittee BOG suggestions, Neil DeWitt seconded. No opposed. AAC reconsidered BOG proposals that the Game Subcommittee did not vote on, or reach a unanimous vote on. The following proposal were reconsider and discussed by the Full Committee: 3,11,13,14,29,31,36,37,38,41,44,46,48,50,and 52.

Meeting Adjourned; 10:20PM

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee
February 11, 2016
Cabela's conference room

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Chair Frank Neumann
- II. Subcommittee Member Roll Call; Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Phillip Calhoun, Brett Barringer

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
 - IV. Guests Present: Lars Gleitsman who spoke about his opposition to Proposal 70. He felt it was proposal 207 on steroids because it extended the idea of 207 to all species. He felt it was similarly unenforceable, unjust, and politically motivated like proposal 207.
 - V. Covered Proposals 111 to 137, and ACR 16, 17, 19, and 20.
 - VI. Adjournment: 8:15PM
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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Cabelas's Conference Room

February 16th at 6:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Joel Donner
 2. Invocation by Frank Neumann
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call to establish a quorum
 - Committee members in attendance: Neil DeWitt, Brian Nelson, Dwight Johnson, Joel Donner, Frank Neumann, Brett Barringer, Ernie Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Gerald Gugel
 - Department members in attendance: Dave Battle ADF&G, Corey Stantorf ADF&G, Todd Rinaldi ADF&G, Tim Peltier ADF&G, Lt. Paul Fussey AST Wildlife
- Excused Absent Phillip Calhoun
5. Guests were advised of the public testimony sign-up sheet
 6. Meeting agenda approved
 7. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting with the following corrections
 - Trevor not Taylor
 - Commissioner Cotton denies any intent to do away with ACs

8. Public Testimony

- Isreal Payton Governor Walker's appointment to the Board of Fish currently on the Valley AC. Wanted to introduce himself to the Anchorage AC. Explained his background and asked for input on what the AC would like from a BOF member.
- Todd Renaldi spoke about high and increasing moose populations with the development of the valley and fires. High participation in hunts and high harvests has not affected the population. Antlerless hunts are important management tools for addressing ecological concerns and safety concerns. Not sure the landscape can continue to have an increasing population. The population is healthy and growing even with a 10% harvest. 168 moose are recovering slowly. There have been extensive predator management efforts, but access and hunter participation have limited take.
- Tim spoke about high calf recruitment, high calf survival, and high bull to cow ratio in 168.
- Dave Battle spoke about unit 14C moose population staying consistent. IM has a population range of 1,500-1,800. They are at the lower end about 1,500. Have not been able to fly population surveys since 2013 due to weather. Did increase bull permits in some areas for 2016. Anchorage AC could look to write a proposal for a bull hunt at McHugh Creek. Moose collisions are relatively stable over the past few years.

9. Committee Reports

Game Sub-Committee- Frank Neumann- Statewide BOG

- Motion to adopt Game Subcommittee Proposal recommendations, which was covered Proposals 111 to 137, and ACR 16, 17, 19, and 20. **Carried 9-0**
- Full committee reconsidered and took action the following proposal's, 29,54,55,57,59,60,61,63,66,70,72,76,84,90,96,97,99,102,and 106.

Fish Committee- Joel Doner- BOF Appointments

10. Old Business- House Bill 137 Letter Read

- 9-0 Approve letter

11. New Business- USF&W New Proposed Rule-Brett will write letter for 3-1-16 meeting approval

12. Meeting Adjourned 9:00PM

Next meeting place and time; The Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the BP Energy Center, located at 900 E Benson Blvd.

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

BP Energy Center, located at 900 E Benson Blvd

March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm

1. Call meeting to order – 6:35pm
2. Invocation – Frank Neumann
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Kevin Taylor
4. Roll Call to establish a quorum - Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Gerold Gugel, Ernie Weiss, Joel Doner (chair), Frank Neumann (vice chair), Brian Nelson, Phil Calhoun, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Willow Hetrick (alternate), Kevin Taylor, Martin Weiser, Norm Stadem, and Brett Barringer (alternate).

Excused Absent – Kenny Rogers and Dwight Johnson

5. Advise Guests of Public Testimony Sign-up sheet – Joel Doner
6. Approve Agenda – With one change: Western Arctic Caribou Herd update be added to new business section. Gerold Gugel motioned to approve with amendment, Neil DeWitt seconded.
7. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting – Frank Neuman motioned to approve with amendment, Dino Sutherland seconded.
8. Public Testimony – Dana Debernardi. Runs an orphan moose calf program, Alaska Moose Mamas. Has the only release permit in the State of Alaska. Entity had \$40,000 and all 4 moose calves survived; 100% survival. 16B is chosen release spot, and last year was a great release year due to lack of snow. Must release calves at 3.5 months old, but believe that this is too young for survival issues. All calves have radio collars. 2015 calves included abandonments and not only orphaned from road kills. Human interaction is suspected to be the reason for abandonment. If one female calf survives, offspring throughout the lifecycle, that bloodline will produce over 780 moose. Females that are released are very important. Goals for next season include another successful program with new staff, new veterinarians, and new board of directors. Wants to help the ADF&G to reduce the disconnect between Orphan Moose Calf Program; currently the ADF&G requires that each person who sees a alone moose calf be left alone for 72 hours-ADF&G cannot prove where that # of hours came from. Dana would like to

see 48 hours instead of 72. Wants to be an arm off ADF&G to take work load off ADF&G and help save more moose. Have Facebook and website – Alaska Moose Mamas.

9. Committee Reports -

Game Committee- Frank Neumann- Statewide BOG – Sheep Work Group meeting: suggested increasing the number of draw tags someone can apply for. Recommending a sheep tag/stamp for \$50 per residents and non-residents (similar to a king (fish) stamp). The stamp would allow for funds raised by the sheep stamp to be allocated specifically for sheep management. Discussed standardization of judging sheep score and making all ADF&G offices and public aware of how to age and judge the legality of sheep. Proposing a 5-day statewide head start for resident sheep hunters, attempting for consensus. Discussed allocation issues – 20% allocation for non-residents and moving to a draw on lands where there are not guide use concessions. Meeting in April post Board of Game meeting in March. Proposing to increase the sheep draw application fee from \$5 to \$10 per hunt.

- Full Committee reconsidered and took action on the following BOG proposal's, #109,110,120, 137, and 138,

Fish Committee- Joel Doner- BOF Appointments, BOF call for Proposals – ACC will call a fish subcommittee meeting to potentially develop a proposal for the next Upper Cook Inlet round of proposals. Deadline in April 11th, 2016. Three vacancies on the Board of Fish. Three nominations from the Governor. Neil DeWitt motioned to have no comment on the Board of Fish nomination, Jim Bolgiano seconded. Question called: 14 support, 1 opposed.

10. Old Business- None

11. New Business-

USF&W New Proposed Rule-Drafted by Brett Barringer. Should send it to the Senate. Proposal gives the Refuge manager authority over the ADF&G to manage their wildlife populations if they see fit. Our letter would be helpful should this go to litigation in the future. Neil DeWitt motioned to accept letter as edited and send, Jim Bolgiano seconded motion. Send letter to: USFWS as they are in the public comment process, Governor, Legislature/Alaska delegates, Brad Palach at ADF&G. ACC approves the Chair sending to anyone else he sees fit. Call to Question: 15 support, 0 opposed.

Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Update – Conference all meeting to discuss proposal WSA16-01. Goal is to close 22, 23, 24, 21D, and 26A to hunting as numbers in caribou herd have been significantly declining. Area residents do not want non-residents in the region hunting. 12,000 animals thought harvested last year but the real count was 13,500. Population

has decreased more than 50%. Residents are thinking its predators causing most of the deaths. Non-rural, and Non-residents hunters take mostly bulls, and that accounts for about 10% of the harvest each year, 1300 animals. Typically rural residents are the ones harvesting the cows.

Next meeting place and time; The Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the King Career Center, located at 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd.

Note –election of new members will occur at the next meeting. Dwight Johnson, Frank Neumann, Norm Stadem, Kevin Taylor, and Martin Weiser are up for re-election. Brett Barringer and Willow Hetrick's alternate terms expire in June, 2016. ACC will discuss how to handle alternates in April meeting.

Adjourn – 8:35pm

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1		Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles
Support	14	0	Airboats are boats and are currently being classified as both boats and land vehicles. Anyone who has been in them can attest to them not being land vehicles. ADF&G may further restrict CUA's to say no motorized vehicles.
BOG	2		Modify the definition of ATV
Support	14	0	Alaska Outdoor Council is trying to get rid of the 1,000 pound limit. When these vehicles come out of the factory, their dry rate is already more than 1,000 pounds. Focus should be placed on the pounds per square inch instead of overall weight.
BOG	3		Establish a definition for general hunt
Support	13	0 1- Abstained	ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. General hunt is in non-subsistence area. Proposal wants further definition on subsistence vs. non-subsistence. If Board choses to take this up, ADF&G requests to leave non-resident out of the discussion. Want a definition on who is eligible for 'subsistence' hunting, as all Alaskans are technically subsistence hunters despite some living in urban areas. 3 no vote. Decided to table this discussion until we can get more information on the subject.

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BOG	4		Amend the definition of bag limit
Support	14	0	Replace the word "take" with "kill". Board definition vs. the legislation definition are not congruent. All that is currently required to be counted against a bag limit is to draw blood. Definition of bag limit from 2014-2015 edition of AAC was referred to. We think that the definitions should be the same and/or clarified. Concern is about the word "kill" and we have to define how the word "kill" applied to units where drawing blood is a "take".
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Oppose	0	14	Do not approve of being forced to harvest all meat from bird.
BOG	6		Modify the definition of a moose antler
Support	14	0	Agree that points can sometimes be blocked and hard to see. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. Not expected to have implications for sustained yield management. Spike forks are thought to be genetically inferior, so being able to harvest more with fewer questions is a good thing for the State.
BOG	7		Clarify the definition of antler point
Oppose	0	14	Points should be measured any distance from the tip rather than one inch from the tip. Current definition came from Boone and Crockett. Possible question is in regard to the number of brow tines. Current definition is industry standard.
BOG	8		Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts.
Support	14	0	Those that bow hunt on the AC like to use lighted pins. Better ability to shoot in low light condition which could extend hunting hour's a little. Believe it help with clarity of the sight picture for those older eyes.
BOG	9		Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology
Support	14	0	Supported for reason stated.
BOG	10		Modify the requirements for crossbow
			T.N.A., Favored the language of Proposal #12.
BOG	11		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
Oppose	6	8	Supported for reasons stated. Opposed, don't think that a cross bow is the same as a Bow, there no draw, and holding that draw, the cross bow is usually loaded, and cocked. Easier to shoot.
BOG	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
Support	14	0	Supported for reasons stated.
BOG	13		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older
Support	7	6	Supported for reasons stated. Opposed to the age restriction qualification. If this was written as a disabled hunters special hunt, then the AAC would have been in favor of the proposal.
BOG	14		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
Support	7	6	Support for reason stated, would give hunters another tool in their tool box.

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			Opposed, feels that the crossbows should not be allowed in the restricted weapons hunts. Doesn't want to see another special weapons hunt. Wouldn't want the crossbows to be included in the archery category of draw hunts.
BOG	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows T.N.A. Favored the language of Proposal #16
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows
Oppose	0	14	<p>The discussion on this proposal center around 3 things.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In possible support, if the BOG is requiring Archery hunter to be certified statewide, then it only seems fair to require Cross Bow hunters to jump through the same unnecessary hoops. 2. The fact that if you have this Certification it doesn't make you a better or more accomplished Bow hunter years later. 3. Object to the added cost to the Department of initiating another new and unnecessary Certification program. <p>The AAC has always objected the idea of a mandatory Statewide Archery certification for bow hunters.</p>
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
Support	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. This is a step in the right direction in repealing the current certification requirement. There was some discussion on Amending this proposal to doing away with the Archery Certification altogether. The Anchorage AC is on the record in opposition to the new mandatory State wide Archery Certification.
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingbows
Oppose	0	14	Proposal failed. What's next, sling shots, spears, knife size? Getting crazy, we can't keep making rules, and new regulation for every possible scenario.
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support	14	0	Prop 207 caused a great deal of heartburn and stole the thunder from the BOG process and there were a great deal of proposals. It didn't even meet the Board's criteria (one issue only per proposal). There was some discussion of the 65 days. Prefer that if the Board wants to get a proposal in the book, they should submit it with all the other proposals by the deadline. Does 65 days limit their ability? Often, these proposals eliminate public process altogether. There should be time sufficient that the ACs can schedule the proposal into their meeting cycle. With current economics, we may have a concern of efficiency, but that is not what created this.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
Support	14	0	Giving the Department clarification on this would make sense. A suggestion of not within 2 months of a season opening language. Provides clarification.
BOG	21		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	14	Prefer Proposal 23. Oppose on the basis that this is another proposal that lists options, rather than just one idea presented. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars for

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			wildlife officers to have to do excessive check-up and could be easily abused.
BOG	22		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	14	This lines up with some language the Big Game Commercial Services Guide Board has. It would be difficult to know the intention of a pilot flying. Don't like aerial spotting and there are people that fly around an area and a concern of crowding that is created at the beginning of the season. Opposed for those reasons. It puts a bigger burden on the troopers – how do they prove intent.
BOG	23		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Support	14	0	Most of the people that testified at Anchorage AC meetings asked the AC to do something about Prop 207. This makes sense, and believe this ones has the best wording.
BOG	24		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Support	14	0	Same comments as Prop 23
BOG	25		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Support	14	0	Same comments as Prop 23
BOG	26		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	14	Airplane numbering would be an FAA regulation. Board would lack authority to implement.
BOG	27		Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram
Oppose	0	14	These are genetically surplus animals (the 8 year) and there is no biological reason to restrict. Why make it harder for ethical hunters to find a legal ram?
BOG	28		Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide
Oppose	0	14	Too much administrative effort to keep up with this. Enforcement would also be difficult. Sounds pretty complicated and there are other ways to distribute hunter effort.
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. It clarifies the definition for enforcement.
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
Oppose	0	14	It would seem to be an attempt to limit 2nd degree of kindred hunters that would get more at the heart of this issue due to all the sheep allocation and crowding issues. As a guide, I would most likely oppose this. Might be more of a bargaining chip type proposal. We would be better off for resident hunters to pay for things than ride the nonresident band wagon. Don't see what this would do. By going to three or four years, the guides will still have the same amount of hunters.
BOG	31		Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years
Oppose	0	13	Some felt this was similar to the last proposal. This is only draw permits that have a limited number of permits for these species. This won't affect guides much because they are cycling through their customer base. It may pull a few people out of the resident hunter pool and afford opportunity there. The Department figures into account that a number of tags will go unused, and thus issues extra tags to make-up for those unused tags. There was a discussion of this being applied regionally.
		1 Abstain	

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			1 Abstain wasn't informed enough on the issue.
BOG Oppose	32 0	14	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts The committee doesn't think the time has yet come to go to a State wide draw, or registration hunt for Sheep.
BOG Oppose	33 0	14	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season This is another very created, complicated proposal. No special interest groups. This boxes you in to certain days only. Our AC opposed to lengthening the Sheep season.
BOG Oppose	34 0	14	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means Same comments as Prop 33.
BOG Oppose	35 0	14	Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names This would provide some distribution, but hunting buddies may be in the other group.
BOG Oppose	36 1	13	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons Supported for reasons stated. Opposed, if this is trying to address crowding at choke points, it doesn't. Too blanket of an approach for problems that occur in specific areas. Oppose because of any support for 207 contained within the proposal. Don't want to see specialty user groups out there. In the Brooks, the sheep season ends a lot sooner due to weather; this really hurts the non-residents who are attempting to hunt.
BOG Oppose	37 1	13 1 abstain	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons Support resident preference. 20A, 19C where there is a disproportionate non-resident hunter issue. Opposed, there is not a biological issue. The starting date for nonresidents starting on the 20th would not work in the Brooks Range. It's mostly just saying I want resident preference (which again, 80% of the hunters are). There could be many things that skew the numbers (3 resident hunters go out together, one harvests...)
BOG Oppose	38 0	13	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons Same comments as Prop 37. 1 abstain
BOG Oppose	39 0	14	Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide A 20 day nonresident season with the late starting date of September 1 not going to work. There won't be an opportunity for Non-residents to even think about hunting on the north side of the Brooks.
BOG No Action	40		Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities Board lacks authority on limiting were a guide comes from.
BOG Oppose	41 0	13	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation Support resident allocation. Seems reasonable to give nonresidents at least 10%. There is a lot of income generated by nonresident hunters. The problem is guided hunting is not a free for all – they are already restricted by federal agencies.

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			Members believe some of the problem areas are already roughly 90 / 10 allocated. It's a big bite that is very vague. Blanket statewide management isn't realistic, – better to manage as GMU's or other grouping. Throwing in %'s of this nature is complicated. According to the Department there is not a biological concern. 1 abstain
BOG Oppose	42	0	14
			Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap How do you allocate 12%? This doesn't make sense. Prefer 41. This proposal is unclear.
BOG No action	43		
			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation Board lacks authority on limiting were a guide comes from.
BOG Support	44	10	4
			Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents Believe the draw is already close to this allocation percentage. Like the "or less" language. People have options in how they apply. This may not be detailed enough (support the general concept). Great idea, but don't see it working.
BOG Oppose	45	0	14
			Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent This is vague as it only says permits.
BOG Oppose as amended	46	1	13
			Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9 There was some discussion of primitive weapons. Supported as amended. Object to lengthening the current Sheep season. AMENDMENT: Season A – would include all non-scoped weapons only August 1 – August 9; Season B – harvest ticket, general season August 10 – September 20. Hunter must choose either the early or later season, not both.
BOG Oppose	47	0	14
			Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5 People should be taking their kids out hunting anyhow. Oppose longer season and special hunting.
BOG Oppose	48	0	13
			Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide Deferred Prop 208. The BOG is not following their own rules about one issue per proposal. Option 1 for nonresident would be the most palatable and prefer one step at a time. Agreement that Option 1 best identifies the areas that there are crowding issues with guided nonresident hunters. 50% of resident hunt effort occurs in the first seven days of the season. Option 3 is the best option given of the three resident options in the proposal. Opposed – not a proper proposal. No option for status quo for residents. 1 abstains.
BOG Support	49	14	0
			Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas Oppose to the taking of ewes in an area with biological concerns. There are currently no ewe's hunts in 14C. Opposed to the harvesting of 3 Rams in areas with a declining population. The Proposal is a better plan moving forward than what's current out there. If we don't have good harvest data, and we need to be conservative on what's being harvested, so good decisions can be made.

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BOG	50		Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex
Support	5	9	<p>Subcommittee heard testimony on this from the proposer.</p> <p>Support, there's enough DNA for evidence of sex to be determined. Leaving evidence of sex also can contribute to waste of meat.</p> <p>Opposed: Some have no problem leaving evidence of sex on in the field. Those who are found to be noncompliant might have to pay for the test. It only proves evidence on one piece of the meat, but to identify the entire animal requires DNA testing anyway. The committee discussed enforcement issues. In AK, there is not a certified DNA testing lab. Heard testimony that there is currently a 3-year waiting list for any certified DNA samples on wildlife.</p>
BOG	51		Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative
Oppose	0	14	Opposed. 1 abstains.
BOG	52		Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game
Oppose	2	12	<p>Supported for reason stated.</p> <p>Opposed, like the current wording "reasonable" over the proposed "lawful" wording</p>
BOG	53		Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
Support	11	3	<p>Supported for reasons stated.</p> <p>Opposed: Unenforceable, but won't stop unethical hunters anyway. Didn't like that it's a Statewide proposal.</p>
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
Oppose	0	8	<p>Makes regulations too complicated. Excessive. Provides leniency for those who may have made an honest mistake. Support the mountain goat portion due to concern of goat populations with harvest of nannies. This would be a way to discourage take of nannies, without making it illegal. Committee discussed AS16.05.332 Wildlife Violator Compact was discussed (if it would apply). Agree with the proposal, except that five years is too long, as it might disallow someone from ever hunting a sheep again (depending on their age). Concern of shortening that time frame would just create a sub-legal bag limit. There is a concern that this may lower the standard of those that would take an animal and never intend to hunt again. That very concern is the reason one member supports the five year penalty. There was discussion of splitting the proposal up by species, altering the number of years, and only taking up Mountain Goats.</p> <p>1 abstention.</p>
BOG	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
Oppose	2	7	<p>Supported, if there is a problem area, the Department can issue an EO closures. Not aware of bear management issues in the state and lots of opportunity is provided. Regular harvest of bears might help ungulate populations, by allowing annual harvest.</p> <p>Opposed; Prefer management to be on a unit basis. The department has hunts as</p>

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			they are for a reason, so leave it. Some areas are trophy areas and are managed differently, so leave it as it is.
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
Support	14	0	Support, all hunters should salvage the meat first if required.
BOG	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls
Support	6	3	Support; A person should be able to sell a hide they don't have intention of doing anything with. Discussion of this to be applied statewide, not only areas that allow harvest of two bears. They discussed if it still has to be sealed and have a tag. Black bears already are legal to sell hide and skull. They must be sealed. It's already a reg in brown bear controlled areas. Opposed; Not comfortable putting a commercial value on hides (concern of 'market hunting'). It incentivizes predator hunting.
BOG	58		Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations
Oppose	0	14	Not really an issue or concern.
BOG	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
Oppose	0	8	Support can see why using liquids can further contaminate an area and others recreating an area that has been contaminated may encounter problems. Opposed; Part of the purpose of a bait station is to limit the number of bears in a given area. Most people that set up a bait station can't find any evidence of their bait station the following year. 1 abstained, due to above concerns, but not sure if more regulation is right.
BOG	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait
Support	8	1	Support: they are an invasive species in much of Alaska. Opposed: Pike are edible and tasty. No reason to get rid of them. Fish should be eaten.
BOG	61		Allow the use of game as bait
Support	8	1	Supported for reasons stated. Some discussion about 7 & 15, but concern of attracting bears where there is a great deal of sport fishing going on. Similar to Prop 60 discussion. Opposed: prefers this would be statewide.
BOG	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
Support	14	0	Supports, common sense. Concern of someone else dumping stuff on a bait site (that opposes baiting) is another reason to support to this.
BOG	63		Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required
Support	9	0	Supported for reasons stated, clarifies the signage issue.
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
Support	14	0	I Supported for reasons stated. If there are areas that you can harvest a brown bear annually, would support based on an apparent lack of a biological concern.

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BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
Support	14	0	Supported for reasons stated. If it is not taken over bait, it is not required. This is an arbitrary regulation. Anchorage AC has submitted this proposal in the past. If someone wishes to salvage their Brown Bear meat, then have at it.
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
Oppose	1	8	Concern of the invasive species was the purpose of eliminating felt sole waders or shoes. There are some invasive species in systems of Alaska, and the desire to keep these from being transferred to other places is concern. Opposing view contends that other types of waders could transmit invasive species. The fact you can't prevent all forms of transmission. Float planes and boats would be a larger concern.
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
Support	0	14	Opposed. Disagrees with making trapping from State Federal highway ROW's as proposed. As understood, all ROW's and associated easements would require permission for trapping. The land ownership scheme is complicated enough and trying to reach someone with the authority to allow trapping would be too difficult. These easements are typically pretty narrow, but may be larger in certain areas. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal. State regulations do not guarantee access. 17B easements are grandfathered in, which allows people to cross Ahtna land and then back into State land.
BOG	68		Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
Support	14	0	Supported; This makes sense for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0	14	Opposed. This limits a group of people. This would adversely impact those that hunt birds with dogs.
BOG	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
Oppose	0	9	Opposed, this is Prop 207 on steroids, what's next.
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
Support	14	0	Support for the reasons given in the proposal. This would alleviate the concern expressed in the previous proposal. Concern of the 3 am time frame, an example of someone who landed at 10 pm, set up camp, and is out hunting at 3 am.
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	3	6	Supported for reasons stated. The question of whether or not it's ethical to try and take a moose with a smaller caliber rifle. Opposed- This could potentially put a burden on some hunters that don't have a larger caliber rifle. Don't want to limit people that may be their only weapon.
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	3	6	Same comments as Prop 72.
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
	3	6	Same comments as Prop 72.

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BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Support	14	0	As long as these weapons are used in a reasonable range, they should be allowed.
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
Support with Amendment	8	1	There was some discussion about what is the definition of 'firearm'. There is no means of verifying what its lethal capabilities are. The BOG would need to spell this out. This allows people alternative methods to harvest game. AMENDMENT: A specific muzzle energy will need to be set by the BOG.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Oppose	0	14	Opposed due to the fact you can currently do this in most GMU's. If this was adopted it would be adding restriction in some units because of it's, "on land only" language. 1 abstention due to lack of concern.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Support	14	0	This proposal allows for the public to check in on tags, potentially damage the trap lines. Trappers have witnessed the stealing of traps and snares when required to publicly register. Benefits do not outweigh the negative results of it. ADF&G is neutral on this proposal but should consider area-specific regulations. Certain areas have historically been enacted to address illegal trapping (Units 12 and 20E, and 1 and 5).
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	14	Unaware of any trap check requirements, but apparently there are 72 hour time limit for trapping checks. This proposal suggests that statewide, to prevent animals from suffering, to change the time limit for checking traps to 24 hours. Requiring traps to be checked daily imposes additional hardship on trappers that may spend a lot of time setting traps. Trap designs try to minimize animal suffering; those are the designs nation-wide. Would out 90% of the trappers out of business because it is not realistic. Weather considerations also typically minimize the animal suffering. Richard has a 200-mile trapping loop he makes and having to check the traps every 24 hours is just not possible. Richard Person is opposed to this proposal. ADF&G is opposed to making this change at the Statewide meeting, this should be addressed in Regional-specific meetings.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	14	This proposal should have never made the proposal book; this proposal is convoluted and confusing. Mr. Person is opposed to this proposal and assumes that most trappers are as well. Understands the concern of personal pets being accidentally trapped, but this is not the mechanism to reduce accidental trapping. Serious challenges with these setbacks such as the defining what is a publicly maintained trail. Not a very well thought out proposal. #80 was written by the same authors as #79, which the Game Subcommittee already opposed. ADF&G is neutral on the proposal but would like to conduct this at a regional board meeting and

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			make regulations specific to each area.
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support	14	0	This is proposed by ADF&G at the request of the Board (i.e. Board-generated proposal). This is usually only an issue primarily in the early season of beaver trapping which says that the trap must be submerged. They don't want people setting land traps as to not accidentally trap other animals. This is a good idea to discriminate to beavers. Always thought submerged meant underwater. Clarifying that a portion of the trap must be in the water. Thinks that this is a good suggestion, it clarifies the question.
BOG	82		Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag
Support	14	0	Support for the reasons stated.
BOG	83		Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag
Oppose	0	14	Opposed, Punching a harvest tag is not that big a deal. There was some discussion of the current brown bear locking tag, and that bear hides are sealed by the Department, and they acquire additional harvest information then.
BOG	84		Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits
Oppose	2	3	Support- favor the proposal for reasons stated. 4 Abstentions – didn't have enough firsthand knowledge on the issue and this seems beyond the scope of the BOG authority and is more of a legislative issue.
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
Support	14	0	We should provide the Department with as much accurate and timely information as possible.
BOG	86		Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
Support	14	0	Same comments as Prop 85
BOG	87		Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience
Support	12	2- Abstain	Supported for reason stated. Physically disabled will be unable to access in CUAs. Allows for diverse outdoor experiences for those seeking wilderness experiences. Didn't know how this would affect current CUA's. 2 abstain
BOG	88		Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit
TNA			TNA No Comment
BOG	89		Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit
TNA			TNA No Comment
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (Ovis aries) and goats (Capra hircus) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
Oppose	3	6	Supported for reasons stated. Opposed because of the burden this would cause to current domestic sheep owners. The additional expense of fencing, and disease testing. All agree with the need to protect our sheep from transmission of livestock disease.

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			Livestock should be kept out of wild sheep country. Know that keeping domestic sheep out of the mountains is easier than keeping the wild sheep from crossing the valley floors when they migrate from one range to another. Felt that the 15 miles is an inappropriate distance, seems excessive. Question if the BOG actually has the authority on this?
BOG	91		Include cow in the definition of feral game
Oppose	0	14	Is this really an issue? How can someone determine ownership? Still someone's owns the cow if it gets out of the fence area.
BOG	92		Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits
Oppose	0	14	Opposed to this proposal because it put nonresident take, and season on par with residents. Thought it best to take a smaller step towards increasing nonresident participation. Heard public testimony from an Alaskan Falconer, he feels nonresident take is appropriate. Shouldn't be just a couple, but should still be a cap to feel out the nonresident interest.
BOG	93		For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season
Support	14	0	See 92. Comments same. Favored this proposal because it does increase the nonresident take, and still set a limit on nonresidents.
BOG	94		Require the implementation of state wildlife plans before issuing permits for education or telemetry
Support	13	1- abstained	If it puts a spotlight on the current issue of Federal overreach then we are OK with it. 1- Abstention due to not knowledgeable enough to understand proposal to support or not.
BOG	95		Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to
Support	14	0	Makes sense and can support for reasons stated in proposal.
BOG	96		Establish a point system for drawing hunts
Oppose	3	5	Supported because it allows residents who have applied for many years a better chance. Have wanted a weighted draw for years. Don't see how a draw point system could disenfranchise young hunters any more than the current system in place now. Opposed due to concern it will disenfranchise young hunters. Proposal is too vague, concerns with which type of system the BOG and the Department would come up with. 1 abstained, due seeing pros and cons, but no clear winner.
BOG	97		Establish a point system for drawing hunts
Oppose	3	5	See comments for proposal 96.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
			1 abstained , due seeing pros and cons, but no clear winner.
BOG	98		Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits
Oppose	0	14	See comments for Proposal 96. Way too convoluted. Didn't like the fact that you would lose out if you were lucky and drew two coveted tags in the same year. Some concern over if you drew one tag for a one species, you would lose the points you had accumulated for other species.
BOG	99		To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code
Support	8	1	Support based on reasons listed in proposal. Opposed, feels it's "unethical".
BOG	100		Modify the provision of surplus permits
Support	14	0	Support based on reasons stated in proposal.
BOG	101		Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent. (Amended; to remove special allocation for nonresidents in draw hunts. Nonresidents may receive up to, but no more than 10% of draw permits. Residents and nonresidents will be drawn out of the same pool, no special set aside allocation for nonresidents, their odds would be the same as every Alaskan.)
Support	13	0 1- abstained	Nonresident hunters should be allocated at a max of 10%. ANC AC has supported in the past. Could suggest statewide regardless of species for all draws. Concern about how bears on Kodiak are allocated on Kodiak (F&W or F&G?). How about guided nonresident hunter allocation on the Koyukuk NWR (F&W or F&G). If resident hunters get more allocations they should be prepared to pay for F&G. 1 Abstention due to lack of info on who allocates in NWRs.
BOG	102		Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents
Oppose	2	7	Supported because it favors residents over nonresidents. Oppose due to second degree of kin should not be allocated on these scarce and prized resources.
BOG	103		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
Support	14	0	Support based on reasons listed in proposal. More accurate and current harvest data is better.
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Support	14	0	Support based on reasons listed in proposal. A lot of work for F&G to implement. More harvest data is better.
BOG	105		Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Support	9	0	Should give all Alaskans a chance to use the resource. Can't call a subsistence lifestyle being in Alaska for 20 days even though those people still qualify for Tier II. Flooded moose hunters into Unit 13 by restricting people from harvesting moose if

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			caribou was already harvested. AK Outdoor Council doesn't want harvest levels to Tier II at all, but when it does get to that, this would force the Board to define 'mainstay of livelihood'. Board wants to tie people to one location and that is not the reality of today; people travel all over the State.
BOG	106	Provide for changes in hunt type (Tier I and Tier II) to occur during the regulatory cycle	
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
BOG	107	Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents. (Amended; to remove special allocation for nonresidents in draw hunts. Nonresidents may receive up to, but no more than 10% of draw permits. Residents and nonresidents will be drawn out of the same pool, no special set aside allocation for nonresidents, their odds would be the same as every Alaskan.)	
Support	9	0	See comments to Proposal 101.
BOG	108	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska Statute	
Support	9	0	No guarantee unless guides are in this area.
BOG	109	Add Units 7, 15, and 14C to the Seward Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Oppose	4	11	Supported because there is a significant number of people from the Seward area who would put in for tags like that and this would allow them to possibly have more. Opposed, 14C is not in the boundaries of Seward. Just because hunters from the Seward area apply for these permits in 14C, or hunt in 14C, doesn't mean that they should have reauthorization jurisdiction. Suggest taking 14C out, and keeping 7 and 15 in there reauthorization jurisdiction.
BOG	110	Add Units 13 and 16 to the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Support	14	1	Proposed amended, to include 12%-based inclusion in the reauthorization process. Like the idea of % assignment to jurisdiction at a more equitable way. Opposed- Areas within a non-populated area may be heavily used by a group from another geographic region.
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. May be trying to avoid Anchorage AC participation in reauthorization.
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
TNA		No local knowledge.	
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
TNA		No local knowledge.	
BOG	114	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench	
TNA		No local knowledge.	
BOG	115	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C	
TNA		No local knowledge.	
BOG	116	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 7 and 14C	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
Tabled	9	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	117		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
Tabled	9	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	118		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	119		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13
Support	9	0	Anchorage sends lots of people there. Gives Anchorage residents opportunity to hunt. Anchorage AC has a very high percentage of hunter participation in Unit 13 and feels it should have a say in the reauthorization of cow hunts there.
BOG	120		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 14A and 14B
Tabled	13	2	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. Opposed; 16A moose often cross the river and be harvested in 14B.
BOG	121		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	122		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	124		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	125		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	126		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	128		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	129		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Should we reduce department income from tags? We need to increase predator take opportunities.
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Should we reduce department income from tags? We need to increase predator take opportunities.
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

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		Number Support	Number Oppose
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Should we reduce department income from tags? We need to increase predator take opportunities.
BOG	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants
TNA			No local knowledge.
BOG	134		Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
BOG	135		Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in the Remainder of Unit 22
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
BOG	136		Establish winter draw and registration hunts for moose in Unit 16B
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
BOG	137		Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A
Support	14	1	Support for reasons stated. Trust ADF&G to make biologically sound decisions. ADF&G believes that the area cannot support the current population objectives, and wants to go back to the pre 2012 objectives. Oppose lowering the population objectives.
BOG	138		Change nonresident general sheep hunts on State and BLM lands to drawing hunts
Oppose	5	9	Supported for reason stated. Thought this would be a proposal to get the Board moving on allocation. There was some discussion of how the proposer came up with the 30% allocation, seemed high. It's a good idea in principle. Opposed – consider implementing this in problem areas and areas that there isn't a problem (such as 19C) that do not have sheep population issues. Blanket, statewide fix may not be the best approach. Alaska residents do not want to be restricted in sheep hunting.
BOG	139		Change Unit 14C nonresident Lake George goat hunt to draw only
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Also addresses a serious biological concern of too many nannies being taken negatively affecting the local population.
BOG	140		Modify seasons and bag limits for caribou in Unit 22.
Support	0	9	Opposed: Would favor change in the regulations in the taking of cow during a time of declining population.
BOG	141		Hunting Season and bag limits for Wolf.
	0	9	Opposed; No hunting in the Park anyway, so this is a nonissue. The real problem is lack of prey in the park due to non-management. More game resides outside of park, so the wolves move out of the park in search of prey. We can recognize the fact that wolves are important for Denali NP's visitors and are financially important to the park and Alaska, but can also see lack of management by the park may cause

			prey to be low and wolf numbers may be more related to natural fluctuations.
BOG	142		Renew Unit 13 Intensive Management Program
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick & Brett Barringer

Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee

Date: Final version 3/4/2016

Bethel Advisory Committee
Date 3/3/16
Bethel Fish and Game Building

- I. Call to Order: Time by [name of chair/acting chair]
6:42 pm by Greg Roczicka
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: [include role here by name ie: officer; designated seat; at large member?]
Greg Roczicka Chair
Jon LaValle Secretary
Henry Kohl
Thad Tikiun
Gary Vanasse
Jaimie Kassman alternate
Jerry White

Members Absent:
Glen Watson Sr.
Henry Hunter
Louie Andrew

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

Motion By Gary Vanasse to appoint Jaimie Kassman to fill Kevin Carters previous seat, Second by Henry Kohl, motion carries
List of User Groups Present:
 - III. Approval of Agenda: amended agenda approved by Henry Kohl motion to approve second by thad tikiun
Motion to approve agenda as amended by Gary Vanasse Second by Henry Kohl
Motion passes
 - IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/22/2015
 - V. Henry Kohl motion to approve second by thad tikiun
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Patrick Jones
Phillip Perry
Dave Runfolo
Aaron Potter

VII. Guests Present:
Marc Cloward Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Spencer Reardon USFWS

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:
Update from Greg on BOF meetings

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
OPPOSE	0	8	Motion to support LaValle second by White Could make wings for trapping illegal
BOG	50		Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex
oppose	0	8	Motion to support Henry Kohl Second Thad Tikiun It is not a burden to keep the evidence of sex attached
BOG	51		Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative
BOG	52		Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game
BOG	53		Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
oppose		8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd Thad Too much room for cheating
BOG	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
BOG	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls
support	8	0	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd LaValle
BOG	58		Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations
oppose	0	8	Motion to support Lavalle 2 nd white
BOG	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
oppose	0	8	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd White
BOG	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait



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support	7	1	Motion to support Kohl, 2 nd Lavalle
	4	4	Motion to amend To allow use of pike statewide. Henry Kohl 2 nd by White Could help salmon populations statewide with less pike in the rivers
BOG	61		Allow the use of game as bait
BOG	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
Support	8	0	Motion to support Kassman 2 nd LaValle
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
No action			Motion to support LaValle 2 nd Kohl
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
oppose	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd white
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
oppose	0	7	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd Kassman 1 abstain Henry kohl
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
oppose	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd white
BOG	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
oppose	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd LaValle
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
support	6	2	Motion to support Lavalle 2 nd Henry Cons puts the burdon of proof on the pilot Pros closes the loophole
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
support	7	1	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd kassman
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
oppose	0	8	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd kassman
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
support	5	3	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd kassman
BOG	77		Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers
oppose	0	8	Motion to support White 2 nd LaValle
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
support	7	1	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd Kasman
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
oppose	0	8	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd kassman
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
oppose	0	8	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd Kassman



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
support	7	1	Motion to support LaValle 2 nd White
BOG	103	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information	
support	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd Kassman
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
support	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd Kassman
BOG	105	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system	
support	0	8	Motion to support Kohl 2 nd Kassman
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
support	8	0	Motion to support White 2 nd kassman
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
support	8	0	Motion to support Lavalle 2 nd tikiun

Next meeting between april 20-25
Adjournment: 10:05

Minutes Recorded By: Jon LaValle

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Central Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes 10/13/2015

Members Present:

Bill Glanz, Dean Willis, Jim Wilde, Jack Hendrickson, Hannelore Wilde(alt), Laurel Tyrrell

Members Absent:

Denny Cooper, Julie Cooper, Jim Gelvin, Olee Arnold, Stan Gelvin

Community Present:

Larry O'Conner, Rick Tyrrell, David Smith, Matt Smith, Jeff Schrader, Sally Navarre, Mike Scott
Linda Sue Smith, John Hendrickson, Fred Schenk

Guests Present:

Don Young ADF&G, Carl Roberts ADF&G, Darrell Hildebrand Alaska Wildlife Trooper

Meeting called to order by Bill Glanz 2:10 P.M.

Minutes from 11/11/2013 meeting approved.

Jim Gelvin, Jim Wilde, Hannelore Wilde, Bill Glanz, Laurel Tyrrell, Jack Hendrickson, Julie Cooper, Olee Arnold were all reelected unanimously.

Don Young gave overview of moose, sheep, grizzly bear and wolf harvest in 25C since 2010. As well as the harvest for the four zones on the 2015 RC 860 hunt.

The motion to support proposals 79 and 80 in the March 18-20 Proposal book was unanimously opposed.

The motion to support motion 78 was unanimously supported.

It was that more time was needed for the committee to review the proposal book and make comments before March 15,2015.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 PM

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******Quorum of committee members not present.******

Members Present:

Bill Glanz, Dean Willis

Members Absent:

Denny Cooper, Julie Cooper, Jim Gelvin, Olee Arnold, Stan Gelvin, Laurel Tyrrell, Jack Hendrickson, Jim Wilde, Hannelore Wilde

Community Present:

Larry O'Conner, Colette Glanz, Jose Castro, Steve Dick, Richard Symons, Sheila Symons, Chris Symons, Laura Fox,

Guests Present:

None

Meeting called to order by Bill Glanz 2:30 P.M.

Community discussion of Board of Game Proposals summary as follows:

Proposals supported: #22, #52, #53, #57, #68, #78, #130

Proposals opposed: #3, #5, #72, #73, #79, #80

Meeting adjourned 3:10 PM

******Quorum of committee members not present.******



I. Call to Order: Time: 1:23 pm by David Bill at the Bethel Long House conference room.

II. Roll Call: Made by Secretary Stan M. Atchak.

Members Present: David Bill (Chair-Toksook Bay) Tommy Kusaik (Vice Chair-Chefornak), Stan M. Atchak (Secretary-Chevak), Paul Sunny (Tununak), Joseph Moses John Sr. (Newtok), Peter Julius (Goodnews Bay), Charlie Spud (Mekoryuk), Owen Beaver (Kwigillingok), Annie Cleveland (Quinhagak), John Ayarinar Philips Sr. (Kongignak), David Kusak Carl (Kipnuk)

Members Absent: Helena Jones (Platinum), Stanley Anthony (Nightmute)

Number Needed For the Quorum on Central Bering Sea Committee is 6 members. : There were 11 present and quorum established for the meeting.

List of User Groups Present, Subsistence Users, and Fish & Game.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Owen Beaver wanted to add an item to the agenda about the commercial fishing.

David Carl wanted to make the markers bigger when commercial fishing. Peter Julius. moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Tommy Kusaik. All in favor to accept the agenda, motion passed.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes available for review: From meeting date: 1/12/15

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Phil Perry (Wildlife Conservation), Patrick Jones (Wildlife Conservation), Aaron Poetter (Commercial Fisheries), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section).

VI. Guests Present:

Stosh Hoffman and Alissa Joseph

VII. Old Business:

Musk Ox on ice flow

We do not have money for cameras to carry with us when we go out hunting. We are based on a food economy not a cash economy. We follow traditional hunting knowledge. We don't play with our food. I have seen two dead musk ox that were not harvested that were floating on the ice. People harvested them after me. Patrick Jones F&G suggested to write to Lyman Hoffman to exempt hunting licenses for the musk ox on the ice and suggest to remove the camera for the musk ox.

VIII. New Business:

On new business about the two undesignated seats. They could be like at-large seats. Could be like two other people from the same village. Chairman David Bill, Sr. nominated Leo Moses, Jr. to the undesignated seat. Annie Cleveland nominated Willi Atti to the undesignated seats. Tommy K. closed the nominations. All in favor of the nominations, motion passed. To elect a representative to attend AYK meeting in Fairbanks around December 2015. Peter Julius nominated Annie Cleveland, Tommy K. nominated David Bill, Sr. Annie C. nominated David Carl, closed by Peter Julius. Voted David Bill, Sr. to be the representative for the AYK at the January meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska.



BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Support	9	0	David Bill: Explains complete uses for fowl for uses. It is the law of our people. Annie Cleveland: All of the meat on the birds is edible. Charlie: Moves to support proposal 5 Seconded: Annie Questioned:
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
Support	11	0	Charlie Spud: Motion to support, Second: Annie Cleveland
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	10	0	
BOG	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls	
Oppose	0	8	David Carl made a motion to oppose, seconded by Tommy Kusiak, 2 abstained
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
Support	10	0	Not many people hunt these.
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
Support	10	0	
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Opposed	0	9	It depends on marksmanship. Proposal 72 – Establish min. caliber for the moose like .243 or bigger. Stan Atchak made a motion to oppose the proposal. Seconded by David Carl, Chairman David Bill, Sr. asked for any comments. Roll call vote to oppose 9 and 2 absent.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Opposed	0	9	David Carl: Motions to oppose proposals 73-76. Seconded all opposed to all proposals 9 opposed to proposals 73-76, 0 supported. David Carl made a motion to oppose proposals 73-76 on making min. caliber. Seconded by Paul Sunny. Question called. Motion carried.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Opposed	0	9	See comments proposal 73
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Opposed	0	9	See comments proposal 73
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
Opposed	0	9	See comments proposal 73
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Support	9	0	Proposal 77: Motion to support proposal 77. Proposal supported 9, 0 opposed. Anne Cleveland made a motion to support the proposal seconded by Paul Sunny.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Opposed	9	0	Annie Cleveland: Explains how bad weather affects ability to check the traps. David Bill: Explains people check them every day if the weather is good, otherwise we don't check them when the weather is bad. Proposal 79 - Traps be checked every 24 hours except during bad weather. Charlie Spud made to oppose the proposal 79, seconded by Tommy K., Question called by Tommy K., All in favor of the motion. Passed.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Support	9	0	Proposal 80: Unlawful take of furbears in a city of more than 1,000. Motion: David Carl Seconded: Paul Sunny 9 Support, 0 opposed

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Adjournment: Around 2:15 p.m. by Chairman David Bill, Sr.

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CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Joe Parent Vocational Education Center, Aniak December 8-9, 2015

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 by Lisa Feyereisen
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Ricky Cilette [Aniak]	Darlene Heckman [Lower Kalskag]
Nick Kameroff [Aniak]	Walter Morgan [Lower Kalskag]
Sohpie Sakar [Chuathbaluk]*	Tim Zaukar [Crooked Creek] <i>via teleconference</i>
Lucy Simeon [Chuathbaluk]	Mark Leary [At Large; from Napaimute]
Billy Alexie [Upper Kalskag]	Lisa Feyereisen, Chair [At Large; from Crow Village]

*Sophie arrived at approximately 1:30 pm, after the board deliberated on first BOF Proposal

Members Absent:

1 Upper Kalskag seat, 1 Crooked Creek seat; both vacant

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Agenda approved with two additions and the plan to move items around to fit guests schedule. Additional items; Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission update by Nick Kameroff & Develop 'Areas of Concern' that the Central Kuskokwim AC members have
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Last meeting was a teleconference on December 19, 2014. It is unknown at this time where the minutes are for this meeting or who was taking them.
- VI. AK Fish and Game Staff Present: Roger Seavoy & Doreen Parker McNeil (DWC) *in person*, Aaron Tiernan, *via tele-conference*, and Nissa Pilcher (BDS) *via teleconference*;
USFWS Present: Yukon Delta Refuge, Robert Sundown, *in person*, Ty Benally, *in person*, USFWS Subsistence Division, Pippa Kenner, *via tele-conference*.
- VII. Guests Present: Dan Gillikan, Napaimute Environmental Director, Dave Cannon, KRWC.
- VIII. New Business: Chair briefly went over what an AC is and what is expected of members, ie attending meetings, frequency of meetings, communicating with the state and federal boards.

(Fisheries discussion p. 2-5 excerpted)

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Support	10	0	Trapping bait implications discussed



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Oppose	0	10	Member taken course, and saw how many people couldn't hit a target. Having game running around with arrows in them could end up removing archery hunting all together if there is enough complaining. Really easy to use an arrow to wound an animal; arrows don't travel as fast as bullets and all it takes is for the animal to take one step.
BOG	64	Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations	
Support	10	0	Department introduced the proposal. This is a positive thing for us out here. Baiters here have issues with browns coming in. Clarification on salvage requirements. Baiting is hard, have to fill up barrels, make a lot of noise when leaving and then drive the boat down the river and then park it and sneak back. As long as the salvage requirement stays in place
BOG	65	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations	
Support	8*	0	When you are harvesting a bait station then you should have to harvest the meat. There is always the choice; do they want the animal or not. If they don't want to take the meat don't take the animal when utilizing this hunting method. Unanimous oppose *2 members had to leave for the rest of the evening
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	8	We gotta have dogs. We bring our dogs everywhere, and they warn us about bears and predators although the proposal orinator does make a good argument.
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support	4	3	Chances of having a wounded animal are much higher with a lower caliber. Even if we are using a smaller caliber bullet then we know when we can and can't take a shot. But we are talking statewide and not everyone has the skill and knowledge that we have and these regulations need to be good on a statewide level. Don't like semiautomatic. Discussion of grain and load of ammunition. Some people use it and their parents taught them how to use it appropriately and they don't have another gun? Would we be eliminating the ability to hunt for any people who live in our area? This is just going by caliber and nothing else. 1 abstain
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	6	Many members use this on caribou 1 abstain; 1 member on teleconference signed off for the evening
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	6	1	Any way you can hurt a bear is a good thing. Putting black and brown bear in the same proposal is not good because this wouldn't be a good idea for brown but would work for black. Discussion on DLP bears. Opposition, getting too many regulations.

Federal Issues

- **Comment on Federal Proposals;** Proposal WP16-33, Proposal WP16-36, Proposal WP16-37, Proposal WP16-38, Proposal WP16-39

WP16-36

OSM spoke to the proposal. Chair gave history of state proposal and its passage;
Unanimous support

WP16-33

OSM spoke to the proposal. Question asked about effects of Upper Kalskag
Unanimous support

WP16-34

OSM & Refuge staff spoke to the proposal; concern about current moose habitat and population.
Unanimous oppose

WP16-35

ADF&G spoke to the proposal; Safety issue
Unanimous support

Pre-Proposed Rule

OSM and Refuge staff spoke to the subject. Questions asked about predator control to ADF&G. Questions asked about predator control on federal land. Concern with lack of predator control and inability of everyone from taking predators.

Meeting adjourned for the evening at 7:30pm. Will begin again at 9am tomorrow (12/9/2015)

December, 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:10 by Chair: All same members present.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	77		Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers
Oppose	0	10	Doesn't sound like there is a current critical issue that is going wrong. Discussion on implications of the passing of this proposal from trapping beaver and muskrat to practices that might be impacted in southeast
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0	10	Brief discussion on how trapping is conducted in this region; this is not compatible with how we trap.
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0	10	This should be a city issue and not a BOG issue. That would restrict us from putting out traps to catch wolves that come into town and eat our dogs right by our houses. Several members commented that they have had dogs caught in snares/traps and said it is heartbreaking but a part of life.
BOG	126		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18
Support	9	0	Some discussion on moose in the area, as well as the cow/calf discussion, recent brows survey, twinning rates and implications, 1 Abstain
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	10	0	
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	10	0	
BOG	134		Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C
Support	10	0	Discussion of Killbuck Herd; department noted that all of radio collared caribou went to Mulchatna herd. Discussion of current range and movement, concern of leaving the first returners so they can leave their scent. Furthered discussion on caribou biology and management practices.

Other Business:

- 1.) Nick Kameroff's Inter-Tribal Commission Report: This is a big deal and we are very excited about it goes all the way down the river. People are tired of being in an 'advisory' capacity, we want more management capabilities. This will be a voice for the people working with state and feds to management, actively engage in managing the rivers. We are making big history, getting MOU's worked out. Walter asked the chair what she thought. Chair commented that she does not believe that this is in line with ANILCA, since this is an agreement between tribes and the government and there are a bunch of stakeholders besides just the tribe. She felt that everyone should have a voice not just the tribes; not saying that someone who just moves here should have an equal voice as an elder, but a tribal member from another area or someone who does not belong to the tribes here, should have a voice. ANILCA doesn't talk about tribes. When the MOU was developed, there were no other stakeholders involved. Chair commented that the process should be more transparent and involve all public then that would be good.

- 2.) Roger Seavoy- moose harvest handout: Comparison between Unit 19, 2013 and Unit 18, 2015. Discussion covered current population trends, current harvest trends, current regulations, discussion about Teir II and what it means, implications for the mid and upper river. In time of conservation when we are restricted on fish having moose is very important.

Areas of Concern and or Focus:

Fishing: Conservation and the current status of all stocks; Being able to have an active role in the management and decisions made.

Forgetting the lessons our elders taught us.

Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).

Whitefish Lake: Overharvest of the species and littering throughout the area. There is a lack of accountability for the users.

Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.

The need to increase *Predator Control* for both bear and wolf.

The lack of ethical hunting and whether or not this could be addressed through Hunter’s Education classes, posters, etc.

Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether or not they are being compliant with local traditions.

There appears to be over crowing in some areas (combat fishing).

The potential harmful impact of Dog Mushers on fishing populations (e.g., Burbot, Sheefish, Eels).

Concerns over the potential change of Tier II status for moose season. The harvest strength of the large population based outside of 19a and their ability to easily overwhelm the potential surplus.

Consider discussing whether or not the CKAC would be considered the local advisory group during the Donlin Gold Mine.

Concern over poor moose browsing habit for the next five years and the effect of the viability of moose, due to the Aniak Complex Fires of 2015.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 1/13/16

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Clucas, Mikeschaster
Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger, Ron Vane
John McTamha, Madeline Thompson, Dave
Martin, Steve Vane, Gary Devmon, Joe Simpson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Greg Enslenski, Norber Muller

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Salinger, Ted Spahr

Time Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ~~Adjourned~~ ^{ended} 10:00 PM rescheduled forJan. 25thSteve Vane
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Minutes of Jan. 13th 2016 meeting

- ① minutes of last meeting read and approved.
- ② Election of members was held.

Dave Blossom
Greg Encelunski
A Madeline Thompson
Rion Vanick

A Aaron Berger
A Doug Blossom
Dan Presley
Joe Simpson

Mike Painter moved and Madeline seconded that nominations be closed. Passed

We decided that the terms would be decided by the number of votes each person got, Madeline Thompson and Doug Blossom were tied for the one year term and the other alternate term, Doug Blossom said he would take the alternate position and Madeline Thompson would be the one year member.

- ③ Steve Vanick moved and Madeline Thompson seconded that the Chairman or his designee would represent the AC at the BOF G and BOF statewide meetings passed unanimously.

④ we started on the Game statewide proposals

- ⑤ we recessed the meeting until Jan. 25, 2016 to continue the statewide proposals.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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BOARDS
ANCHORAGEAC NAME: Central PeninsulaLOCATION (town): NiNitchikDATE (of meeting): Jan. 25, 2016
continuation of Jan. 13 meeting -MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Dave Martin,
Madeline Thompson, Dave Blossom, Robert
Lucas, Joe Simpson, Ron Vanek, Dan
Presley, Mike Schuster, Gary Deimon
Aaron Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Doug Blossom, Jeff Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff SalingerTime Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: Recessed till Feb. 2Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Minutes of Jan. 25, 2016 meeting.

- ① Reconvened the Jan. 13 meeting
- ② Continued the work on statewide game proposals.
- ③ Chairman announced that Cook Inlet Fish proposals are due by April 11, 2016
- ④ meeting recessed until Feb. 2, 2016.



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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
1	0	13	0	opposed because hovercraft can run on land and do.
2				amended to change 1000 lbs to 1500 lbs. Passed 12-1-0.
2	12	1	0	as amended. (keep) weight restriction but increase it
3	no action			doesn't pertain to us.
				amended - 13 0 0
				we didn't like "kill or take" change to harvest
4	13	0	0	as amended.
5	0	11	0	two people had to leave we wanted it to stay as is.
6	9	1	1	sounds reasonable to the majority. the one opposed didn't think it was needed.
7	3	8	0	those opposed felt it was clear enough for them.
8	11	0	0	we felt this would help. there would be a less chance of wounding an animal



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Proposal			Summary of Discussion	
#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
#9	11	0		Clarifies the definition barbed arrows.
#10	0	11		Leave as is. This would eliminate all old bows of less than 100 lbs peak draw weight. See Page 12 action.
#11	8	03		Those in favor supported the issue statement. Said bows have evolved from long bows to compound bow so this is evolving to modern weapons. Those oppose said shouldn't be allowed more usage with the cross bow. Leave as is. Can get a medical exemption for using a cross bow if can't physically use a bow.
#12	11	0		housekeeping; clarifies.
#13	NO Action			See #11
#14	NO Action			See #11
#15	11	0		we agreed with the certification requirement. Produce & better ethical hunter.
#16	NO Action			See #15



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
#17	0	11		Everyone should have the class. Make responsible, ethic hunters. Just because a person is older that doesn't mean they know & do everything right.
#18	11	0		Shouldn't use sling bows. There are plenty of method to take game.
#19	11	0		Board generated proposals circumvent the AC & public process and is contrary to the original intent of the BOB & BOF process.
#20	11	0		This clarifies & makes specific.
#21-49		NO ACTION		We took no action to see what the sheep task force comes up with.
#50	0	11		This proposal would take away information for enforcement & management. Enforcement would become more expensive using DNA. It is not that difficult to leave the evidence of sex. Responsibility.
#51	0	11		NO Leave as is. Current reg. works fine.



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
52	11	0	0	as amended: we changed the word "reasonable" to "lawful" and hoped that this would help Troopers. amendment 11-0-0
53	1	10	0	We felt this should be a statewide restriction. The one in favor felt it should be per game unit.
54	0	11	0	we felt this was too restrictive. In addition it deals with 5 different animals.
55	0	11	0	Should not be statewide stay area specific.
56	11	0	0	This helps clarify when edible meat has to be transported.
57				we amended it: remove the requirement if units having 202 shore bear per season. Passed 11-0-0
	11	0	0	as amended should be in all units.



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Proposal				Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
#58	0	10		One member left, 10 present; Oppose! this would eliminate all chocolate. A lot of domats & food used for bear bait have chocolate.
#59	0	10		This is more restrictive than needs to be. Our support of Prop 62 addresses this issue.
#60	10	0		Northern Pike are invasive in South Central area. No reason not to use all parts for bait.
#61	10	0	as amended	Amended to also eliminate the regulation wording [except that in Units 7 and 15 fish or fish parts may not be used as bait]. Amended proposal passed because it is reasonable especially as amended to use fish or parts in Units 7 & 15.
#62	10	0		Biodegradable products allowed for bear baiting are not contaminants. There are already regulations for cleaning up a bear bait sight. Natural animal deaths & predator kill puts the same protein products on the soil.
#63	10	0		Support as reasonable & housekeeping; but should eliminate #14 addition because this creates two issues in one proposal. The intent was to change the sign to bear bait station & not have to define black or brown bear bait station.



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
64	2	8	0	majority felt this should not be statewide. the supporters felt it was a good proposal
65	9	0	1	Requirement to salvage brown bear meat should only be in subsistence areas. abstainer didn't understand the requirements
66	4	6	0	Felt sales issue is divisive hence our vote.
67	0	13	0	a right of way is public. <small>action Jan 13 meeting</small>
68	10	0	0	We agree that FLIR are illegal.
69	0	13	0	We don't see this as a problem <small>action Jan 13 meeting</small>
70	0	10	0	We don't see a reason to change it.
71	10	0	0	This closes a loop hole
72	3	7	0	3 felt it was a good idea 7 felt it wasn't a problem and therefore not needed



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Advisory Committee:

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Use this form to record the votes and comments of members regarding Board of Fisheries and Board of Game proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a particular proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary for the committee to spend time on that proposal, just write "no action" in the Abstain column.

Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
73	0	10	0	Caribou are smaller than moose so we all felt it was un unnecessary
74	8	2	0	should have a bigger caliber for bear. Those opposed felt it wasn't an issue. Most people felt no one would hunt bear with a 22 caliber.
75	0	10	0	we voted against this because it deals with two issues instead of one
76	0	10	0	we don't think air rifles should be used for big game.
77				continuation of above meeting. now 13 members present
	13	0	0	we all felt that having a light while trapping in the dark winter was a good idea.

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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

Support Oppose Abstain

(include minority view)

78	13	0	0	Some members agreed that enforcement has disturbed their traps while looking for to see if there was an ID tag. Most trappers are honest and trustworthy. <i>action on Dec 13 meeting</i>
79	0	13	0	This is too restrictive and too much paper work. Trappers make every effort to check their traps as soon as they can. <i>action on Jan 13 meeting</i>
80	0	13	0	This would not be good statewide. Better locally. <i>action on Jan 13 meeting</i>
81	10	0	0	This clarifies things. Trap does not have to be completely submerged.
82	10	0	0	This makes more sense when dealing with horns antlers and skulls.
83	2	8	0	Most felt that as with a king salmon tag, it is not difficult to match the harvest ticket immediately



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
84	2	8	0	Hunting and trapping occur on a limited population and require more restrictions than an automobile. The 2 in favor felt that officials can abuse the regulation and it is unconstitutional.
85	9	1	0	Most agreed that the Dept. needs the data, opposed felt it could be construed as anti-native.
86	No action - see Dept. Comments			
87	0	10	0	Some felt it was legitimate to allow for "quality of hunt". Others said that if more animals are harvested then the Dept. would have to shorten the season or take other measures to reduce the harvest.
88	2	8	0	Sugar gliders can be had with a permit so leave as is. Those in favor thought they should be added to the clean list.



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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

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Support

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Abstain

(include minority view)

89	NO	action			- all # 88
90	NO	action			- Board doesn't have authority to regulate domestic sheep or goats
91	0	10	0		To hard to define what is a feral cow. maybe cow got loose from some pasture.
92	NO	action			Dont know about Falconry
93	NO	action			AC had no interest in this. Let Board decide
94	10	0	0		This would give the state more control in managing managing wildlife
95	10	0	0		we viewed this as house-keeping
96	NO	action			- all #97
97	10	0	0		Establish a permit system that is then sent back to the AC's and approve the costs associated with it.



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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
98		NO action		see #97
99	3	7	0	Those in favor said if it is easier for the staff - do it. Those opposed felt it was more paper work for everyone.
100	0	10	0	The Dept says this little change is not necessary. We agree.
101	7	3	0	Those opposed didn't want it to be statewide
102	10	0	0	We felt there should be two pools - Resident and non-resident
103	} NO action			- leave it to the Board to work it out
104				
105				
106	NO action			- Doesn't apply to us
107	8	2	0	Those opposed felt we are all americans and should not be discriminated against



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
108	0	10	0	This is a Southeast concern and should be dealt with there
109	0	13	0	We oppose having Seward voting for antlerless moose in unit 15 <small>action on Jan 13 meeting</small>
110	NO action			It is up to that area to decide
111	14	0	0	Hunters from the Peninsula go to Kalgin Island. It should be in our jurisdiction. <small>action on Jan 13 meeting</small>
112	NO action			(We only did moose proposals that apply to us) <small>action on Jan 13 meeting</small>
116	NO action			No information available to us and it is out of our jurisdiction. <small>action on Jan 13 meeting</small>
118	2	11	0	cow hunt in unit 15C. most felt the moose population is too low to allow a cow hunt. Two in favor wanted to keep it on the books. <small>action on Jan 13 meeting</small>

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**Coastal Lower Yukon Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, November 18 at 12 noon – Thursday November 19, 2015
Alakanuk Tribal Center**

Meeting was called to order at 1:17 by Chair Ray Oney.

Invocation by Mike James.

Roll Call – Members present: Ray Oney – Alakanuk; Dominica Strongheart – Nunam Iqua; Joe Uisok – Kotlik; John Lamont –Emmonak (via teleconference – alternating with Jake Redfox filling in as needed); Aloysius Aguchak – Scammon Bay via teleconference; Eric Olsen – Hooper Bay via teleconference

Establish quorum – Coastal Lower Yukon AC must have at least 4 members present.

Introduction of Guests: Christie Gleason, Sabrina Garcia ADF&G CF; Patrick Jones & Phil Perry – ADF&G WC; Sherry Wright ADF&G Boards; Michael James – Alakanuk, and Edward Post of Alakanuk;

- Chair's Comments – Thanks for everyone participating.
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- Concerns/Comments of Public: Mike James is hopeful all respective villages on the Lower Yukon will stand up as a unified voice at the January BOF meeting.
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- Concerns/Comments of AC members: Joe Uisok trying to get the boundary opened up near Kotlik to allow local people to fish closer to home. We will discuss this when we get to those proposals.
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Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting January 20, 2015. Minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda – Discussion of the Joint BoF/BOG and MOA Federal but there was too short of notice for the committee to address these issues. Agenda approved as written.

Old Business – none

New Business

- ADF&G Staff Updates: Christie Gleason and Sabrina Garcia provided reports on fishery issues.
- Roster Update; Term dates – Sherry Wright reported that letters have been sent to the council offices for members whose terms are expiring. The committee discussed and approved that alternates will have the same term limits as the regular village seat for all future elections.
- Officer elections: Ray Oney nominated to serve as Chair and approved unanimously. Eric Olsen nominated to serve as Vice Chair and approved unanimously. John Lamont nominated to serve as Secretary and approved unanimously.

Fisheries Issues – ADF&G staff Christy Gleason and Sabrina Garcia helped the committee on the following proposals

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Member to attend AYK BOF meeting in Fairbanks? Raymond Oney was nominated, and in the event he can't go Joe Uisok will attend.

November 19, 2015 Coastal Lower Yukon Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting continued

Meeting began at 9:02 am with the following members present: Ray Oney, Dominica Strongheart, Eric Olsen, Aloysius Aguchak, Jake Redfox, Joseph Uisok

ADF&G Present: Sherry Wright, Phil Perry

Public Present: Michael James, Sylvia Joseph, Gabriel Buster

Wildlife Issues – ADF&G staff Phil Perry helped address the following proposals with the committee

• Comment on Statewide BOG Proposals

BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Support	5	0	Concern of wanton waste of game birds was expressed for support of this proposal. 1 absent
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Support	6	0	There are some people interested in classes for bowhunting in Scammon Bay – and perhaps if there is enough interest they could bring the training to the villages
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support	6	0	The committee considered Proposal 72 – 74 together in their discussion. A question if passage of this proposal would eliminate use of archery equipment. The committee was told that it would not. Been hearing from hunters when they catch a moose and when they are butchering it they find wounds in the animal from smaller caliber rifles. Also they have found puss and worms in the meat.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Support	6	0	Discussion included in Proposal 72
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Support	6	0	Discussion included in Proposal 72
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	6	Usually check traps every other day – gas prices are very high in the villages and this would create a huge burden. They used to camp and check traps daily, but not many young people in Scammon Bay are trapping. Currently there is no time frame on checking traps – it is up to the trapper. Weather can be an issue and most trappers want to ensure a good fur for the animals they take trapping.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	6	There are a lot of young people that hunt mink and otter near the village that this would create citations for them trying to trap nearer to the village. The city or tribe can introduce an ordinance for local areas if there is a problem.
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
Support	6	0	There are a lot of moose in Unit 18. A question of any concern of browsing. areas. Department looks at twinning rates to determine habitat conditions and there is a good percentage of twinning rates observed. The moose continue to grow and people are happy with the bag limits.

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Wednesday, November 18 at 12 noon – Thursday November 19, 2015
Alakanuk Tribal Center**



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BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	6	0	This will allow people to continue to hunt as they have.

- - *Comments due March 4, 2015*
 -

Member to attend? Aloysius Aguchak was nominated as representative. Joe Uisok volunteered as an alternate. Both approved.

- **Comment on Federal Subsistence Board Proposals**

WP 16-36 – This would align the state and federal Unit 18 boundary descriptions. Support by a vote of 6 – 0.

Public comment was a concern of seal wanton waste. This is managed by NMFS and may be able to be addressed by Fed Subsistence Board.

Discuss date and location of next meeting. Meeting will be to cover BOG Western region proposals and at the call of the chair, most likely in November. Next meeting will be at Hooper Bay.

Adjourn at 11:05 due to a power outage. Dialed back in to officially adjourn at 11:12 am.

Other Dates and Deadlines:

State:

January 12-17, 2016

BOF Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Meeting; Fairbanks
Comments due December 28, 2015

March 17, 2016

BOG Work Session; Fairbanks
Comments due March 4, 2016

March 18-28, 2016

BOG Statewide Cycle A & B; Fairbanks
Comments due March 4, 2016

April 8, 2015

BOF Proposals Due

April 29, 2015

BOG Proposals Due; Arctic/Western & Interior Meetings

Federal:

Tentative

April 11-15, 2016

Federal Subsistence Board Meeting; Anchorage

Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee 12/5/15
Cooper Landing Community Hall

- I. Call to Order: 11:00 am by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Alex Kime, Robert Gibson, George Heim, Ed Holsten, John Pearson, Theo Lexmond
Members Absent: Billy Coulliette, Gerald Neis
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:
Elections: re-elected Mike Adams as the alternate for a one year term, Jerry Neis and John Pearson to 2.5 year turns and added Todd Donahue as a new member with a 1 year term. I have the forms for Mike & John but Jerry was absent and Todd was nominated by Robert Gipson and accepted by phone. Billy Coulliette declined re- election.

BOF proposals: See attached

BOG proposals: See attached, some items marked "no action" will be addressed at January meeting, at that time those items will be updated on proposal voting sheet.

April 11th deadline for Board of Fish, next AC meeting January 17, 2016

(Fisheries discussion p.2 excerpted)

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	50		Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex.
Support	6	0	Difficulty of leaving sex attached to meat when weight is an issue.
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
Oppose	0	6	Just as likely to slip hunting as fishing; outlawed for fishing, should be for hunting as well.
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares.
Oppose	0	6	Trappers need to be held accountable for actions.
BOG	96		Establish a point system for drawing hunts.
Support	6	0	It seems like a very fair way to delegate hunts.
BOG	116		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
Support	6	0	A good tool in the box in case ADFG needs it.

Adjournment: 2:16pm

Minutes Recorded By: John Pearson
RE-Approved by: George Heim
Date: 2/17/2016
Re-approval was only pertinent to BOG Proposals.

**Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory
Committee 1/17/16
Cooper Landing Community Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 pm by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: George Heim (by teleconference), John Pearson, Ed Holsten,
Theo Lexmond, Robert Gibson, Todd Donahue, Alex Kime, Jerry Neis,
Members Absent excused: Mike Adams (alternate)
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 12/5/16
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present:
Claire Shipton, public
Martha Story, public
David Story, public
David Pearson, USFS
- VII. Old Business: Comments for statewide BOF meeting due by April 11th. CLAC would like to submit and look at previous proposals submitted for use of barbless hooks while fishing with a bead for rainbow trout and dolly varden.
- VIII. New Business:

BOG proposals # 67 and 69: See attached
George Heim encouraged public outreach to the community for BOF proposals.

Comments from public:
David Story asks that CLAC meeting notices be posted to the Crier in addition to physical public locations.

David Pearson of USFS introduced himself as new permittee for federal subsistence fishing permits.



BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
Oppose	1	7	We don't want more restriction. Hard to tell on road where properties begin and end. (1 supporter says seems like a good way to keep domestic animals out of traps).
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	8	Eliminates opportunity to work with pets, helps in lost small game.

Next meeting TBA
Meeting adjourned 5:58 pm

Minutes Recorded by John Pearson
Approved by: George Heim
Date: 1-21-2016

February 16, 2016 Copper Basin AC meeting.

Call to order: 5:30 PM

Discussion on filling vacancy of the Tolsona seat. Will leave open until we can find someone from the Tolsona area to fill.

Vacancies include:

Chitina - David Bruss

Gakona/Gulkana - Christopher Gene

Copper Center -- Brad Henspetter

Tazlina - Leave vacant until we find interested persons.

Tolsona - Leave vacant until we find interested persons

Christopher Gene moved, seconded by Nick Jackson to reseal : David Bruss , Christopher and Brad Henspetter to their seats. Motion carried unanimously (8-0)

Alternates: Bradley Sinyon & Shirley Smelcer

Christopher Gene moved to seat the alternates unanimously. Seconded by Nick Jackson.

Motion carried unanimously 8-0

Bradley Sinyon and Shirley Smelcer are seated as alternates.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Christopher Gene to nominate Chuck McMahan for Chair and ask for unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Christopher nominated Karen Linnell for Vice-Chair. Jim Odden nominated David Bruss.

Karen moved to close nominations. Second by Shirley Smelcer. Voting... Karen Linnell is Vice-Chair.

Karen nominated Alysia White for Secretary and asked for unanimous Consent. Motion carried.

Report: Frank Robbins reported moose counts in Unit 13. May have more than we thought. Looking at count modeling. The Glennallen F&G office was able to do all their count areas. Discussion on IM and wolf population counts. No, IM in the last two years. He also reported that they were able to take aerial photos to count caribou. Caribou population is at about 48,000.

Introduced Heide Hatcher new Assistant Area Biologist.

PROPOSALS

#119 - Authorization for Cow permits- Jim Odden moved, seconded by Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Motion carried. (8-1-1) Healthy populations.

Statewide proposals:

#110 - AC jurisdiction - for Antlerless moose. Expand their authorization to vote on Unit 13 antlerless moose. Karen moved to adopt, seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed (0-10)

When these advisory committees were formed they were only for specific units. They are welcome to come to our meetings. Discussion as to why they want to have jurisdiction over Unit 13 antlerless hunts. NO, we wouldn't assume to go their area and tell them how to manage the resources. This is for the most affected region. Why only for the Mat-Su AC.

#5 - Game Birds - modification for salvage of meat from game birds.

Dave S / Christopher second (0-8-2) Motion failed.

We like it how it is, not reasonable for small game like grouse.

Sheep

Last year passed the Game Board passed proposal 207. Comments: Aerial flights to get to camp, see sheep, make people criminals just going to camp. Unenforceable. Unnecessary. Don't like that it was passed last year without support from any local Advisory Committees, and with overwhelming lopsided testimony and comments against the proposal from the public.

#21 - #22, to modify the regulation.

Dave Sarafin, seconded by Alysia. Motion Failed (0-10)

Asks to repeal then wants to modify. Confusing.

#23-24-25 to repeal regulation:

Dave/Christopher: Motion carried (9-0-1)

Abstention because new committee member was not familiar with the regulation. We agree with all reasons stated in the proposal, they were well written. The proposal causes everyone to go out early and make crowding worse at the start of the season season. Unenforceable, how do you prove this. Don't like that the Board approved 207 it when all AC's were against it.

#26 Repeal and added costs by creating DVD. B

Karen/Jim . Motion Failed:(0-10) Added costs to create a DVD. Against requiring 12 inch numbers.

#27-Amend definition of Dall Sheep Ram.

Karen/Jim. Motion failed. (0-10)

Not necessary. 8 year olds are generally full curl. Reduces amount available for harvest.

#28—Restrictions to Bag limit

Jim/Nick Motion failed: (0-10)

Too Complicated: Doesn't make sense.

#29 - Define Broken

Karen / Jim Motion carried (10-0)

Whether broomed off or broken off, it's still not there. Easy to tell if there is no lamb tip. This is a clarification.

#30—Establish Bag Limit for Non-Resident 1-every 4 years

Jim/Karen. Motion failed (1-8-1)

Sheep populations are generally declining. The number of non-residents that come back year after year is relatively small. This proposal is not going to help the sheep population or crowding problems since most nonresidents don't sheep hunt every year. Many residents hunt sheep every year, so it could help overcrowding if everyone (residents and nonresidents) were included. Shouldn't be just for non residents, if going to 4 years then should be for everyone. One said there should be advantages to living in Alaska. Non-residents only comprise 20% of hunters and take 40% of sheep.

#31—Special Provision for Dall Sheep and Goat Hunts

Jim/Chris Motion carried (6-3-1)

If drawn, ineligible for 3 years. Still eligible for other hunts. Not sure about the “serious” hunters. Decreases revenue for the state.

#32 Change all hunts to drawing or registration

Jim/Karen Motion failed (0-10)

Don't feel permit hunts are needed in all areas. Permits have worked fine in some areas.

Unclear in reasoning as to how residents will gain priority. Draw hunts will hunt first and then registration if quota isn't met. More money needed for sheep counts/not available.

#33 - Extend Hunting Season statewide

Jim/Nick Motion failed (0-10)

Too complicated. Sheep season too long already for declining sheep numbers.

#34 Extend Hunting Season statewide / Resident only season

Jim/Chad Motion failed (0-10)

Too Complicated. Sheep season too long already for declining sheep numbers.

#35 Establish statewide hunting season for residents by names.

Chad/Jim Motion failed (0-10)

Committee didn't like idea.

#36 Modify Sheep

Alysia/Dave Motion failed (0-10)

Opposed to proposal 207

#37-38 -39 Adding days for resident hunts.

Chris/Nick. Motion Failed (0-10)

This won't help with crowding. If guides/nonresident hunters aren't there Air Taxis will fill the areas with drop off resident hunters and it will be even more crowded. Look at caribou hunting in unit 13, no nonresidents allowed for over 30 years and everyone complains it is still too crowded. What happens if resident wants their non-resident family to hunt with them.

#40 Restrict Non-Residents Guides

NO ACTION

This proposal should go to the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

#41 Establish 10% non-resident allocation

Karen/Chris Motion Failed. (0-10)

Would mean that a quota would have to be set/more budget that is not there. Some drawing hunts already have quotas.

#42-43-44-45 Sheep Allocation

Chad/Nick Motion failed. (0-10)

See comments in #41

#46 Sheep Season

Dave/Chris Motion failed (0-10)

They have opportunity during the season. Sheep season is long enough. Plenty of opportunity. They already have special bow hunt sheet areas, no need for state wide regulation, should be area specific.

#47 Establish youth Season

Karen / Shirley Motion failed (0-10)

They have opportunity during the season. Sheep season is long enough. Plenty of opportunity.

#48 Modify sheep hunting opportunities

Chris/Jim MOTION FAILED (0-10)

Too broad/ vague, statewide. Can't hunt with your friend/kid/spouse/relative with different last names. Too complicated.

#49 Restrict Bag limit

NO ACTION

This is area specific and should not be included in this round of proposals. Not our area.

Break: 7:40 to 7:53

Chad Gerlach - Excused.

#50 Remove Evidence of Sex requirement

Chris/Shirley Motion failed (0-9)

Opportunity for Abuse. Expensive and time consuming for DNA testing. Some agreed leaving evidence seems redundant when the horns have to be with the animal anyway, but some circumstances where horns have not been hauled from the field yet would make checking the sex difficult or impossible w/o waiting for the horns to show.

#51 Modify Bag Limits for non-residents accompanied by resident relative

Karen/Chris Motion failed (0-9)

2nd degree of kindred. If non-resident takes an animal, it counts against resident's bag limit. Also allows for non-resident to hunt resident's permit.

#52 Clarify requirements regarding salvage of wounded game

Karen/Jim Motion failed (3-6)

Ambiguous. Blatant ones are enforceable. Attempt to define Reasonable effort and Lawful. There is a Statute. Unclear as to what they are trying to accomplish.

#53 - not in our area.

#54 "Mulligan"

Jim/Dave Motion failed (0-9)

This will allow for abuse.

#55 HOUSEKEEPING Proposal.

NO ACTION

Bradley Sinyon Excused at 8:25 PM

#56 Prohibit Salvage of hide w/out salvage of edible meat.

Jim/Dave (8-0)

Salvage meat if there is a requirement.

#57 Sale of hides and skulls

No Action

Allow for sale of hides/claws. Sealing required. Difficult to manage.

#58 Bear Baiting Prohibit use of chocolate.

Jim/Dave Motion failed (0-8)

#59 Clarify or restrict use of Liquid bait

Alysia/Shirley. Motion failed (0-8)

Still have to clean site. Mixed with absorbent bait. Bears will knock it over barrels—bait will still come out of the barrel. A clean bait station is the goal. Grease will get out anyway.

#60 Use of Norther Pike as bait.

Chris/Jim Motion carried (6-3)

Native for the most part.

#61 Allow use of Fur bearers as bait

Jim/Chris Motion carried (8-0)

Sounds reasonable. If you can use it for trapping you should be able to use for bait.

#62 Remove requirement to clean bait stations.

Jim/Nick Motion failed (2-6)

Unsuspecting person could come upon bait station. Safety, clean your bait station

#63 Give location and change sign requirement

Karen/Shirley Motion carries (6-2)

#64 Statewide Black/Brown bear over bait.

Nick/Shirley Motion failed (0-8)

This should be done unit by unit. This is already in place.

#65 Remove salvage requirements.

Jim/Chris Motion failed (3-5)

Have to clean up bait sites anyway, might as well haul it out. Leave gut pile anyway.

#66 Allow use of felt soles.

Jim/Chris Motion carried (7-1)

There are a lot of other ways to carry, invasive species. Safety issue.

#67 Unlawful to hunt or trap on private land in right-of-ways without written permission.

No Action.

Support the intent that protects private land owner for highway right-of-way. But needs to be clearer. Defer to Unit 13 cycle, so it is unit specific. Does not affect public/state land.

#68- NO ACTION

#69 Hunting w/dogs

Dave/Jim Motion failed. (0-8)

Bird hunting. Take dogs out for protection/warning. Some people hunt with dog teams.

#70 Restrict use of Airplanes

Alysia/Jim Motion failed. (0-8)

Unenforceable. Already have same day airborne regulation.

#71 Clarify Same day airborne.

Alysia/Jim Motion failed. (0-8)

Unclear as to what is assist. Unenforceable.

Caribou are crossing... same thing.

#72-73-74

NO ACTION

#75 Allow black powder & cross bow for bison hunt.

They're crazy let them figure it out.

#77 Use of artificial light during trapping season.

Jim/Dave Motion tied. (4-4)

Just during trapping season. Might be looking for caribou.

#78- Remove trap identification requirement

Jim/Dave Motion carried. (8-0)

#79 - Require checking traps every 24 hours

Jim/Dave Motion failed. (0-8)

Unrealistic.

#80 City trapping

Jim/Dave Motion failed (0-8)

Have city pass ordinances. Not a statewide issue.

#81 term underwater

Jim/Dave motion carried (8-0)

Reasonable. Clarification

#82 Locking tag

Jim/Dave Motion carried (8-0)

Prior to leaving kill site. Reasonable.

#83 harvest ticket - locking tags.

Jim/Chris Motion failed. (0-8)

Department gathers other information, also set date of harvest.

#84 Search of apparatus.

NO ACTION. They will search anyway if they have probable cause.

#85

Region specific.

#86 NO ACTION

#87 - Restricting off road vehicle use.

Alysia/Karen Motion failed.(0-8)

This would get rid of controlled use areas. Subjective. Removes their ability to act for conservation purposes.

#88 -

No Action.

Can they bring disease to wild animals.

#90 -

Alysia/Jim Motion failed (1-7)

Some communities live within mountainous areas. They are not using them for pack animals in this case. Not for the Board of Game to decide, it's a department of Agriculture issue. They can act on domestication of wild animals. Permit required over 15 miles, that could be anybody, anywhere.

#91 Cattle in definition of feral game.

Dave/Karen Motion failed (1-7)

Can't shoot them when you come upon them. Make it area specific where there are problems.

#92-93-94

NO ACTION

#95 add targeted to FTR list.

Jim/Shirley Motion carried (8-0)

#96-97-98 Preference Points for drawing hunts.

Management nightmare. Not fiscally responsible at this time.

99

Jim / Shirley Motion carried (8-0)

Keeps guides from jumping from one area to another if their hunters get a permit.

100 - Modify provision of surplus permits.

No Action.

101 - limit # of permits to 10% for non-residents

Jim/Karen Motion failed (0-8)

Allocation issue. Should not be across all species.

#102

NO ACTION

Non-resident is a non-resident. 2nd degree of kindred is for use of a guide.

#103

Karen/Shirley Motion failed (0-8)

There are already application process in place. Administration expense required. Subsistence Division would have to analyze thousands of permit data.

#104.

Jim/Shirley Motion failed (0-8)

#105

Karen / Chris Motion failed (0-8)

Long term use of resource will be taken out of the equation.

#106

Jim/Karen Motion carried (8-0)

Allows the department to manage to the population.

#107

Jim / Chris Motion Failed (0-8)

This has been discussed, and discussed. See comments above.

#108

Jim/Alysia Motion failed (0-8)

This needs to be unit specific. Non-issue: guides not required for moose.

#142 Modify Unit 13 predation plan

Alysia / Chris Motion carried (8-0)

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE Proposal.

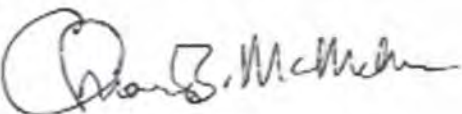
WP16-16 to close federal subsistence hunting in Paxson Closed Area.

Karen/Chris Motion failed (0-8)

Karen/Chris to authorize letter to Federal Subsistence Board Motion carried (8-0), Alysia White and Chuck McMahan will write letter in opposition to the proposal.

Shirley move to Adjourn. 10:49 PM

Minutes read and approved

 chair

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Copper River/PWS AC
01-28-16
USFS Courtroom
Cordova

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BOG comments for SW study
BOF comments for SW study

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2-17-16

- I. Call to Order: Tom Carpenter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: carpenter, Collins, fode, hanson, jones, lohse, Obrien, sapp, zadra
Members Absent: bocci, baker, greenwood, king, wiese, renner, tirrell
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion hanson 2nd lohse
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....November 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Westing ADF@G, Alex Arduser State troopers, Andy Morris USFS Law Enforcement, Jim Wessel USFS Law Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Zadra Reg. Guide Unit 6,
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: 2016 Elections, Sitka blacktail study, moose management plan, pws black bear study, federal subsistence update by usfs, Sate wide game proposal 115, statewide finfish 203

This space may be used to record minutes .minutes on separate pages

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	115		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
support	9	0	Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOF	203		
support	9	0	If adopted, proposal would give hatchery managers statewide the ability to harvest cost recovery in a timely and cost effective manner without interruption from user groups. This would also give adfg sport fish division the ability to close hatchery management areas to sport fishing by EO authority.

AC NAME

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Craig Advisory Committee
January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes for BOG Statewide March 2016
Craig Youth Center

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 PM
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Stu Merchant
Brian Castle
Ellen Hannan
Mike Douville
Steve Stumpf
Kirk Agnitsch
Dave Creighton
Members Absent:
Steve Merritt
Doug Rhodes
Bill Farmer
Fred Hamilton
Chuck Haydu
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: trapping, gill netting, long line, charter fishing, sport fishing, hunting
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: yes, February 3, 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke, Steve Berthune, Jeff Reeves
- VI. Guests Present: Rose Roseland
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOF and BOG proposals. Please see the following pages.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
Support	7	0	Shows our support for allowing only hunters over the age of 65 to use a crossbow.
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	0	7	Not for everyone.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	Not practical or safe due to weather.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Oppose	0	7	Unnecessary paperwork for hunters.
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
Oppose	0	7	Strongly oppose. There is already a liberal bag limit in place for most species. There is also a lack of data on animal populations from ADF&G in the southern Prince of Wales Island area.

Old Business: None
Adjournment: 8:55 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Stumpf
Minutes Approved By:
Date:

Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/20/16
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 635 PM by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, Rusty Craig – Vice Chair
Regular Members: Jeff Lipscomb Tim Webb, Vern Aiton, Jacob White, Elizabeth Neipert,
Paul Dudgeon, Tony Williams
Alternates:, Don Bunselmeier Don Quarberg,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Officers: Jeff Mason (Excused),
Regular Members: Ross Baker (excused)
Alternates: Jack Windsor, Mike Rogers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 11 present
List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the December 16th meeting were approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt
- VI. Guests Present: 6
- VII. Old Business: Rusty Craig asked about action at the December meeting on Proposal #8 – Allow use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts. The Delta AC voted 6-1 to support the proposal. Rusty, who was unable to attend in DEC, would not have supported it.
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Bob G. Reported that the Bison Harvest stands at 45 total, with 22 bulls and 23 cows taken. The 20D North Moose Survey shows more Moose than in 2012. A UAF coyote tracking project had managed to radio collar only one coyote – that coyote was hit by a car and killed.
 2. Brandy reported on several measures from the Board of Fisheries that were of local interest: 135, 139, and 143 passed. 136, 137, 138 failed. The public comment period on the Statewide Fish Stocking Plan is open until 29 JAN 2016. Rusty asked about an apparent red

algae seen over ½ of George Lake last summer. Brandy stated that there had been a big algae bloom there in 2011, and that there were still residual effects, though there seems to have been little effect on the fishery. A February 2012 water sample showed good oxygen levels. Rusty agreed that the fishery was still good, but that murky water made you work harder to catch them.

3. Election of Officers: Liz Neipert Nominated Carl Taylor as Chair. Paul dudgeon then moved to retain the currently sitting officers in their positions. That motion carried unanimously. Chair – Carl Taylor, Vice Chair – Rusty Craig, Secretary – Jeff Mason.
4. A proposal by the Delta AC for an earlier start to Waterfowl Season in Unit 2 was discussed. Issue is that most Geese and Cranes are gone by the current 1 SEP start date. The new start date in the proposal will be 15 August, with the close moved two weeks forward as well. Vern Aiton will draft the proposal for a future meeting.
5. Reb Ferguson asked why Delta residents are considered Subsistence for Caribou but not for birds, specifically about the Spring waterfowl season that used to exist here. Discussion ensued, including that the Delta AC had supported ending that Spring season because of abuses by hunters.
6. Vern Aiton asked if there was any news on the bill to raise hunting license fees. Don Quarberg had a printout of bills currently being considered and it was not on the list.
7. Action on the Board of Game 2016 proposals 65-137: See next few pages. Any proposal that the Delta AC took action on have the decision and the vote under it.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	8		Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts
Support	6	1	
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
Oppose	0	10	
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
Support	6		
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
S. as A.	8		Amended "for GMU 20D only"
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
Oppose	11-0-0		Introduction of invasive species is a proven threat
BOG	68		Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
Support	0-10-1		Unfair advantage
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0-11-0		Unrealistic
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions



Support	9-0-2		Consistency for all involved in a hunt
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		Just saying .243 is not specific enough to accomplish anything
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		Just saying .243 is not specific enough to accomplish anything
BOG	75		Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts
No action	0-2-9		Not sure it will solve anything, or how it fits in Fish and Game Bison herd management
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
Support	9-0-2		Tags don't really accomplish anything anyway
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0-11-0		unrealistic
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0-11-0		Unrealistic, and population limit makes no sense
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support	6-0-5		Clarity of regulation
BOG	82		Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag
Oppose	0-10-0		Unnecessary
BOG	83		Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag
No Action	2-1-8		
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
Support	11-0-0		Fairness and consistency for all hunters
BOG	86		Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
Support	11-0-0		Fairness and consistency for all hunters
BOG	87		Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience
Oppose	0-11-0		Quality of the experience is important
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
No Action	3-0-8		Good in theory, hard and expensive to implement, impact not defined
BOG	95		Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to
Support	9-0-2		Fairness and consistency
BOG	99		To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code
Support	9-0-2		Reduce confusion
BOG	119		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A



Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	124	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B	
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D	
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	129	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	130	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	137	Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A	
Support	10-0-1		Allows ADF&G to manage by biology and latest population surveys

Adjournment: 8:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason

Minutes Approved By: Delta AC

Date: 2/17/2016

Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
2/17/16
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, Rusty Craig – Vice Chair, Jeff Mason – Secretary.
Regular Members: Tim Webb, Ross Baker, Tony Williams, Vern Aiton, Jacob White, Paul Dudgeon, Jeff Lipscomb. Alternates: Don Quarberg

Members Absent: Regular Members: Elizabeth Neipert. Alternates: Jack Windsor, Mike Rogers, Don Bunselmeier.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Bob Schmidt, Brandy Baker
- VI. Guests Present: Katheryn Hadley (Delta Wind), Arthur Cummings (AST), Kim Jochum (DTA Natural Resources), Todd Brinkman and Helen Cold (UAF), plus 1 unknown
- VII. Old Business: Vern Aiton updated us on some previous discussion we'd had about the possibility of changing the waterfowl season to allow for an earlier opening date to target early migrant geese and cranes. Vern said to forget it. The dates are carved in stone. Possibly in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and that it would take an act of the US Congress to change that.
- VIII. New Business: Todd Brinkman spoke about a NASA funded project he has begun to try and understand how climate change may be impacting subsistence harvest activities particularly in regard to access to traditionally used natural resources. He asked for 2-3 representatives from Delta to participate. All they would have to do would be take a GPS camera that UAF would loan them along on traditional use activities and document change or impacts to access.

Kim Jochum gave an update on DTA wildlife projects. They are conducting some sheep research and surveys at Moly Ridge and Black Rapids. They are conducting grouse and ptarmigan surveys to support ADF&G's efforts. They are also doing sandhill crane surveys including using a UAV to

survey Delta Creek. And in addition they are doing passerine bird surveys, and will be beginning some more intensive shorebird surveys this year, and also starting some bat surveys.

Bob Schmidt gave an update on bison harvest and just said that they were up to 52 animals.

Brandy Baker gave an update and said Quartz Lake has been producing well lately. Also that ADF&G will have their rod lender program active at the Delta Trails Club "Celebrate the Sun" festival at Quartz Lake on March 12th. And she talked a little about the house that is falling into the Tanana River at an import fish spawning area.

Jacob White is our representative to the BOG Dall Sheep Working Group. He attended the most recent meeting of the working group in FAI. He reported that the outcome of the meeting which was followed by discussion. In the end we voted unanimously to support a \$50 fee for a sheep harvest ticket. We also voted unanimously to support increasing the draw permit fee for sheep from \$5 to \$10.

We also voted to support HB137 as **[CURRENTLY WRITTEN] amended by our motion**. In summary we voted unanimously to:

- 1) Support suggested increase in fees for Nonresidents and Nonresident Aliens.
- 2) Suggest doubling the current fees for Residents.
- 3) Suggest removing all reference to the "INDIGENT" or \$5 licenses. Remove this provision from ADFG and write new legislation making this benefit available through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Welfare Department can better vet the applicants and determine who qualifies. They (Welfare Department) can then purchase the license(s) at face value from ADFG and provide these licenses at a discount to the welfare recipients if deemed necessary. This would allow ADFG to use this additional money as matching funds to obtain Pittman-Robertson tax monies (on a 3:1 basis) for management of wildlife (game) in Alaska. The State is a winner in that they are able to obtain more funding from this action.

We discussed moving the AC meetings back to the ADF&G building to save the department the use/rental fee for city hall. All were in favor.

Paul Dudgeon is writing a proposal to allow the use of decoy dogs for predator hunting. When he has it completed he will send it around to the AC for further discussion at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	142	Identified big game prey populations and objectives	
Support	10		
BOG	143	Definition of deleterious exotic wildlife	
support	8	1	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

The Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Holum at 7:15pm at the Cantwell School Library.

There were 8 members present Chair Don Holum, Vice Chair Lance Williams, Undesignated seat members Gordon Carlson, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Caleb Holum, Jeff Burney, Alternate Member, Harold Mowery.

Members Absent: J Marie Gore, excused and Armeda Bulard.

Visitor: Alaska State Trooper Maggy Stang,

The Agenda was reviewed by Don Holum, and Approved by the committee.

There was no Old business.

Election of seats: There where 3 seats up for 2.5 year terms, and 1 alternate seat. the voting was as follows: Undesignated seats went to Ray Atkins with 8 votes, Harold Mowery with 8 votes, J Marie Gore with 7 votes, and the Alternate seat went to Armeda Bullard with 6 votes.

Election of officers: Chairman Don Holum 8 votes, Vice Chairman Lance Williams 8 votes, there was no Secretary interest the position assumed by Don Holum.

It was moved and seconded that Don Holum go to the Game Board meeting in Fairbanks the 18-28th of March to represent the Denali AC. It was approved by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

It was discussed and a motion was made that the meeting minutes be reviewed by Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson and Caleb Holum, for approval when there are time constraints. This passed 8 in favor 0 opposed.

There was a motion by Ray Atkins that the AC send a message to the Game Board that the Denali AC feels that the Sheep Regulation and bag limits in Units 13 and 20 are good the way they are and do not need any changes, this was seconded and voted in favor 7 opposed 0, abstained 1, those in favor agreed that the present regulations where substantial, those that abstained felt that there was need for change but didn't exactly know what those changes should be.

ACR 16 - for Continuing the intense predator Management program for unit 13. SUPPORT

It was Moved and Seconded to Approve the continued predator Management.
in favor 8

opposed 0 – no discussion

Those in favor felt this program was working well, and that it should continue.

Proposal 69 To make it unlawful to hunt with domestic dogs.

OPPOSE

In favor 0 – no positive comments on this proposal.

Opposed 8

In opposition: The AC members felt this proposal had absolutely no merit or science, and there was absolutely no Data to back this up, and was sorting out a very small percentage of the dogs that could spread these parasites, when there were far more sled dogs and companion dogs in the back country then hunting dogs, and that this was a back door attempt at attacking hunting in general.

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Proposals 72-73-74 to require a .243 caliber or larger to hunt big game. OPPOSE
in favor 0 – no comments.
opposed 8

Comments opposed: The AC felt any center fire weapon was acceptable, and that youth hunters would be more apt to be accurate with the smaller calibers and accuracy is way more important than size.

Proposal 79 requiring that traps be checked every 24 hours. OPPOSE
in favor 0 - Comments in favor: the committee felt there was some merit in setting a time limit to checking traps, to be more humane and have less loss do to predation.
opposed 8

comments opposed: 24 hour just wasn't long enough, it would be a nightmare to enforce, and would be to hard for the game troopers to verify, and a lot of Alaska's back country trappers have very long trap lines to check so they can make a living, making it impossible to check every 24 hours.

Proposal 90 regulate and require permits for keeping and propagating Sheep and Goats. OPPOSE
In Favor 0 – no comments
Opposed 8

Comments Opposed: This proposal would be very restrictive and problematic, add a lot of extra work for the Dept. of Fish and Game and the private land owners, when there has been no cases of diseases spread between domestic and wild Sheep in the state of Alaska, and not very likely to be any problems.

Proposal 110 Giving the Mat-Su AC a vote in the unit 13 antlerless moose hunts. OPPOSE
In Favor 0 – no comments
Opposed 8
Comments Opposed; The Denali AC was very strongly Opposed to this Proposal, The Denali AC felt that there was no reason that the Mat-Su AC should have a say in unit 13 cow moose hunts, and there were other avenues thru the comment and proposal proses for the Mat-Su AC to get there opinion to the board of game.

Proposal 119 Reauthorizing cow moose hunt in unit 13. OPPOSE
In Favor: 3
Opposed 4
Abstained 1

Comments in Favor: Those in favor of this proposal feel that the cow moose hunt is a good tool for helping to maintain viable populations in specific areas, protect the available feed sources, and help maintain optimum herd health.

Comments Opposed: Those opposed don't agree with cow moose hunts, They don't feel cow moose should be harvested, because when you harvest a cow you are not just taking one but possibly three moose if that cow is pregnant with twins, and don't in any way want to allow the possibility of a cow moose hunt in 13E, even though this measure states that the cow hunt will only be in 13A. it still gives the Dept. the authority to have a cow hunt in 13E, if they choose.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

These Minutes were prepared By Don Holum.
Approved by Denali AC
2/17/2016

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Meeting called to order By Chairman Don Holum 7:15 pm

Members Present Don Holum Chairman, Lance Williams Vice Chairman, Caleb Holum, Gordon Carlson, Bruce Gore, J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney, and Ray Atkins.

Members Absent Harold Mowery excused.

The Agenda was presented, and minutes of last meeting Jan. 28th discussed and Approved.

ADF&W Staff present: Frank Robbins
Alaska Wildlife trooper present: Maggy Stang
There was no old Business discussed.

ADF&G area Biologist Frank Robbins gave a discussion on the Moose and Caribou population report in unit 13, and discussed the importance of the unit 13 cow moose hunt, and the criteria used to establish a cow Moose hunt.

With the new information there was a motion to revisit proposal 119 and reconsider this proposal.

In Favor of revisiting 7

Opposed to revisiting 1

Motion to reconsider Passed

Proposal 119 reauthorize antlerless moose season in unit 13

In Favor 4

Opposed 3

Abstained 1

SUPPORT

Those in favor felt that the Antlerless Moose hunts are a valued tool to have available to the biologist to maintain good herd health if needed, and if disallowed would be hard to get back, also to show support for the Copper Center AC in this hunt.

Those opposed, Disagree with the Killing of cow moose, that when you kill a cow moose you could in essence be killing three moose if that cow is pregnant with twins, the feeling of the Denali AC was that we are not at all in favor of a cow moose hunt in sub unit 13E, the railroad does a good job of taking excess moose out of 13E already and the moose population in 13E is nowhere near the numbers that the forage can sustain.

Those that Abstained just still didn't feel they had enough information to make a decisive vote, they were balanced on the pros and cons.

ACR 18 Asking the board to reinstate the wolf " buffer zone "

In Favor 0

Opposed 8

OPPOSED

Comments in favor: NONE

Comments Opposed: The Denali AC is very strongly Opposed to this motion, there is no conservational reason for this, the Wolf population is not in danger of getting to low on State controlled lands, yet the Moose population is very low in these areas, The Denali National park has 6 million acres, they don't need to encroach on more state lands, The Denali AC would like to Respectfully ask the Alaska Board of Game to Reinstate the Moratorium on bringing this issue

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up for another 10 years, as the board can recall this issue has been a never ending dispute, and the last six years has proven that there is no need for a Wolf buffer zone.

PROP 141 (ACR 20) Changing the hunting season for Wolves in GMU 20C on lands in the Stampede corridor.

In Favor 2

OPPOSED

Opposed 5

Abstained 1

Comments In Favor: Did not see a problem with this change as the purpose for harvesting a Wolf is for there Hide, and the Hides are not of good quality at this time of year.

Comments Opposed: There is no biological or conservational reason to support this measure, The active hunting of Wolves at this time could help to save new born moose calves in this area, thus helping the moose population, they feel there is absolutely no reason for this change on state lands, it is totally unnecessary.

We expressed appreciation to Frank Robbins and Magy Stang for attending the meeting and for their helpful comments, there was no other business.

These minutes were recorded by Denali AC Chairman Don Holum

Minutes Approved by: Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson, and Caleb Holum

The Denali AC adjourned at 9:15pm 2-17-16

**Eagle Advisory
Committee 2/16/2016
Eagle**

- I. Call to Order: 6PM by Mike McDougall
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bo Fay, Steve Hamilton, Shalia Selman, William Mosher, Don Woodruff, Steve Robin, Mike McDougal, Jackie Helmer
Members Absent: Andy Bassich
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 6; Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Gross and Jeff Wells (DWC) via teleconference
- VI. Guests Present: Sonya McDougall
- VII. Old Business: N/A
- VIII. New Business:

Jeff Wells gave presentation on Unit 20E Moose Harvest 2004-2015- PPT had been sent out to members in advance.
Discussion on how many moose per square mile

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that this was not in line with local customary and traditional practice.
BOG	13		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older
Support	7	1	Majority of committee felt that this would provide additional opportunity to older hunters who would not otherwise be able to participate in an archery hunt. One opposition felt that no one group should be singled out as having an advantage in an archery hunt.
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9
Support w/Am	8	0	The committee supported this proposal pending an amendment that would require that the season dates be aligned with current season dates established for controlled use areas such as the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area in order to prevent hunters from accessing sheep with ATV's.
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
Support	7	1	The majority opinion felt that hunters should have the opportunity to harvest whatever species arrived at the bait station. Minority opinion is that harvest of brown/grizzly bears over bait is not a customary and traditional practice, is not in line with past ADF&G regulation, and opens the door for potential overharvest from guided hunts in remote areas.
BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
Oppose	0	8	The majority opinion is that hunters must salvage meat in line with subsistence values. Anything less is wasteful. Hunters must eat what they shoot or share.
			1 abstain
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that this was not enforceable and that this proposal was an attack on trapping and trappers with traplines established in these areas.
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that hunting with dogs is customary and traditional, is well established, and that the disease argument has no merit.
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and

			that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
Support	8	0	The opinion of our committee is completely in line with that of the proponent for the exact reasons specified in the proposal.
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0	8	Our committee recognizes that this proposal is not in line with established customary and traditional trapping practices, is not practical, not enforceable, and is an attack on trapping in general and if adopted may force trappers out into unsafe winter conditions.
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0	8	We are against this proposal.
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support			The opinion of our committee is that this is a housekeeping measure by the department and BOG and supports it for the reasons specified.
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
Oppose	7	1	Majority opinion is that the concerns for disease transmission are unsubstantiated in the state and that the proposal is heavy handed. If adopted it would put a heavy burden on owners of small herds and would cost the state too much to administer. Minority opinion was in line with proposal.
BOG	103		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
Oppose	0	9	Our committee feels that this proposal is not in line with customary practice, puts unneeded burden on subsistence harvesters, is a thinly veiled attack on subsistence rights, and would cost the state too much in time and money processing the data.
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Oppose	0	9	Our committee feels that this proposal is not in line with customary practice, puts unneeded burden on subsistence harvesters, is a thinly veiled attack on subsistence rights, and would cost the state too much in time and money processing the data.
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	9	0	Committee supports proposal for the reasons specified within.

Adjournment:

**Edna Bay Advisory Committee
December 27, 2015
Edna Bay School**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. by Patrick Richter, Chair
- II. **Roll Call:** Seven members in attendance

Members Present: Patrick Richter, Chair; Myla Poelstra, Secretary; Lee Greif, member; Heather Richter, member; John Dodson, member; Richard Stockdale, member; Joe Wargi, alternate;

Members Absent: Carleigh Fairchild, Vice Chair; Spencer Richter, alternate;

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: Sport/Personal Use Fishing & Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Outdoorsperson, Trapping, Subsistence, and Photography
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** approved
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From December 11, 2015
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** None
- VI. **Guests Present:** Sharon Wargi, Maureen Viera
- VII. **Old Business:** None
- VIII. **New Business:** 2016 Statewide Board of Game Comments



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	1		Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles
BOG Oppose	2		Modify the definition of ATV
	7		Weight is a factor to causing habitat damage. Removing the 1000lb restriction opens the door to undefined damage.
BOG Support	3	7	Establish a definition for general hunt Support the reasoning outlined by the Fairbanks AC.
BOG Oppose	4		Amend the definition of bag limit
	7		Incomplete proposal.
BOG No Action	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
BOG Support	6	7	Modify the definition of a moose antler Support Wrangell AC
BOG No Action	7		Clarify the definition of antler point
BOG Support	8	7	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts Improves the quality of the hunters ability to make a successful shot.
BOG Support	9	7	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology Support the reasoning of Fish & Game.
BOG Support	10	7	Modify the requirements for crossbow Updating the language to current equipment use makes sense.
BOG Oppose	11		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts Crossbows give too much advantage over standard archery equipment.
BOG No Action	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
BOG Oppose	13	7	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older No need to make exemptions.
BOG Oppose	14		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
BOG No Action	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support		7	Education increases safety and proficiency.
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
Oppose	7		No one should be exempt.
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingbows
Support		7	
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support		7	Integrity and transparency in the public process is always preferred.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
Support		7	
BOG	21		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	22		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	23		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Support		7	
BOG	24		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	25		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	26		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	27		Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram
Support Oppose (3) No Action	2	2	Support – agree that young rams need to have another year. Oppose – should be left the way it is because it gives more opportunity to people who are not trophy hunters.
BOG	28		Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide
No Action			
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
Support		7	
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
No			



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Action			
BOG	31	Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years	
No Action			
BOG	32	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts	
No Action			
BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
No Action			
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
No Action			
BOG	35	Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names	
No Action			
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
No Action			
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
No Action			
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
No Action			
BOG	39	Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide	
No Action			
BOG	40	Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities	
No Action			
BOG	41	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
Support		7	Support encouraging residential preference.
BOG	42	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap	
No Action			



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BOG No Action	43		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
BOG No Action	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
BOG No Action	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
BOG Support	46	7	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9 Provides conventional bow hunters an opportunity to hunt.
BOG Oppose	47	7	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5 Parent must be present for hunt either way. No need for special season.
BOG Oppose	48	7	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide Not necessary. Proposal 41 addresses this issue adequately.
BOG Support	49	7	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas
BOG Oppose	50	7	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex Opens the door for abuse.
BOG Oppose	51	7	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative
BOG Support	52	7	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game
BOG Oppose	53	7	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
BOG No Action	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
BOG Support	55	7	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year Closes a loophole for waste.
BOG No Action	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
BOG Support	57	7	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Only if it is unit specific, not statewide.
BOG Support	58	7	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations



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BOG No Action	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
BOG No Action	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait
BOG No Action	61		Allow the use of game as bait
BOG No Action	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
BOG No Action	63		Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required
BOG No Action	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
BOG No Action	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
BOG No Action	66		Allow the use of felt soles
BOG Support	67	7	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways Reasonable safety of the public.
BOG Support	68	7	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
BOG Oppose	69	7	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
BOG No Action	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
BOG No Action	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
BOG No	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts



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Action			
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
No Action			
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
No Action			
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
No Action			
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
Oppose	7		
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Oppose	7		
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
No Action			
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	7		
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	7		
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support		7	Clarification.
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
No Action			
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
No Action			
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
No Action			
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
No Action			
BOG	86	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep	
No Action			



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BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Support		7	
BOG	88	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			
BOG	89	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
No Action			
BOG	91	Include cow in the definition of feral game	
No Action			
BOG	92	Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits	
Oppose	7		Regulations already adequate.
BOG	93	For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season	
Oppose	7		Regulations already adequate.
BOG	94	Require the implementation of state wildlife plans before issuing permits for education or telemetry	
Support		7	Support state management.
BOG	95	Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to	
No Action			
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
No Action			
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
No Action			
BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
No Action			



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BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
No Action			
BOG	100	Modify the provision of surplus permits	
No Action			
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
Support		7	Creates and supports better opportunity for residents.
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	7		Already covered by Proposal 101.
BOG	103	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information	
Support		7	Reporting supports better management.
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Support		7	Reporting supports better management.

No action was taken on proposals 105-107.

BOG	108	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska Statute	
Support		7	Non residents should have a choice on whether or not to have a guide.
BOG	109	Add Units 7, 15, and 14C to the Seward Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Support		7	Local knowledge should have weigh on proposals.
BOG	110	Add Units 13 and 16 to the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Support		7	
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
Support		7	
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	

No action was taken on remaining proposals.

Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Myla Poelstra, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Patrick Richter, Chair

Date: December 30, 2015

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

******Special Note: The Fairbanks AC discussed and voted on the Statewide BOG Proposals at two separate meetings. The first meeting was on January 13th, 2016, and the second was on February 10th, 2016. What follows are the minutes from the January meeting followed by the minutes of the February meeting, followed by the table of all of the proposals with the AC votes and comments. ******

Fairbanks Advisory Committee January 13, 2016 Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks

- I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Virgil Umphenour, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Virgil Umphenour, Mike Tinker, Kirk Schwalm, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Warren Giuchici, Jeff Lucas, Valerie Baxter, Lyle Shelnut, Bill Larry, Glen Holt

Members Absent: Lee Hazen, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: n/a
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 12/9/2015 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, Tony Hollis; DWC
- VI. Guests Present: Dave Lorrington, Mike Potter (AWT)
- VII. Old Business:

Chair Report;

Virgil Umphenour: Spent last two days at the BOF meeting Kuskokwim problems w/public testimony. Afternoon committees about Kuskokwim. Start on the Yukon after the Kuskokwim meetings.

Virgil urges our attendance and input during the Yukon river meetings.

Yukon Proposals - The AC can speak to these proposals and user group participation will also be heard but not to what they have already spoken about. The intent is to only address new ideas.

- committee reports have been typed & posted for view - you can submit comments on that posting - addressing proposals -
- Next will be the Norton Sound proposals following the same format. Window openings on the Kuskokwim for gill net fishing - Quoted 1975 drift gill net mesh study - difficulties learning from history (apparently). Net mesh sizes select for female Chinooks and real problems with this finding (1961) - spoke to our proposals.

Talked about gill net mesh size for K.S. commercial fishery.

Notice of Public Mtg of AK Joint BOF & BOG Committees at the La Quinta (Alpine Lodge) in Fairbanks @ 10 am Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Virgil suggested Kirk and Valerie might attend this meeting with their good ideas...

Salmon treaty meeting in FBKs proposed for April.

AC Member Comments: Mike Tinker spoke about the Board support budgets - restoring the budget monies to the 2014 level. \$1.3 M vs \$1.1 M this didn't occur due to legislative wrangling - Watch for the opportunities to confirm with legislators that the AC's are the public arm of the process. It would take an extra \$200K which isn't much in the scheme of things.

Kirk Schwalm: A member of the public asked him about availability of the AC minutes. The person couldn't tell what we did or didn't do. Kirk suggested he attend our next meeting as a way to enter in to the process. The minutes say generically what the sub-committees decide.

Public Comments:

Dave Lorrington at the Game Sub Committee mtg to make comments - noted the board heard a lot of testimony about non-res. falconry. Board discussed 5 permits for non-res. permits. 27 applied for 3 permits. One permit took one young bird. Most were breeders to improve gene pool and for sale. Asked the AC to maintain the status quo for now because of the small data set at this time. We only have one year of data out of 4 or 5 years to see how it is going now.

Anchorage Joint Board meeting.

Valerie went to one of the meetings in Anchorage and presented our views. The AJB meets again on Sunday. We could write down our comments & ideas.

The group discussed:

- We don't want any changes that decrease the public's input.
- We are not in favor of corporate sponsorship of Board meetings.
- We could save money by not having meetings in remote locations like Cordova
- Have one mtg a year in FBKs for BOF as required in the rules.
- Have mtgs that are cheaper, in locations that don't cost as much etc., evening sessions so public can attend.
- Investigate the use of Technology to have meetings. Largest cost being the venue.
- 5 year cycle to a 3 year cycle discussion.
- Talk about moving Board support out of Juneau. We don't need expensive locations...think outside the box to save money. Public testimony could be given at a larger location and deliberation located at a small sized location that costs less. Discussion of meeting location to hold down costs incurred by boards & AC's and sub-committee meetings.

Virgil: we need to decide what we are going to do Sunday at the Joint meeting - a menu of topics and things to look at.

-Eliminate rural meetings...reducing overall amount of meetings...Telephonic AC comments...eliminate annual cow moose authorizations...allow for email polling...eliminate charging a fee to submit proposals...look at things that the Boards can do with ADF&G...short term-long term approaches discussed - Check previous minutes for a full list of our comments and suggestions to use on Jan. 17.

Move: Accept the List of our Suggestions to the Board: unanimous yes

VIII. New Business:

Officer Elections:

Chair: Virgil Umphenour and Valerie Baxter nominated: 10-1 in favor for Virgil, he is elected Chair.

Vice Chair: Valerie Baxter nominated: Valerie is elected Vice Chair unanimous.

Motion to: Write letters to the Governor and Legislature and the Boards & Commissions to support Mike Kramer to the BOG.

Mike Tinker volunteered to write those letters.

AC voted 10-1 in favor of writing a letter of support for Mike Kramer.

Meeting Adjourned

**Fairbanks Advisory Committee
February 10th, 2016
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks**

- IX. Call to Order: 1848 by Vice Chair Valerie Baxter (the Chair was going to be late as he was attending the USFWS hearing on hunting restrictions on USFWS lands).
- X. Roll Call:
 - Members Present: Valerie Baxter, Lyle Shelnut, Kirk Schwalm, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow, Mike Kramer, Bill Larry, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Virgil Umphenour (arrived 2030)
 - Members Absent: Mike Tinker, Lee Hazen, Warren Giuchici, Glen Holt
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 - List of User Groups Present: Alaska Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Mark Richards
- XI. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- XII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/13/2016; Approved as amended; Bill Larry was present and the vote for letter of support for Kramer for BOG was not unanimous, it was 10-1.
- XIII. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young and Tony Hollis;
- XIV. Guests Present: Reed Morisky, BOF; Mark Richards, ABHA, Stuart Johnson, Leonard Jewkes
- XV. Old Business: None
- XVI. New Business:
- a. ADF&G Presentations – Tony Hollis and Don Young
 - i. Tony Hollis went over the antlerless hunts, population objectives, harvest statistics, and projected permit details for 2016-2017;
 - ii. The information presented was in reference to Proposal 124, the 20B antlerless reauthorization.
 - iii. Leonard Jewkes from the public commented that he would prefer that the part of Proposal 124 that pertained to the Salcha River be deleted.
 - b. Don Young
 - i. Don gave a presentation on 20A moose, in reference to the antlerless re-authorization and Proposal 123.
 - ii. Don also mentioned the Feasibility Study in regards to whether or not 20A should have an active predator control program based on the moose population (Proposal 137). After discussion amongst the committee members and Don, we all thought that maybe it would be for the best that the Population Objective be 10,000-15,000 moose and the Harvest Objective should be 500-900 moose.
 - c. Meeting locations for Fairbanks AC
 - i. Nissa wanted to discuss with the FAC the chance of reducing the costs of the AC meetings by moving to a different venue. It was discussed about moving to the Tanana Valley Sportsmens Assoc building, which might result in a \$50 saving. The AC thought perhaps we should talk to the new La Quinta management about keeping the meetings there, perhaps at a reduced cost.
 - d. Sheep Working Group Update report
 - i. Mike Kramer reported to the AC on how he thought the Sheep Working Group was going and whether or not the AC should continue to participate. All of the members that attended the most recent meeting in Fairbanks also gave their perspectives on what they thought about the group (Al Barrette, Virgil Umphenour, Valerie Baxter). It was decided that Kramer should continue to attend the working group meetings on behalf of the AC.
 - e. Virgil – gave an update on the AYK BOF meeting and their actions. He had a list of things he informed the committee on.
 - f. The AC next went over proposals for the upcoming Statewide BOG meeting. Results of those discussions and proposal votes follow in the table below.



- g. After the proposals, we hurriedly pointed out a couple of details from the USFWS meeting on the new Proposed Rule. The comment deadline will be extended and hopefully everyone will get a chance to weigh in.
 - h. There were a couple of notes on Legislative Bills to watch, a couple AC members will try and watch them and keep us updated.
- XVII. Meeting adjourned: 22:22

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee: Proposal Comments for the Statewide Board of Game Meeting, March 2016

The following are the votes of support, opposition, proposed amendments, and comments of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) to the proposals under consideration at the March 18-28, 2016, Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. It is to be noted that the full FAC considered and discussed a subset of these proposals at their meetings on January 13th, 2016 and February 10th, 2016, while the Game Subcommittee reviewed all of the proposals and drafted comments at their meetings on December 15th, 2015, and January 27th, 2016. The full FAC took up and considered Proposals 5, 6, 15, 21-26, 29, 34, 35, 47, 48, 53, 56, 63, 71, 73, 74, 82, 90, 103-105, 108, 110, 123-125, 130, and 137. The rest of the proposals were considered by the Game Subcommittee and the FAC voted to support and accept the recommendations of the subcommittee.

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BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
Support	11	0	
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Support	11	0	
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
Support	11	0	
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
TNA			
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Oppose	0	11	Didn't think it worked on upland birds. Kirk opposed to it for any birds. Also, for all the parts listed; thighs, legs, heart, liver etc. AC Consensus opposed this proposal.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
TNA			We determined to let the local AC affected by this to advise the BOG on this proposal.
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
Support	10	1	
BOG	8	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
Support	11	0	Agree with no light or beam projected.
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
Support	11	0	
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
TNA			Refer to Proposal #12 comments; we support the ADF&G proposal

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BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
TNA			See Proposal #12
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	11	0	We support the Department's proposal on crossbows; theirs is less technical and is better for users.
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
TNA			No recommendation
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
TNA			No recommendation
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows	
Oppose	3	8	Lyle Shellnut views no difference in the use of a crossbow and other bows in regard to the bow hunter education requirements. An alternative is to add cross bows in to the current bow hunter education class. You need to show a reason why you need to use a cross bow as in a physical disability using a cross bow in the archery season. After July 1 all archery hunters everywhere will need an IBEP. Encourage education voluntarily. Opposed: because it will be added to the bow hunting requirements.
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
TNA			See #15
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Oppose	11	0	
BOG	18	Prohibit the use of slingbows	
Amend	11	0	Amend the language to prohibit the use of slingbows for big game hunting.
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
Support	11	0	Better for Board to pass to retain some control of content. Legislative issue.
BOG	20	Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife	
TNA			Philosophic issue. We think, "time," is the most important component. Example is wait until the next morning after flying, this needs more discussion than available now to ACs and hunters.
BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	11	This modification would be completely unenforceable. AWT stated that there was one case in the Fall 2015 where someone was reportedly using an aircraft to spot sheep but it turned out to be unfounded. There was a comment that this really isn't a huge issue – the ability to be able to spot and/or judge sheep from the air and then be able to land and stalk that particular sheep is rare. There were no committee members in support of this modification.



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BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	11	This is the APHA proposal that seeks to modify the existing language to match the language that guides are already regulated by in 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8). It was noted that the loopholes that exist for guides in their regulation would be the same if this proposal was passed, i.e. the, "purpose of taking a specific animal," wording not prevent the use of aircraft to locate groups of animals.
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	8	1	This restriction is time consuming and costly to hunters.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	27	Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram	
oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change the legal ram bag limit to nine year old rams instead of 8 year olds. There was no support for this proposal, the discussion centered on the belief that the current regulation of full curl/8 years is sufficient, sustainable, and is having no negative biological impact. Current issues with sheep populations are thought to be more weather related, not harvest driven.
BOG	28	Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change up the seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. The committee felt that this scheme was overly complicated and unnecessary. It would be very burdensome on ADF&G and AWT to figure out and track what sheep hunters can and can't be hunting every year or in four years. There is debate on whether or not there is a lack of older rams in all areas and no data is presented to back up these suppositions.
BOG	29	Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep	
TNA			ADF&G should define.



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BOG	30	Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change non-resident bag limits for sheep to one in every four years. The discussion on this centered around whether or not non-residents who are successful hunt more than once or not. Joe Want presented data that indicated that it was rare that successful non-residents hunted more than once every five years and that unsuccessful non-residents hunted more than two years in a row. So it would seem that this proposal would have very little impact on the current situation.
BOG	31	Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal is to restrict receiving a drawing permit to once every three years for residents and non-residents for goats and sheep. The discussion included comments against the idea that permits would be only once every three years for all the hunts of that species, not just specific sheep or goat hunts. This was thought to be too restrictive and unnecessary. The system that ADF&G uses a formula that takes into account unused/unhunted permits in the number of offered. A system like this could result in a lower number of permits issued overall.
BOG	32	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to put all sheep hunting on drawing permit. No one supported this idea and the discussion was on whether or not a measure such as this is necessary or advisable. We rejected the logic that because all other states' sheep hunts are draws that Alaska should be too. The author also stated that residents would have a priority with this proposal and that is not true as it is written.
BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal changes resident and non-resident sheep seasons and divides the season up between these two groups. The proposal does not include or take into consideration subsistence users and hunts.
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
Oppose	1	8	This would be hard to implement, manage, and administer.

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BOG	35	Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names	
Oppose	0	9	This would be hard to implement, manage, and administer.
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	These proposals that seek to change sheep season lengths in one way or another. Many of these proposals have been considered by the AC multiple times before and have been rejected. There was a comment that several of these proposals would result in a loss of revenue to the state and to the guiding industry by eliminating whole time periods where guides are currently conducting hunts. Loss of revenue to the state would be from reduced license and tag sales.
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	39	Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	40	Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal is poorly written and it is unclear what the author is trying to propose.
BOG	41	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
Oppose	0	9	These proposals seek to allocate drawing permits by a percentage to non-residents, from 10% to 12% with a few other nuances such as whether or not all sheep hunts should go to draw or whether current harvest levels should be used to allocate the percentages. The AC has considered many of these proposals several times to date and have not supported the idea of allocating sheep by percentages between residents and non-residents.
BOG	42	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	43	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	44	Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	45	Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent	
Oppose	0	9	See #41

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BOG	46	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to establish an archery only sheep season. The discussion included opposition to any specialty weapon hunts, comments were made that bows can be used in all of the general sheep seasons, and there was opposition to the idea of not being able to carry scoped firearms for personal safety.
BOG	47	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5	
Support	6	3	This proposal seeks to establish a statewide youth sheep season in early August. There were comments both in opposition and support. In opposition, some members did not agree with the harvest counting against the adult's bag limit, it was pointed out that youth can hunt in the general season so why have a special season for only them, and there was disagreement with the author that there is a lack of full curl rams available. In support, there were comments that any opportunity to increase youth hunting should be supported as they are the future. There was also discussion that if an adult and youth choose to hunt in this special season, should they both be ineligible to hunt the regular season? Finally, there was discussion on whether the season should be a few days longer.
BOG	48	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide	
Amend	8	1	The FAC supports Option 1 only.
BOG	49	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas	
Support	9	0	This proposal seeks to change any bag limits statewide that include multiple sheep and/or ewes to be changed to rams only. The support was based on the idea that where there are conservation concerns, there should be male only harvest restrictions.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	11	We don't want to push protection to use of DNA or confiscation required for DNA. No need to use technology just because we can.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
Oppose	0	11	APHA sponsor. Before discussion, this needs to be limited to big game. As written it's all game. A resident hunter would have to give up his/her meat harvest opportunity. No benefit to FAC constituents. Part 2, a new subsection under 92.010(a). Many permit hunts are not open to NR. Is it the APHA's intent to allow this for any permit? Too many unknowns here.
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Oppose	0	11	Wildlife troopers end run (again) on replacing "reasonable" with "lawful". This attempt to make things always easy through definition makes it hard on hunters

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			trying to do the right thing. The term “reasonable” is found in the regulations over 50 times. This end run, removing “reasonable” would leave “lawful”. We recommend the Board amend by changing “remove reasonable” to “remove lawful”. Then there is no added burden on the hunter. We hope this concept, defeated by the Board in slightly different form in 2015, will be put to bed for at least a cycle.
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
Support	8	3	Wounding. Except for extreme cases of low populations, the wounding equals harvest should be removed. Should be an emergency situation. Harvest for food is Alaskan’s main target. There was some confusion on where this actually applies, is it statewide or just in Units 1-5? It was noted that some guides have this stipulation in their hunt contracts.
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
Oppose	0	11	Provide another “punishment” for minor violations by hunters. Question is why do we need this punishment? Enforcement wants everything to third decimal with no gray areas. Hunting just isn’t like that and they should know better. Proposer is suggesting an alternate to smashing the minor violations with legal hammers. This concept might work for a single species but doesn’t fit with Alaskan’s harvesting for food.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
Oppose	0	11	Bag limit for brown bears. The bear populations are too varied to consider this proposal on a statewide basis. I.e. there are Units with sparse populations and others with high populations. Present regulation allows for the difference.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Oppose	3	7	Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides. AWT. Another shot at adding detail to assist with violations at the expense of hunters trying to do the right thing. Refers to 92.990.26 which defines “edible meat” but includes the language “except a bear”. This concept needs a better thought out reason for any consideration. There was 1 abstention vote.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Oppose	0	11	Purchase and sale of game. (Brown bear). This would be hard to enforce and it’s not clear what the AC is trying to accomplish. If they are trying to get more bears killed, it might work. Shouldn’t be a statewide proposal, perhaps it could be a special consideration where needed. All two bear areas wouldn’t need it.
BOG	58	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	11	Chocolate as bear bait. We can’t imagine a situation where a bear hunter could afford enough chocolate to be a health hazard for bears.

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BOG	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
Amend	11	0	FAC proposal on use of liquids to keep non-biodegradables from the ground. Sub committee suggests amending by adding "or where it will not reach the ground" after (i).
BOG	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait
Oppose	0	11	Pike from S. Central in bear baits. This proposal is well intended but would be difficult to control. Pike are not identifiable by area. Don't want pike from other areas to be used for bait.
BOG	61		Allow the use of game as bait
Support	11	0	FAC proposal to clean language.
BOG	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
Oppose	0	11	See #59
BOG	63		Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required
Amend	11	0	Permit conditions for bear baiting hunters. Amend out the reference to GPS. It's not needed. Only a requirement for Latitude and Longitude should be required. Use the language in the Interior Antlerless Moose Drawing permits.
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
Oppose	0	11	Make harvest of brown bears over black bear baits legal statewide. There are conservation reasons for keeping this harvest restricted by region, or GMU. FAC does not see any advantage to making it statewide.
BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
Oppose	0	11	Salvage of brown bear meat. The meat should not be left in the field. Bear baiters seldom access their sites only on foot. No reason the meat should not be removed from the field.
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
TNA			The proposal points out the lack of Alaskan research on the transport of invasive organisms. If he is correct, and we're asking the department that question, the restriction is much ado about nothing. The problem in other regions does not automatically mean it is a problem here. Changing to hard soles may not be a huge safety problem but it is expensive. The Board needs to discuss the "research" question.
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
Oppose	0	11	Landowner permission to hunt or trap in a federal air right-of-way. Nearly all of the rights-of-way granted to the state at Statehood and all those developed since have very few places where previous to statehood owners have a land interest within the ROW. Private land owners outside the ROW do not even commonly mark their Property. The proposal to find and then get adjacent

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			landowner permission would be very hard to enforce, especially with trapping.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Oppose	0	11	Unbelievable that enforcement believes a hunter would shoot using a heat sensing device. It is our understanding that infrared reads temperature not size, shape, four brow tines, bull or cow, etc. Is the inference that these devices would be used at night? That's mostly illegal in the first place.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	11	Use of domestic dogs while hunting. This proposer is not familiar with the hunting dogs used for bear hunting, small game and birds. The issue of dogs infecting game is not anywhere near as common as wildlife infecting dogs. (Ask any dog musher.)
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	11	Restrict use of aircraft for all big game species. The intent of this proposal is covered by the waiting period after flying for big game species except dall sheep. Present paranoia over sheep hunting has the numerous dall sheep proposals for this meeting. This has problems in subsistence hunts and areas.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Amend	11	0	Assisting an "on the ground" hunter after being airborne. This concept should have been included in the original regulation restricting hunting after flying. It should be added now. Amend to add (H): except when in pursuit of wounded game."
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Amend	11	0	Black powder and cross bow use for bison hunts. FAC would like the Board to separate these means. The evidence that black powder rifles, especially the large calibers historically used for bison, should be approved. The use of crossbows for big game and dangerous game is less proven.
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
Oppose	0	11	High power air rifles. The FAC prefers the Board not approve air rifles of any kind for big game. They are commonly used for birds and small game. The fact that other states allow their use is not a reason for Alaska to approve their use for hunting in Alaskan conditions.

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BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Support	11	0	
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Support	11	0	Trap identification tags do not work, they are cumbersome and ineffective.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	11	This is not feasible in many vast areas of the state.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	11	This would not work in many areas; the definition of publicly maintained is very difficult and impossible when it comes to trails.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	11	0	This seems consistent with most in-water trapping practices.
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
Support	11	0	Attach locking tag "prior to leaving the kill site". Since the harvest tag must be marked as soon after the kill as possible, it would not be necessary to attach a locking tag immediately. This would benefit hunters and enforcement can still check the harvest tag.
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
Oppose	0	11	Not require harvest tickets where there are locking tags. Harvest tags, tickets by whatever name are common. Locking tags much less common. Let's stay with the requirement to "punch your tag".
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
Support	11	0	FAC - Substitute more common language to avoid hunters having more restrictive language than others.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Support	11	0	AOC is on track here. The example herds are the very ones where accurate harvest records are most important. The common use of extrapolated estimates of harvest do not give the accuracy needed for management. If rural hunters can file for their PFD on an annual basis, they can mark and report caribou harvest.
BOG	86	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep	
Support	11	0	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for sheep. This proposal states the detailed situation WHY the exception should not have ever occurred in the first place. Remove it.
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Support	11	0	Off road policy, limitations for "quality of experience". The Board has neglected the statutory requirements and wandered off into the warm and fuzzy arena of

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			assuming that efficient harvests are somehow lower quality experiences. The vast majority of hunters are harvesting for food. That is the quality, being successful.
BOG	88	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
TNA			FAC has no experience with this issue.
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TNA			FAC has no experience with this issue.
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
TNA			We recognize that there is a possible disease problem if domestic sheep mix with wild populations, but this concept is not within the Board's authority. This is another Lama issue. The Board could restrict sheep as pack animals but perhaps a better idea would be for the BOG to send a resolution to the Division of Agriculture asking them to look into possible restrictions.
BOG	91	Include cow in the definition of feral game	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	92	Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits	
Oppose	0	11	The Board just changed the non-resident regulations for falconers to "take" Alaskan birds. Year one of that regulation has not provided enough information to change the harvest at this time. We recommend the BOG policy be to wait the time period for review of the effects of this regulation. (Four more years.) At that time it may be appropriate to make changes.
BOG	93	For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season	
Oppose	0	11	See #92
BOG	94	Require the implementation of state wildlife plans before issuing permits for education or telemetry	
Support	0	11	The federal agencies have been running roughshod over our regulations. This action would rein them in a bit but still allow their research to continue.
BOG	95	Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to	
Support	0	11	Add "targeted" to the list of failure to report consequences. FAC considers this a housekeeping matter.
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not the time to take up this very complicated issue.
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BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
Oppose	0	11	Not the time to take up this very complicated issue.
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
TNA			The Board should look at the complimentary aspects between Commerce and F&G. However, this proposal may be premature in that analysis even though it's supported by the APHA.
BOG	100	Modify the provision of surplus permits	
Amend	11	0	Over the counter moose permits. Exp. Galena Management Area. This change to existing punctuation is not all that is needed. An Amendment INCLUDING 92.050(4)F is needed. The purpose of limiting next year's application is clear. Just because a hunter can take advantage of the situation does not qualify him or her to a moose every year. If there are not enough applicants or those willing to comply with the limitation, add those few moose to the population.
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
oppose	0	11	
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	11	
BOG	103	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information	
Support	11	0	Similar proposals from AOC and FAC. Adding a measurable effort is long overdue. There should be no criteria on Tier I permits.
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Support	11	0	See #103
BOG	105	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system	
Support	7		2 abstention votes. Work to make this more fair.
BOG	106	Provide for changes in hunt type (Tier I and Tier II) to occur during the regulatory cycle	
Support	9	0	This proposal seeks to provide for changes in hunt type for Tier I and II during the regulatory cycle. The subcommittee supports this proposal because ADF&G should have this ability and unless there is a biological emergency, changes should not be allowed to be applied for.
BOG	107	Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to establish a 10% allocation of drawing permits to nonresidents for several species. The subcommittee opposes this proposal because no one supports this allocation of drawing permits and the AC has

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			reviewed similar proposals many times.
BOG	108	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska Statute	
Oppose	1	8	In support, some members do not believe in mandatory guide required species at all and in opposition, some members felt that the system works fine for these specific areas. Also, nonresidents can apply, in the case of moose, for Units 21, 23, 24 for non-guided permits.
BOG	109	Add Units 7, 15, and 14C to the Seward Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
TNA			Not the Fairbanks AC area.
BOG	110	Add Units 13 and 16 to the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Oppose	3	5	1 abstain vote. There are concerns that the basis for these additions could be used to justify the ability to vote in many other antlerless areas too and sets a bad precedent.
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
TNA			
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
TNA			
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
TNA			
BOG	114	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench	
TNA			
BOG	115	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C	
TNA			
BOG	116	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 7 and 14C	
TNA			
BOG	117	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C	
TNA			
BOG	118	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C	
TNA			
BOG	119	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13	
TNA			
BOG	120	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 14A and 14B	
TNA			

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BOG	121	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B	
TNA			
BOG	122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A	
TNA			
BOG	123	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A	
Support	9	0	
BOG	124	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B	
Support	9	0	
BOG	125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D	
Support	9	0	
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
TNA			
BOG	127	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23	
TNA			
BOG	128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A	
TNA			
BOG	129	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region	
TNA			
BOG	130	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska	
Support	9	0	
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
TNA			
BOG	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls	
TNA			housekeeping
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
			housekeeping
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
TNA			No declared interest from FAC.
BOG	135	Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in the Remainder of Unit 22	
Support			
BOG	136	Establish winter draw and registration hunts for moose in Unit 16B	
TNA			
BOG	137	Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A	
Amend	9	0	We support this proposal with the following amendment: that the moose

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			population objective should be 10,000 to 15,000 and the harvest objective should be 500-900 moose.
BOG	138	Change nonresident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permit hunts	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to put all non-resident sheep harvest to drawing permit and would allocate up to 40% to non-residents. The opposition comments included that there is no biological issue when there is a full curl harvest strategy, even when there are potential issues with declining sheep populations. There was also discussion on whether or not overcrowding is real or perceived and how do we know or quantify that. The Kavalok report showed that there are more resident sheep hunters statewide than non-residents so that further restrictions of non-residents would be expected to have little impact on overcrowding. It was also mentioned that going to draw permits is detrimental to guides and state revenues.

Minutes Recorded By:

Glen Holt, Secretary; Mike Tinker, Game Subcommittee; Valerie Baxter, Vice Chair and Game Subcommittee Chair

Minutes Approved By: __Fairbanks AC_____

Date: _01/13/16 and 02/10/16_____

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December, 15, 2015
Islands & Oceans Visitor Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Phillip Jones, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates.
Members Absent: Joey Alred, Gary Sinnhuber, Hannah Heimbuch, Nancy Hilstrand.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Beaver Nelson
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Salinger, Jason Herreman, Carmen Field.
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
Doug Malone gave a review of the Sheep Working Group Meeting he attended where he represented the Homer AC. He said that 38 members of the public were in attendance as well as 3 BOG members. About \$200,000 has been spent on this working group. A facilitator went through the list of issues. Doug said the issue that surfaced as most important was hunter dissatisfaction, particularly competition between resident hunters and guides. About 70% of the guides are Alaskan residents. They charge \$15-29K for a guided hunt. But some of the nonresident hunters use next of kin for their guides. The next meeting is Jan 3-4. It is hoped a proposal will be available with time for public review before the BOG meeting.

The authors of Proposal 38 and 39 want to address the next Homer AC meeting.

Dave Lyon attended the Joint Board Meeting in Anchorage. He expressed the view, as did other AC's, that AC's are being underutilized. He didn't feel that much was accomplished.

Ty Gates read a letter from a friend who has a remote cabin on Kachemak Bay who has observed a substantial decrease in the local black bear population and thinks that hunting bag limits exceed what is sustainable. There was some discussion about managing for overall population as opposed to smaller areas that might experience too much pressure.

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BOG	2		Modify the definition of ATV
	0	12	The AC feels that this is a formula approach that will not work nor is it enforceable. Consideration should be given to modest increase in ATV weight limits since they have become larger and heavier.
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
	0	10, A-2	
BOG	6		Modify the definition of a moose antler
	8	3, A-1	The AC thinks there needs to be better clarification as to what amount to a spike and fork.
BOG	8		Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts
	0	12	
BOG	9		Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology
	10	0, A-2	
BOG	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
	11	A-1	This is a better proposal than #10.
BOG	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
	8	A-4	Crossbows should be included in hunter education courses.
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
	12		The AC wants to send a message that the BOG needs to change its approach to considering board generated proposals that haven't had proper public vetting. The first vote was 11 for with 1 abstain and then changed to 12 for based on reconsideration. There was some discussion about item #4 in the proposal.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
	9	1,2	It was felt that this clarification seemed to be more of a legal issue that needs to be worked out by ADF&G and Law.
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
	0		While this proposal may be well intended, the AC doesn't support it. It gives too much leniency to those who either don't follow or don't bother to read and understand the rules. It would also set a bad precedent of creating ambiguous criteria that would not only be confusing but invite those who tend to look for loopholes.
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Adjournment: 8:15

Next meeting will be the second Tuesday of Jan at the NERRS building starting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz _____

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon _____

Date: Dec 21, 2015 _____

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 12, 2016
NERRS Building

Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Tom Young, vice chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair), Joey Alfred, Phillip Jones, Hannah Heimbuch, Nancy Hilstrand.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman

Guests Present: Wes Humbyrd

Old Business: Doug said that further discussion on sheep proposals will be delayed until the next AC meeting.

New Business: Elections

Those whose term expired include Ty Gates, Hannah Heimbuch (alternate), Nancy Hillstrand, Phillip Jones, Dave Lyon, and Dennis Wade. All except Nancy Hillstrand were interested in being reelected. Nancy wasn't at the meeting but informed AC members she wasn't interested in being reelected. Wes Humbyrd, who was present, expressed interest in her position and was nominated. All were elected unanimously with Hannah serving as the alternate. Wes immediately sat in as an AC member.

Election of officers; Dave, Tom, and George were all interested in continuing in their positions, which was unanimously accepted by the committee.

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BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
Oppose	1	11,0	
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Support	11	0,1	This is consistent with other regulations.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Oppose	2	9,1	Allowing the sale of bear hides or skulls is incentive to hunt for money rather than sport or subsistence. Allowing commercial hunting is the antithesis of conservation and has often been attributed in the past to depleted game populations.
BOG	59	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	8,4	Hard to define what would be an intentional violation.
BOG	60	Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait	
Support	12	0,0	Amended to delete sentence in second paragraph "In Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used for bait." Amendment passed 12, 0. Northern pike is an invasive species in Units 7 and 15 and should be included in the intent of this proposal.
BOG	62	Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations	
Support	11	1,0	The vote against was because of opposition to bear baiting under any circumstances.
BOG	63	Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required	
Support	12	0,0	Need this clarification.
BOG	65	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations	
Oppose	4	7,1	
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
Oppose	2	9,1	Felt soles are prohibited for fishing which needs to also apply to hunting. It is unreasonable to think boots used for hunting won't be used fishing.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Support	10	0,2	
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	12,0	Too broad. Would not allow use of dogs by bird hunters.
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	11,1	Too ambiguous and question enforceability.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	12	0,0	Amendment; This regulation would not apply when the intent is to recover wounded game. When the hunter is attempting to recover wounded game an

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			effort must be made, if possible, to notify proper authorities of the situation. Amendment passed 12,0.
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
			Tabled
BOG	111		Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15
Support	12	0,0	Agree that because of logistics, Kalgin Island should be in 15.
BOG	118		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
Support	11	0,1	The Homer AC has consistently supported an antlerless moose hunt. The one abstention was because the person didn't think that current conditions justifies a cow hunt.
BOG	121		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B
Support	12	0,0	High population needs to be trimmed to protect habitat.

Adjournment: 9:00

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Tom Young

Date: 1-22-16

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 9, 2016
NERRS Building**

Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Joey Alred, Phillip Jones, Hannah Heimbuch, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates, Wes Humbyrd

Members Absent: Tom Young (vice chair)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Thomas McDonough

Guests Present: Dwayne Nustvold

Old Business: Doug Malone has been representing the Homer AC at the Sheep Working Group meetings. He pointed out the difficulty there has been, especially at the last meeting, to reach consensus among the 38 stakeholders. It looks like there won't be a proposal from this group in time for the next BOG meeting where they are expected to address a number of existing proposals. The Homer AC has deferred taking a position on any of these proposals until there was a consensus. But since that won't happen we decided to address these proposals at this meeting.

New Business:

Intensive Management -Thomas McDonough, ADF&G research biologist who has been studying moose in 15A & C for the past three years, gave us a review of his data. Thomas mentioned that the motivation for doing these studies was the Intensive Management decision by the BOG a couple of years ago for these two units. It was decided at the time not to proceed with any Intensive Management action in 15C until there is further study, but the BOG may revisit this issue at its next meeting in March.

Thomas outlined the differences between 15A and C. A is plagued with declining habitat capacity due to no major burns for decades, hence declining moose populations. On the other hand, C has a relatively stable moose population that is both healthy in terms of twinning rates, body fat, etc. and seems to be within their carrying capacity. The moose population in C is about at the BOG population objective. The harvest objective has also been near the BOG objective until three years ago when the spike-fork hunt was discontinued in order to improve an unhealthy bull:cow. The ratio has measurably improved since then and there is a now less restrictive hunt with higher harvest levels. Nevertheless, because the harvest level the past three years has been below BOG objectives, the BOG may want to consider initiating a wolf control program for 15C next winter.

This raised a lot of questions from the AC. If the current situation (healthy population that is within its carrying capacity and improving bull:cow), would a wolf control mandate be fixing something that

wasn't broken? Also, since it was a change in regulation for legal bulls that resulted in a lower harvest, how does that relate to wolf control? Concern was stated that a short term increase in population due to wolf control might be detrimental to the habitat (over browsing) which could result in the long term in less carrying capacity. Perhaps the harvest objective needs to change to match hunting regulations. The AC questioned why the BOG would reconsider and decide on this issue without any public review, particularly from the AC's. The Homer AC, as well as many others, have stated that significant decisions like this that can affect local hunting opportunity need to be preceded by local input.

Sheep Proposals

While the Homer AC has a fairly coherent position on all the sheep proposals submitted this year, we felt our position was fragmented by expressing it only in the BOG format. Consequently, Doug Malone who represented the Homer AC at the Sheep Working Group meetings was asked to provide a separate summary, which follows.

HOMER AC GENERAL CONSENSUS REGARDING SHEEP PROPOSALS

The following summarizes the Homer AC sentiment regarding the 2016 slate of sheep proposals (21-49, 138).

We support a high level resident priority in light of the ongoing population decline and social issues. This is well-supported by pg. 7 in the regulation book and its parent, AS 16.05.256, as well as Article 8 Sections 1-3 of Alaska's Constitution (note: "people" in Alaska's Constitution are implied to be residents of Alaska). With a continued, documented nonresident harvest of 40-65% of our rams, and continued unlimited nonresident opportunity, the resident hunters of Alaska feel disenfranchised and our statutory rights ignored by the Board and its manager ADFG. We urge the Board to take action on this issue and align with the other 15 sheep-bearing states to codify a 10% nonresident harvest cap on Dall's sheep. Proposal 39 is the logical first step in this direction, in our opinion. This will keep more sheep "on the mountain" and help build the population, while reducing user conflicts in the field.

The Homer AC supports and participates in the public process. We are therefore vehemently opposed to Board generated proposal #48 and the new law spawned from 2015 prop 207. Our sentiment is that the Board overstepped its own ACR policy in bringing 207 and 208 (48) in 2015, and is flabbergasted that they would pass such a measure against overwhelming public comment (even on such short notice), the advice of DOL, and comment from AST, to specifically target residents. We support proposals 21-26 repealing the new language from 5 AAC 92.085 and suggest instead addressing bad apple aircraft issues under the existing hunter harassment law or perhaps instituting a pilot education/ orientation requirement such as exists for GMU 23 and for statewide bear baiting. The Homer AC opposes proposal #48 and feels that a nonresident harvest guideline (60-80 rams=10%) and resultant reduced pressure would alleviate the social issues identified therein.

With all these sheep concerns on the table, we feel that adding additional hunts (youth, archery, "mulligan") is inadvisable at this time.

Doug Malone

Next Meeting March 8 at 6:00 PM at NERRS Bldg.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action A-abstain	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action A-abstain	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
Support	14	0	The AC supports clarification of definitions to assure that they are easy to understand and verify. The BOG might also consider an easier definition than that provided by recently amended ADFG proposal (lamb tip missing): "Broomed= 1" width within ½" of broken tip." 1 abstain
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
Support	14	0	An amendment to change the proposal from once every four years to once in a lifetime failed S-4, O-9, A-2. 1 abstain.
BOG	31		Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years
Oppose	0	15	See position on 30
BOG	32		Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts
Oppose	0	14	
BOG	33		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season
Oppose	0	15	See our summary.
BOG	34		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means
Oppose	0	15	See our summary.
BOG	35		Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names
Oppose	0	14	This is an unworkable idea that could split up a party or limit someone to a time slot that doesn't work for them. 1 abstain.
BOG	36		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	37		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	38		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	39		Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide
Support as Amended	15	0	What the Homer AC likes about this proposal is that it acknowledges that the first step in improving matters is gaining a comprehensive knowledge of sheep populations. Statewide harvest guidelines need to be the building block for all other regulations. Amendment to "Initiate nonresident harvest guidelines of not greater than 25% over the past three years" passed; S-13, O-0, A-2. Another amendment to delete the date in paragraph 2 passed; S-15, O-0, A-0. In review, we realize our amendment for guidelines not greater than 25% is inconsistent with our other positions favoring 10%. See our summary above for clarification.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action A-abstain	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Support as Amended	15	0	Amendment so that the Title paragraph reads "Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation to not more than 10% of the permits." This passed; S-15, O-0, A-0
BOG	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
No action			See our response on Proposal 41.
BOG	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
No action			See our response on Proposal 41.
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9
Oppose	1	12	Too broad of a proposal. Should not apply on a statewide basis 2 abstain.
BOG	47		Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5
Oppose	0	14	This creates a loophole that takes permits away under conditions where there is much more demand than supply. 1 abstain.
BOG	48		Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide
Oppose	0	15	The main reason the Homer AC opposes this is because it is a board generated proposal which in principal we are against.
BOG	49		Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas
Support	7	4	4 abstain.
BOG	53		Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
Oppose	0	15	This proposal is not consistent with hunter ethics and encourages irresponsible hunting practices.
BOG	138		Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep.
Oppose	7	7	There was uncertainty as to how this proposal fit in with all the other sheep proposals. But the discussion general favored a nonresident draw. 1 abstain.

Adjournment: 8:45

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair
Date: Feb, 14, 2016

**Juneau-Douglas AC
14 December 2015
University of Alaska Southeast**

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Ed Buyarski
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Mike Bethers, Chris Miller, Henry Webb, Atlin Daugherty, Kevin Maier, Richard Yamada, Jesse Ross, Kristine Trott, Ed Buyarski, Terry White, Thatcher Brouwer (via teleconference)
Members Absent: Jason Kolhase
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: amended, to include 79, 80, 27, 99, 101-102
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From N/A
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frances Leach (BDS), Jessalynn Rintala (BDS) Tom Schumaker (wildlife), Ryan Scott (wildlife)
- VI. Guests Present: Patricia Wherry, Michelle Anderson, Linda Shaw, Pat O'Brien, Pauline N. Srong, Logan Balstad, Jesse Walker, Shawn Williams
- VII. Elections: Chris Miller, Ed Buyarski, Richard Yamada and Jesse Ross were all re-elected to fill their seats until 2018. Logan Balstad was elected to the Sportfish/Hunting/Personal use seat until 2016. Nicholas Orr was voted in to the alternate seat until 2016. Jesse Walker was voted in to fill the Sportfish/Hunting/Personal use seat until 2017.
- VIII. Election of Officers: Ed Buyarski was voted in as chair. Atlin Daugherty was voted in as Vice-Chair. Kevin Maier was voted in as secretary.
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business: Discussion of budget issues. Frances will send follow-up e-mail.
- XI. Adjourn: 9:05 PM



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Support	11	3 abstentions	DISCUSSION: Henry Webb asks about the purpose of bow-only season. Richard Yamada asks: differences between crossbow and compound bow. Ed B describes that crossbows are easier to shoot. Mike Bethers adds that crossbows are often rigged with scopes. ADFG notes that there are ways to get medical exceptions to the restriction, unclear if ADFG will have a position.
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	14	0	DISCUSSION: ADFG supports this proposal. Logan Balstad asks about laser range finders built into the crossbow scopes. Kristine points out that this is a slippery slope.
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows ADFG will likely be neutral on this proposal. Ed B notes that there may be some expense to the state, in terms of additional instructor certification. 14 voted in favor.	
Support	14	0	
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
			No Action
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	14	Chris Miller: notes that the language "avoid" isn't as strict as "prohibited"
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	14	Atlin notes that: Sheep are coveted in the state, as a way to diminish pressure, proposal 207 disallowed using aircraft to spot animals. Atlin: speaks against the proposal, noting that villages near sheep spots preferred to retain the regulation, that it is enforceable.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	27	Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram	
Support	13	1 abstention	Atlin speaks to the proposal. Discussion about the biological impact.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	



Oppose	4	9 opposed (1 abstention)	Public comment: Michelle Anderson speaks against the proposal; Patricia O'Brien suggests it is targeted at Juneau, as IDs not required anywhere except for Juneau. Henry: Crab fishermen are required to tag all pots and report missing ones Kristine : note that this is a reasonable proposal.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	1	12 (1 abstention)	Michelle Anderson and Pat O'Brien (proposal authors): speak in favor of the proposal; note they are open to amendments. Atlin: speaks against the proposal, notes that 24-hour check-in is unrealistic. Jesse: notes that enforcement will be difficult, also creates unsafe conditions for trappers to check trap lines. General practice is to check a trap once a week. Notes, also, that wanton waste laws already speak to waste. Pat O'Brien: Gustavus requires traps to be checked every 72 hours. Jesse: notes that this might make sense on a road system, but not if trappers use skiffs. Atlin: expensive for trappers to check traps more frequently. Shawn (of the public) notes that if you have a regular day job, check-times less than a week will mean that sport trappers won't be able to participate.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose		13 (1 abstention)	Pat O'Brien (proposal co-author) speaks in favor of the proposal. Notes that hikers with dogs and pets are afraid to hike. Suggests it will impact 27 Alaskan communities (with a population of 1000 or more). Kristine : speaks in favor of the proposal, noting that trappers shouldn't be using trails. Logan: speaks in favor of community-oriented decisions, rather than statewide. Terry: Notes that 50 yards off the trail is reasonable and people and pets don't need to be 50 yards off the trail. Jesse (trapper) notes: that Juneau has restrictive trapping regulations already, speaks in favor of trapping education.
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
Oppose	1	13	Ed: gives general overview of point-system. ADFG Reps: Ryan Scott and Tom Schumaker suggest ADFG will be neutral, but note that there isn't \$ to implement a system.
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
			N/A based on action taken in 96
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
Support	13	1 abstention	
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
Oppose	0	14	
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	13 (1 abstention)	
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
Support	14	0	ADFG reps speak in favor of the proposal.
BOG	114	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench	
Support	14	0	

Adjournment: 9:05

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Maier

Minutes Approved By: JDAC Committee (Signed Ed Buyarski)

Date: January 25, 2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
1/5/2016
CIAA Building in Soldotna, AK

- I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 7pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chair, Mike Crawford-Sport Fish Guide; Michelle Williams-Hunting; Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set; Paul Shadura-Comm Fish; Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt; Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt; Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide; Dick Dykema-Trapping; Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift; Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence; Secretary, Will Lee-Personal Use
Members Absent Excused: Vice Chair Bob Ermold-At Large; Pegge Erkeneff-At Large;
Michael Hamrick- At Large
Members Absent: Hans Nordstrom-Alternate; Joe Thomas-At Large; Joe Cizek-Alternate
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present: 9
- VII. Old Business: Discussion about terms for the AC and board members term expiring early.
- VIII. New Business:
Discussion about setnet erosion issues statewide – but no need for the board to look into this as it does not directly affect the Kenai area

Board start with sheep hunting proposals starting with Proposal 21. After some discussion it was then brought to table Sheep Proposals till a later date so we could discuss these in more depth.

Joint Boards discussion about the board cycle – comment in favor for or against 5-year cycle for board of fish. Conversation tabled till next meeting.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
Oppose	0	10	This was a unanimous vote to oppose Proposal 1, as this would create more issues with the use of airboats and hovercraft that could potentially harm more habitat



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Oppose	0	10	Board did not like the no limit, but some did like the idea of increasing the weight limits with in some kind of factory standards, but would still like to preserve habitat and not create more land scaring issues
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
No Action			Moved to Table Proposal 3.
BOG	8	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
Support	9	1	Board in favor for efficiency, but one member against due to Pope&Young rules
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
Support	10	0	Board supports unanimously in favor for newer technology
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
No Action			Due to Support for Proposal 12
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	3	7	Majority felt this was an unfair advantage and did not fit the purpose for weapons restricted hunts
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	10	0	Board agreed with the modernizing of definition to support newer technology
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
Support	10	0	Unanimous vote as Kalgan island is very close and utilized by people from our area
BOG	118	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C	
Support	10	0	Board is concerned about moose numbers in the Unit & sub-unit 15C and would like to see the BOG proceed with caution
BOG	121	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B	
Support	10	0	Unanimous vote as the moose to Sq/mi is very high

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20PM

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Committee Vote
 Date: 01/11/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
1-11-2016
CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

- I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:30
- II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Present	Excused Absent	Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	x		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		x	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set	x		
Dick Dykema-Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	x		
Hans Nordstrom-Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	x		
Joe Cizek-Alternate			x
Joe Thomas-At Large	x		
Michael Hamrick- At Large		x	
Michelle Williams-Hunting		x	
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	x		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		x	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	x		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Discussion about Proposal 138 from public comment. Board has decided to wait on sheep proposals till something comes from the sheep working group.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/05/16
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present:3
- VII. Old Business:
Term Limits – Mike spoke to Glenn Height, has not returned comment to Mike. Was going to look into it further. Discussion on meeting from 11/19/14 on support of term limits with new documentation on current board members and term expiration.

Also discussion on Alternate seats for Commercial Fish and Sport Fish Alternates pertaining to total board member numbers, though this has not been a problem historically.

- VIII. New Business:
Dyer distributed booklet about commercial fishery economic analysis in the state. Continued talk about commercial fishing industry and expenditures by the state, going forward to look at taxation of the commercial fishing industry.

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CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

Break @ 8:07

Back @ 8:16

Open discussion about the BOF cycle moving to a different yearly meeting cycle. Due to state budget concerns.

Options to change from current status Quo on the BOF Cycle.

Option 1 – 0 support

Option 2 (4-year Cycle) – 6 members for

Pros – More biological data, Financial savings, Closes to Status Quo

Cons – Terms of BOF and AC Members to match cycles

Option 3 – 0 Support

Option 4 (5-year Cycle) – 4 Members

Pros - Maximum Financial, less redundancy, More Data, more science accountable to salmon cycles.

Concern: Petitions and ACRs for Emergency actions between meetings, possibility of having too long of a period on a bad decision, the ability of the governor to change a board in 1-term

Discussion about vetting process on proposals using the AC as a public forum to sort through proposals before they make it to the board. This would help limit the number of redundant proposals and proposals that are time wasting.

RC 006 Brought to the table – Talk about board generated proposal the change that needs to happen within the BOF. Table RC 006 Move to Proposal 19

Board unanimously decided that we would like to submit a PC to BOF statewide on RC 006.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
Support	8	0	2 abstain. Agree with the point, but the definition needs clarification and are not against the proposal but would like a more clear definition.
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Oppose	1	6	3 abstained votes; not enough knowledge, all game birds not equal. 1 in support for less want & waste. Opposed, proposal for taking all edible meat for all birds



Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

1-11-2016

CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			is excessive.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, this is more of a local issue than statewide
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, definition is standard for all scoring and is pretty standard
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows	
Oppose	0	9	1 abstain, general hunts allow any weapon
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
No Action			
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Support	9	0	1 abstain. Allow general hunts to follow rifle hunts with education needs.
BOG	18	Prohibit the use of slingbows	
Support	10	0	Unanimous, not a measurable lethal weapon
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
Support as Amended	10	0	Substitute language on proposal 19 with language from RC 006. Unanimously Supported as amended with substituted language.
BOG	88	Add sugar gliders to the clean list of animals legally recognized as pets	
oppose	4	5	1 abstain, invasive species
BOG	89	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
 Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai Advisory Committee
Date – 01/21/2016
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Mike Crawford @ 6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	X		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set	X		
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X arrived @ 7:10		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt			X
Joe Thomas-At Large	X		
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Public Comment – Sheep & Goat

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes from 04/08/2015 approved as amended unanimously

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present: 11

VII. Old Business:

Review of Meeting Minutes – Monte Roberts & Christine Brandt from 04/08/2015 – the elections terms are corrected for the meeting minutes for the following seats:
Amendments to the election terms from the 04/08/2015 meeting. Term dates are as follows:

CF – Christine Brandt – 6/18

SF Guide – Mike Crawford – 6/18

Subsistence – Andrew Carmichael – 6/18

At Large - Mike Hamrick – 6/18

At Large - Joe Thomas – 6/17

Personal Use - Will Lee – 6/16

CF Alternate - Todd Smith – 6/16

SF Guide Alternate – Jerry Strieby – 6/16

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Hunting - Michelle Williams – 6/18

Approval of meeting 04/08/2015 minute amendments – Motion: Christie Brandt Second: Joe Thomas

Meeting Minutes for 04/08/2015 approved as amended unanimously on

Motion to approve our election procedures and requirements – Paul Shadura/Monte Roberts

Unanimous consent for Chair Mike Crawford to sign and submit our Election Procedures & Composition requirements.

Discussion and importance for the need of alternate seats and how to keep the diversity of our Advisory committee balanced. Especially directly related to BOF and the fishing industry.

VIII. New Business: BOG proposals

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	1	8	Troopers spoke about the importance of enforcing this and how important this can expedite checking. Also important with Caribou and either sex hunts.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
Oppose	0	9	Rule would kill family style hunts and restrict resident hunt.
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Support as Amended	6	2	Jesse Bjorkman spoke about safety in salvaging animal; Motion to make an Amendment, changing the wording to include lawful (<i>A person who has wounded game shall make every reasonable and lawful effort to retrieve and salvage that game</i>). 2 oppose the amendment (Paul and Dick) Reasonable is still a loophole and open to interpretation. Adding lawful will help enforcement. 7 for the amendment 2 against. 1 abstention as amended
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
oppose	1	7	Jesse Bjorkman comment on how this proposal affects ethical vs unethical hunters. 1 abstained vote: doesn't want to make it statewide, but would like to keep it local.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
oppose	1	8	Against, would like to have more bears shot.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Support	9	0	
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
support	6	3	Opens the door to market of brown bear
BOG	58	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations	



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOG	59	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	7	2 abstentions – not comfortable with proposal
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
Oppose	0	9	Do not want to bring this back
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
Oppose	1	8	Opposed, due to support for Alaska Native
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Oppose	0	9	Unfair advantage unanimous consent
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	9	
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	9	unenforcable
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Oppose	0	9	No need for this regulation
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Support	8	0	1 abstention
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	9	Unrealistic in Alaska
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
Oppose	0	9	7 Guests here to discuss proposal 90. Tammy Briggs spoke about the total removal of Domestic Sheep and Goats off the clean list – JoAnn Daniels Spoke about the over reach of government in permitting. Diane Taplin spoke about Agenda 21; Kerry Buttler, will hurt 4H and Transportation between states will become more difficult if they are removed off the clean list. AC – To costly to police, is in the right direction but too restrictive, the idea of protecting wild sheep from domestic disease is important and should be closely monitored, but followed with best practice. State of Alaska is rugged and most domestic animals are not free ranged due to predation.

Next meeting Monday, January 25, 2016.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/25/2016
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:35

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence		X	
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large	X		X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Robert Begich here to talk about BOF Proposal

Also spoke about King forecasts for 2016. Early run King Salmon forecast is looking low, but they are hopefully trending back upward.

King counts for last fall was approximately 22,600.

King count determination for sonar days determinations. 3day of less than 1% of the season total or August 20th. Last year the total king count ran till August 20th to reach the approximate number of 22,600 kings. This is a total of 51 days of calmative counts.

Big Fish goal vs total King Salmon goal: analysis is being looked at. Hopefully out for public comment for 2017.

Management would be targeted for large fish, **with a target of 34" fish.**

Nothing New, this has been used in the SE and other areas.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: did not happen

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VI. Guests Present: 5

VII. Old Business: None

VIII.

New Business: Gary Fandrei from CIAA came to talk about BOF Proposal 203

Started on Board of Fish State Wide Proposals, ended at 8:40pm

Recess

Started on Board of Game State Wide Proposals at 8:50pm

[record minutes]

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Support as amended	9	0	Brought Back to the Table as Amended, unanimous vote to bring back to table. Re-voted as amended. Amendment as previously written A person who has wounded game shall make every reasonable and <u>LAWFUL</u> effort to retrieve and salvage that game. Trooper Paul McConnell spoke about the intent of the proposal as written and discussed with the board about how adding Lawful would help clarify the intent of the proposal. The idea is to allow salvage by any legal means.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	7	1	1 abstained, one against due to rules not meeting the need as he felt this was an exception and would be an overlap in regulation. Trooper Paul McConnell spoke about this proposal as well. with the intent of the proposal to help troopers enforce hunters aided by airborne personnel. This would allow people assisted on the ground to also be charged not just the pilots or those that are airborne.
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
Support as amended	8	1	Amendment – for two caribou but only one may be a bull voted on amendment 8 in support & 1 opposed for the amendment; Supported as amended, NOTE: prior to the amendment this proposal would have been opposed heavily by the board. Ted Spraker spoke about the Bull to Cow ratio and also about the history of the heard through the growth and demise of the overall heard numbers.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05pm, Next meeting not set, but will be in February 2016

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
2/11/2016
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Crawford @6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	X @ 7:45pm		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large			x
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		x	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large			x
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			x
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide			x
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large	X		
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee, Secretary-Personal Use	X		

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VII. Guests Present: 6

VIII. Old Business:

Kenai AC election process discussion: about term limits and number of total board members, plus the diversification of how the Kenai AC is comprised.

Conference call with Sherry Wright, so she can listen in on the AC to go over the election procedures.

Term Dates are still not resolved, AC is going to submit a letter of protest.

Need to provide a final draft of the election procedure for the Kenai AC to Sherry.

Break @ 8:15

IX. New Business:

Meeting reconvened @ 8:25pm

Robert Begich came to speak about king salmon projections: Forecast was sent out in email.

In river plan for both Kenai River and Kasilof Rivers

Kenai Early Run: escapement projection 5200

Start season with Fishery closed May 1st through June

July will continue to have fishing closed above the mouth of Slikok creek

Late run Projection is 30,0000

Kasilof River early season: Will restrict fishery by eliminating bait, hatchery fish and wild fish. Want to make sure they get enough fish for brood stock. 2 days of wild harvest by EO and hatchery will go back to allow 2. Will stay single hook no bait.

Kasilof juvenile king stocking has increased since 2014, approximately 150,000

Proposals – Trying to make regulations more simplified and make dates match more comprehensively.

Large fish goal – not enough time to get reports and information out till a future date. Analysis of new sonar data and report will should be done by Fall 2016.

Planning to return at next board meeting

Motion on Board of Fish Proposal 218

Member Pegge Erkeneff-At Large left meeting at 9:05pm

Motion on Board of Game Proposal 22

Statewide board of fish march 8th – 11th – Mike is going this meeting representing the AC
29th **Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish** - February 23rd – 29th – Paul is going to attend representing the AC

Statewide board of game March 18th – 28th - Andrew might be able to attend, will re-check at next meeting

Paul shares information about beluga whales in cook inlet and federal studies being done on beluga whales and possible restrictions that could be imposed.

Mike shares information about Meeting at 4:30 at Kenai Wildlife refuge about hunting on federal land.

Next Meeting on Thursday February 18th, 2016 at 6:30pm at CIAA

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	8	Long discussion about the merits of hunting sheep by spotting from airplane. Disruption to other hunters, harassing game animals by air, and ethics of this practice in correlation to fair chase. The current law has help level the playing field for the greater population without airplane access. The resident hunters that are affected by the current 207 proposals, are those who own airplanes which is in the minority population. The other group affected are non-resident hunters who are being guided, which this has had a great affect in non-resident harvest efficiency. We as a group oppose proposal 22.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
02-18-16
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

III. Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence			X
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large			X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish		X	
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee, Secretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/11/2016; 01/21/2016; 01/25/2016; 02/11/16

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich & Pat Sheilds

VII. Guests Present: 2

VIII. Old Business:

Election Procedures – still on hold, Mike and Paul will get together to get the two existing documents together.

Two week notice to ratify the election procedure and then a vote to approve the new current election procedures. Sometime around March 15th.

Mike spoke about the Tuesday meeting in regards to Refuge hunting and the possibility of losing access to federal lands.

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02-18-16
CIAA

IX. New Business:

Robert Begich & Pat Shields came and spoke about the in river king return. July 1st Run will be with bait to start the season. The management number of 22,500 is an in River Target in July. Bait is due to forecast projection above the mid-point

Sockeye is forecasted at 4.7 million for the Kenai out of the total Inlet forecast of 7.1 million. Management could become difficult if king run is weak and sockeye run is large again.

Management plan to open Commercial Sockeye in Kenai Section on July 11th is to front load the Kenai with Kings.

Heavy discussion about the Kasilof late run kings and the terminal fishery and how it has harmed the second run kings. Changing the terminal to a 600 foot restriction has had positive impact on sockeye with less king harvest.

Break 8:10

Meeting restart @ 8:20

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support	5	2	No real chance to pass, freedom to choose caliber
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	3	4	Caribou are a smaller game animal and a minimum caliber of .243 is unnecessary
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
support	4	3	Freedom of choice to choose weapon of caliber
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Support	7	0	The blackpowder cartridge has to meet the muzzleloader requirements and the crossbow needs to meet the bow and arrow restrictions.
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
No Action			
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
oppose	0	7	Reginal issue not a statewide issue
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	7	0	Clean up definition of underwater traps and snares

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CIAA

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
support	7	0	To relax the change of immediate need to place locking tag and sometimes it takes times to skin and animal
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
opposes	0	7	
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
No Action			This AC did not understand the total ramifications of the proposal.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Support	7	0	As amended by the department in comments
BOG	86	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep	
No Action			
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
oppose	2	5	Board of game should not determine what is quality of an outdoor experience.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 09:50pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 3/4/2016

**Kodiak Island Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 26, 2016
Kodiak Fish and Game Building**

I. **Call to Order:** 1:00 pm by Chairman Paul Chervenak

II. **Roll Call / Members Present:**

Chairman Paul Chervenak (Big game Guide/Outfitter),
Vice Chair Julie Kavanaugh (Undesignated Concerned Citizen)
Oliver Holms (Small Boat crab/Herring & salmon Seiner),
Ron J. Kavanaugh (Small Boat, Crab/ Herring/ Salmon),
Nate Rose (Alternate-Salmon seiner),
Patrick O'Donnell (for Curt Waters-Trawl Seat),
Rolan Ruoss (Transporter),
Conrad Peterson (Old Harbor/Akhiok subsistence)
Randy Swain for Andy Finke (Kodiak Subsistence)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8-achieved with 9

Members Absent:

Pete Hannah (Salmon Gill-Net South End),
Lou Dochtermann (Large Boat Crab) **Excused**
Kip Thomet (Salmon Gill-Net West Side) **Excused**
Tuck Bonney (Processor Seat)

III. **User Groups Present:** Subsistence, sport fishermen, commercial transporters,
commercial trawl, crab, salmon fishermen, big game guides, sport hunters

IV. **Staff Present:**

ADFG: Nate Svoboda, John Crye
USFWS: Ann Marie Larosa, Bill Pyle, Bill Leacock
Public Safety: Alan Jones, John Striefel

Guests Present or Online:

Dick Rohrer	Coral Chernoff
Larry Van Deale	Michael Johnson
Bob Mohway	Don Fox
Sam Rohrer	Sherry Wright (ADF&G Board support)
Cody Foster	Melissa Berns (Old harbor/Akhiok)

Dale Hall (Soldotna)
Al Cratty (Old Harbor)

Susan Boskofsky (Port Lions)

- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously after request of Julie Kavanaugh to add proposal 93 and request of Roland Rouss to add BOG transporter subcommittee meeting notes to the agenda
- VI. **Old Business:** None
- VII. **New Business:** Chairman Chervenak clarified committee elections, seats and terms.

Nominations and Elections for Open Advisory Seats:

Mellissa Burns for **Concerned Citizen** ending 2019
Jason Bunch for **Alternate** ending 2017
Nate Rose for **Alternate** ending 2017
Skylar Anderson for **Ouzinkie Community** ending 2018
Pete Hannah for **Undesignated South End Set net** ending 2019
Susan Buskofsky for **Port Lions Community** ending 2018
Kevin Atkins as **Port Lions Community alternate**
Julie Kavanaugh for **Undesignated Concerned Citizen** ending 2017
Roland Rouss for **Undesignated Transporter/Sportfish Charter** ending 2019
Andy Finke for **Kodiak Subsistence** ending 2019
Ron Kavanaugh for **Small boat crab/herring/salmon** ending 2019

Nominations passed unanimously and newly elected members took their seats.

Committee Officers nominated

Paul Chervenak to remain Chairman
Julie Kavanaugh to remain as Vice Chair
Jason Bunch to become Secretary

Nominations passed unanimously and newly elected members took their seats.

Department Updates

KNWR: Provided information regarding current ongoing studies by KNWR to include Salmon Availability for Brown Bear, Invasive Weeds, Bird population abundance, current Murre die-off within Kodiak Archipelago, Mtn. Goat Survey results, Bear aerial surveys, bear mortality results, Bear feeding characteristics as they pertain to landscape and fisheries, berry study, effects on Kodiak of proposals regarding regulation changes, KRAA

decision regarding restoration of nutrients to Karluk Lake. Discussion regarding KNWR continued support to replace Kodiak's Brown Bear Statue.

ADFG: Provided information regarding status of Kodiak Wildlife Populations to include Brown Bear, Deer, Elk, Goat, Caribou and Furbearers. Discussed possibility of future study on safer snaring methods, continued evaluation of Bear safety around town and status of bear collaring studies.

Proposal Review

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
OPPOSE	0	11	Unanimously opposed. Local Area biologists would like to see this regulation remain. Members feel this is a simplified and cost efficient method of proving sex when questioned. DNA analysis is costly with slow turn around. Members feel this requirement is a tool for Enforcement.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
NO ACTION	11	0	<p>Unanimously decided to take no action. APHA Representative explained reasoning behind proposal with regard to small business guiding concerns associated with increased number of nonresident accompanied applicants vs. the non-resident allocation these businesses rely on.</p> <p>Members agreed this is a blanket proposal which all are generally not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Members discussed possibility of amending this proposal to include only sheep. It was also agreed an allocation for nonresidents hunting with a second degree of kindred like Kodiak has for Brown Bear would be a better solution. Other potential problems are residents taking more than one 2nd degree kindred at a time; perhaps we should limit residents to one person/party per year/time.</p>



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	<p>Public Safety articulated reasoning. Members discussed concerns over terminology. Larry Van Deale explained history behind regulation. Julie Kavanaugh/Paul Chervenak suggest an amendment to proposal to read;</p> <p>A person who has wounded game shall make every LAWFUL effort OR USE OTHER MEANS AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT to retrieve and salvage that game. (The intention of amending this proposal is to provide additional tools to the department to aid in the recovery of animals)</p>
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Unanimously agreed to support ethical hunting regardless of ability to enforce. Members agreed this is a blanket proposal which all are generally not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Kodiak residents strongly support the current regulation regarding wounding loss counting as harvest for Bear and Elk within Unit 8. This regulation also supports Kodiak's Bear Management Program regarding Guided Hunting.</p>
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members agreed there were good aspects of this proposal; not penalizing for honest mistakes. There were significant concerns with potential increased harvest and possible abuse that would aid one-time trophy hunters to harvest a sublegal animal with no repercussion.</p>
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. In some areas Brown Bear resources are limited and there is a lot of desire. Other areas require a two bear bag limit due to biological concerns such as predator management. Members agreed with comments by Department.</p>



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
PASS	11	0	Members acknowledge this is a blanket proposal, which may affect other areas of the state. They feel this is a "housekeeping" type proposal with the best interest of good stewardship and ethics. This proposal does not affect Kodiak, as they have no meat salvage requirement.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members feel this sets a bad precedent. It is hard to distinguish where a bear is harvested within the state, potentially creating a "Legal" Black Market. Members discussed concern of increased poaching for profit. Regional Advisory Counsel is opposed to this concept.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
PASS	11	0	Public Safety addressed the reasoning behind this proposal as "house keeping" to further identify prohibited devices due to new technology. Members discussed safety concerns and potential for wounding game without recovery. Mellissa Burns noted it could be a useful tool for recovery only.
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members generally agreed this is the ethical way to operate. They discussed examples of how air taxi operators could unintentionally get into trouble with this regulation during standard flight operations. Members would like to see how 207 impacts hunter/airplane conflicts before adding more restrictions.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
OPPOSE	0	11	General concern regarding safety and unintentional take especially along habited roads and highways.



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BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members unanimously agree with Department comments. They unanimously agreed the use of harvest tickets do not create an additional burden to hunters.
BOG	92	Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits	
OPPOSE	0	11	Local Falconer Don Fox speaks on current regulations, permitting and use. He is in opposition. Dale Hall via conference call speaks on current regulations and is in opposition. He feels the newly defined permitting system only in use for a year is in its infancy and has room to grow within current regulations.
BOG	93	For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season	
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	1	Group discussion continued from proposal 92 furthering education of members concerning Falconry practices, regulations and use. Don Fox recommended an amendment to the proposal. After properly hearing the Amendment, Group decided to vote on supporting proposal as amended to read: 5 AAC 92.037 under paragraph g.5, up to 10 permits for taking, transporting or possessing a raptor for Falconry by a non resident shall be issued annually by the department. Of these 10 permits, only 5 may be issued for the taking of the large Falcons (ie, Peregrine and Gyr falcons) Members felt this amendment would provide additional tools to the department over the next three years due to the somewhat increasing niche of Falconry in Alaska. Roland Rouss opposed both proposals. He believed these regulations are in their infancy and need to be in place for another BOG cycle at which time if there is a problem it can be addressed then.



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BOG	95	Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to	
SUPPORT	11	0	The department provided history and definition of targeted permits for proposal. Members understand this is a housekeeping proposal for ADFG.
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE	0	11	Paul Chervenak provided general information regarding various point systems used by other states. Members are opposed to a preference style point system because it generally discriminates against new and youth hunters. Member of the audience provided insight from various state agencies regarding their prospective point systems-it is widely understood these states would like to remove the entire preference type drawing system.
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE	0	11	Paul Chervenak provided general information regarding various point systems used by other states. Members are opposed to a preference style point system because it generally discriminates against new and youth hunters. Members of the audience provided insight from various state agencies regarding their prospective point systems-it is widely understood these states would like to remove the entire preference type drawing system.
BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>The committee is against preference style drawing systems. See Comments on proposal 96 and 97.</p> <p>Members strongly support an idea based on a limited number of permits drawn by an individual per year.</p> <p>The committee is strongly opposed to a blanket 10 percent allocation to nonresidents statewide. See comments under proposal 101.</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
SUPPORT	11	0	The committee strongly supports the Guide Industry. They understand this will help solve the problem of permit application agencies and anti-hunting organizations flooding the draw process.
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Different areas within the state require different practices. For example, Kodiak requires a higher Mtn. Goat harvest-a ten percent allocation to non-residents would severely hamper the much needed harvest target.</p> <p>The committee strongly supports the current allocation for residents and non-resident drawing percentages.</p> <p>Bear Management on Kodiak has historically had an up to 40 percent nonresident allocation (since 1976), which is the baseline for historical baseline data. Changing the allocation would necessitate creation of an entire baseline data.</p> <p>Changing the percentage would radically increase sow harvest and impose a dramatic biological problem to Kodiak's Bear Management Program.</p> <p>Currently residents harvest sows at a rate of 35-50 percent of their total harvest. Guided non-residents harvest sows at a rate of 13-15 percent of their total harvest.</p> <p>Guided non-resident hunting on Kodiak is a multi-million dollar industry providing significant support to the Kodiak Island economy as well as ADF&G.</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members acknowledge this is a blanket proposal, which may affect other areas of the state. The committee supports the current allocation system for Kodiak.</p> <p>Second Degree of Kindred permit allocation is capped at 4 total permits and is 3-4 percent of the total RESIDENT permit allocation.</p> <p>Changing the percentage could increase sow harvest and impose a biological problem to Kodiak's Bear Management Program.</p> <p>Contrary to the proposers opinion that it wouldn't affect the guide industry...the committee believes it absolutely will.</p>
BOG	107	Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. See comments under proposal 101.
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
SUPPORT	7	1	<p>General discussion on current regulation and use. This proposal establishes a generally hunting season for cormorants in unit 8 (Kodiak).</p> <p>Minority-opinion was against allowing non-unit 8 state residents access to unit 8.</p> <p>The committee supported keeping a "no open season" for non-residents.</p>

Julie Kavanaugh made a motion to select Chairman Chervenak as the sole Minute Reviewer/Approver since the deadline for submittal is so close. Seconded by Jason Bunch. Approved unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn by Chairman Chervenak, Second by Jason Bunch. Approved Unanimously.

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Bunch
Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak
Date: 3/1/2016



**Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting
11/2/15
Alaska Technical Center**

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 pm by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chair), Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Victor Karmun, *Atamuk Shiedt*
Members Absent: Michael Kramer, Karmen Monigold, Michael Kramer, Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Introduction of guests: NPS WEAR – (Ken Adkisson, Marci Johnson, Hillary Robinson), USFWS Selawik Refuge – (Bill Carter, Susan Georgette), ADF&G Staff (Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Jim Menard), NANA Lands – (Lance Kramer) Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with addition of awards presentation under Old Business - unanimous approved.
- V. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 1/6/2015 – Motion to Approve minutes - unanimous approved.
- VI. Public comments or concerns: Lance Kramer detailed story of the NANA Lands Department working with the Red Dog Subsistence Committee and the community of Kivalina to implement a closed port road to allow first bunch of caribou to cross.

Old Business

- a. Update on caribou herd – Jim Dau discussed the caribou photo census and the reasons why they are unable to use to count caribou and the fact they can still use the collaring and cow mortality information to say something about herd status. He also stated that they will try to do another photo census in 2016.
 - b. Presentation of awards – Carmen Daggett presented Alex Whiting and Cyrus Harris with Excellence in Service awards bestowed by the BOG and BOF at their meeting last spring.
- VII. Elections:
- a. Three seats were open: Cyrus Harris, Karmun Monigold, and Enoch Sheidt were reelected to them through unanimous consent.
 - b. Elect member to sheep working group: Enoch Sheidt was elected and Mike Kramer was the alternate through unanimous consent.

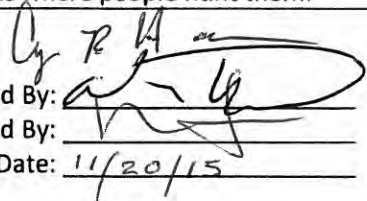


BOG or BOF	Prop osal Num ber	Proposal Description	
		Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Num ber Supp ort		
BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	The Kotzebue Sound AC submitted this proposal and continues to unanimously support its implementation. Allow people who infrequently use a rod and reel to catch subsistence fish, like herring in Kotzebue and trout in Kivalina to do so without needing a sport fish license.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Supported	5	0	Wondered how this would conflict with the Lacey Act.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Supported	5	0	Do not support using aircraft to be used in any manner to hunt with.
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Opposed	0	5	Many local hunters use smaller centerfire calibers than .243 at times which are effective because they use head shots and not heart shots.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Opposed	0	5	The majority of the local hunters use smaller centerfire calibers than .243 at times which are effective because they use head shots and not heart shots.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Opposed	0	5	Many local hunters use smaller centerfire calibers than .243 at times which are effective because they use head shots and not heart shots.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Opposed	0	5	It's not practical to check traps every 24 hours due to distances covered and weather conditions, in addition in many cases killer traps are used, or animals freeze to death shortly after being held in foot traps given the extreme temps.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Opposed	0	5	We have a lot of foxes in town which become a hazard in the spring.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Supported	5	0	I don't see a problem with this proposal. It is good to have clear regulations
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Opposed	0	5	Community harvest census is working good in the region and implementing such a change would threaten the loss of hunting privileges to people that need to hunt, given the consequences set up for reporting compliance in other regulations that are in effect. The ADF&G Kotzebue staff are comfortable with the type of information there are getting on local caribou harvests under the current system.



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BOG Opposed	104 0	5	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information There would be a lot of lost opportunity and confusion for people with this onerous set of reporting. Harvest census has been working in the region for all manner of species since at least the 1980's. This is unnecessary.
BOG Opposed	105 0	5	Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence Disagree with the premise put forth in proposal about how many days constitute a real subsistence hunter. 180 days is too many days to classify someone as a subsistence hunter. The current 70 days is sufficient.
BOG Support	127 5	0	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 Very low numbers are taken and no reason to not reauthorize.
BOG Support	131 5	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Fully support the continuation of this exemption, encourage bear harvest.
BOG Support	132 5	0	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls People continue to hunt snowy owls on occasion and the seasons proposed will accommodate this.
BOG Support	133 5	0	Modify the hunting season for cormorants No reason not to allow for continuation of this where people hunt them.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 11/20/15



Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Need to make the regulations the same as State so people are not confused and can hunt in the same manner throughout Unit 23 that has a majority of federal lands in it.

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Supported as amended: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments: There was a lot of discussion with reindeer herders and the people from Buckland who wanted to hunt later. We hashed this out last year and picked our dates. Bulls are rutting a lot later due to climate. It is good to support the RAC on merit. Motion to support the RAC, Seconded by Atamuk, Discussion: Would like to keep the state bag limit, and would like to make an exception for Buckland in the state dates, otherwise support making the federal and state dates the same.

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krusenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments:

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments: We should go through the motions every year to close this one down. Expresses concern over the potential future problem of opening the season if this were to go into effect, given the past history of difficulties encountered with the NPS on opening seasons in the past and the potential to have all new people working at the NPS during the time when it needs to be open and them being not clear or the history of the hunt. The NPS could not assure that difficulties would not arise in the future.

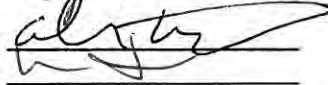
WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Adjournment: 9:18 pm

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 11/20/15

Koyukuk River Advisory Committee (KR-AC) Minuets,
Teleconference meeting February 23, 2016 at 12:00 PM
Called to address Board of Game State wide Proposals, for the
March 18-28, 2016 Fairbanks meeting

AC members on the call were, Jack Wholecheese, Darrel Vent, Shawn Huffman from Huslia,
Pollock and Andy Simon, Warner Burgman, from Allakaket,
Hugh Bifelt from Hughes,
Gary Hanchet from Bettles,
Jack Reakoff from Wiseman (Chair)
Quorum established

Others on the call:

AGF&G staff on the call, Glenn Stout AG, and Nissa Pilcher Boards Fairbanks
USFWS staff on the call, Jeremy Havner Koukuk/Nowitna/Inoko NWR-Galena,
Tina Moran, and Vince Mathews Kanuti NWR

Jack Reakoff Chair gave a report on progress of the BOG sub-committee Dall Sheep Work
Group(SWG). Lack of consensus after three meeting, Dec. 5&6 ANC, Jan. 30&31 FAI and Feb. 20&21 in
ANC, has not produced significant progress on a Dall Sheep Management Plan. Many participants in
the SWG expressed frustration at the lack of progress.

Glenn Stout gave current moose population status after intensive survey in Nov. 55calves:100cows,
good spring twin rates. Wolf Control 24B is in its last hunt in late March early April. Good yearling
recruitment of moose. Moose harvest was way up in GMU24 this past season. AC members have seen
several young moose killed by wolves.

Several AC members bring up the USFWS Proposed Rule to limit State regulation of Predator seasons
and means on Refuge lands. The KR-AC after discussing various concerns about continued enhanced
predator harvest as well as the proposed rules possible divergence from science, voted unanimously
to write a letter of comment. (Attached at the end) Jeremy Havener gave the phone number for the
Proposed Rule hearing in Galena on March 3, 2016.

The KR-AC took up took up some of the Statewide proposals for the BOG 3-18 through 28, 2016
Fairbanks meeting. With limited time members could remain on the call proposals were taken up by
importance to the KR-AC.

Proposals 22 through 26 were taken up as a block; Warner B. motioned to adopt, Darrel V. 2nd. All
five proposals were **unanimously opposed**. The sentiment of the AC was to support the current
sheep-spotting ban the BOG implemented under proposal 207. The AC members frown upon use of
aircraft to spot game in general and sheep in particular as resident hunter success rates decline.

Proposal 130 to reauthorized Brown bear tag fee exemption; Pollock S. motion to adopt, Shawn
Huffman 2nd. **Unanimously adopted**. Brown are under harvested in GMU 24, resident opportunity
to take Brown bears should not be limited.

Proposal 100; Gives Area Biologist flexibility to apply discretionary authority drawing permits in
GMU's 21B, C, D, and 24. Pollock S., motioned to adopt, Gary H. 2nd.
The AB Glenn Stout explained how this action would allow distribution of hunters to maintain the
Koyukuk moose plan bull: cow ratios. Proposal **unanimously adopted**.

Proposal 71; to clarify language regarding same day air-born hunting, to include a person may not be
assisted by a person who has been air-born in taking big game. Gary H. motioned to adopt, Darrel V.
2nd, Discussion about spotting and landing to tell a hunter, or pre-arranged circling of animals by air-
born individuals, to let ground hunter know where game is located. **Unanimously adopted**.



Proposal 72; to limit moose harvest to minimum caliber of .234, 6mm. Gary H. motioned to adopt, Warner B. 2nd. The .243, 6mm is considered absolute minimum caliber to take moose. Discussion about minimum calibers used which are typically .30 calibers or larger 30.30 etc. Also discussion about wound-loss using .223 for moose and the lost resource. Moose photos on Facebook that show moose in the water with semi-auto .223 and dead moose found that had been lost. It was a firm opinion that small calibers should not be used for moose. Moose have been killed with .22 long-rifle but it is not wise use to hunt with light arms. There was concern about not giving enough lead-time for hunters to get a .243> caliber by the fall hunt. An amendment to implement it after one year was attached to the motion. **Adopt with amendment unanimous.**

Proposal 85; to remove exception for harvest tickets for Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou for residents north of the Yukon. Motion to adopt Jack W., 2nd by Gary H. The AC discussed how registered hunters north of the Yukon have been sent a letter to account for caribou harvest. Larger bag limits for hunters are not accommodated for with the current harvest ticket/ report for hunters north of the Yukon. **Unanimously apposed.**

Proposals, 103& 104, taken as a block, Warner B. motion to adopt, Pollock S. 2nd, Proposed change to the current system would be onerous for many of the elders who speak their native language. There are also rural people that are not familiar with legal and burdensome language to comply with. The BOG in conjunction with the Subsistence Division can make the evaluation for determination of the communities or areas. Participants in any Tier I hunt should not be burdened with ensuring the 8 elements are observed. Elimination of qualified participants would be the result of this proposal if adopted. **Unanimously Apposed.**

Proposal 57, Allow the sale of Brown Bear hides or skulls. Motion to adopt with amendment to include GMU24 with one bear limit, Gary H. 2nd, by Huge B. The KR-AC discussed the desire to increase Brown bear harvest incentives in GMU24. The members of the Committee that are Koyukon stated they would not participate in sale of "Big Animal" parts, but felt that others should be able to. They have cultural reasons and taboos against such things with any bear. The Brown Bear population is growing larger in GMU24, and is under harvested at this time, especially in sub-units 24B,C, and D. **Adopted with amendment unanimously.**

The Area Biologist Glenn Stout covered for Department proposals that will be submitted to the BOG for Region III, that will affect GMU 24 in particular. The four proposal will affect access, Federal alignment, and registration hunt changes for specific Moose and Brown Bear hunts.

The KR-AC was asked by the chair for ideas for proposals for the Region III cycle. No ideas came forth as of yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Darrel V. and 2nd, by Hugh B.
Unanimous adjournment.

February 24, 2016

Koyukuk Advisory Committee to
Alaska Board of Game and Alaska
Board of Fish

Attn: FWS-R7-NWRS-2014-0005;
Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike,
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.
Comments on the Proposed Rule for Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and
Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

The Koyukuk River Advisory Committee is one of 84 advisory bodies that make recommendations to Alaska's Boards of Game and Fish. The Advisory Committees are recognized statutorily as also advisory to Federal Management regarding Federal Lands under Title VIII 805.(a)(2) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The Koyukuk River Advisory Committee is comprised of rural residents of Alaska in Game Management Unit 24.

On February 23, 2016 the Koyukuk River Advisory Committee (KRAC) met by teleconference to review game proposals, and other issues. Many members of the Committee were concerned with aspects of the USFWS Proposed rule regarding non-subsistence take. The Committee voted to submit comments on the proposed rule, docket number FWS-R7-NWRS-2014-0005, and appose the Proposed Rule as written, unanimously.

Moose, caribou and other pray species, as well as Black Bear are used as food by the people of the Koyukuk River.

During the meeting several of the KRAC members expressed concern that current State of Alaska predator harvest regulations would be precluded, arbitrarily without a scientific basis. Most members believe from personal experience, that predator harvest needs to be maintained for non-subsistence users under State of Alaska regulations, as well as rural subsistence uses.

A healthy balance of predator harvest of wolves and Brown Bears in the Koyukuk NWR and Kanuti NWR by rural subsistence, and non-subsistence is desired by the KRAC. Predator harvest is far below rural use amounts needed, and predator populations are at all time highs. Where as caribou and moose populations have declined dramatically over the past two decades.

The KRAC discussed the proposed rule allowing for future arbitrary regulation reductions by using primarily; biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health [BIDEH] criteria. The BIDEH language gives too much leeway to wildlife managers judgment and interpretation.

"sound professional judgment incorporates **field experience, knowledge of refuge resources**, refuge role within an ecosystem, applicable laws, and best available science including consultation with others both inside and outside the Service".

The high turn over rate for several Alaskan Refuges of field managers and staff has been a concern for some time. Lack of field experience and familiarity with predator-prey relationships in Alaska may lead to arbitrary decisions. Reliance on BIDEH as the directive for management decisions diverges away from the statutory mandate for science-based decisions found in ANILCA.

The enabling legislation for Alaskan Refuges gives clear direction to management of fish and wildlife resources in Title VIII of ANILCA PUBLIC LAW 96-487

"POLICY: SEC 802. It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress that—

(1) Consistent with sound management principles, and the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife, the utilization of the public lands in Alaska is to cause the

least adverse impact possible on rural residents who depend upon subsistence uses of the resources of such lands; ***consistent with management of fish and wildlife in accordance with recognized scientific principles*** and the purposes for each unit established, designated, or expanded by or pursuant to titles II through VII of this Act, the purpose of this title is to provide the opportunity for rural residents engaged in a subsistence way of life to do so;”

We feel that there should science-based harvest of predators within sustainability, by non-subsistence, and subsistence users. Balanced harvest of both prey and predators to maintain healthy populations of wildlife on Refuge lands is statutory and should be the main concern. State of Alaska predator harvest seasons, methods and means should be of little concern if predator populations are harvested at or below thresholds for scientifically established sustained yield.

The Koyukuk River Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rule.

Jack Reakoff KR-AC Chair

Lake Iliamna Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

I. Call to order, 9:06 AM

II. Roll call,, Randy Alvarez, Jim Tilly, Tim Anelon, Tinny Hedlund, Elijah Eknaty, George Alexie, Greg Anelon,,, absent Lyle Wilder, Joel Jocko, Bill Trefon

III. Approval of Agenda Tinny moves, Tim 2nds 7-0 approve

IV. ADF&G Staff Tim Sands,, Chris Peterson, Scott Quest, Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Dave Crowley

Guests Gayla Hosett, Molly Dishner, Chuck McCallum

V. Staff updates Due to cost cuts , Togiak tower, Nushagak Sonar, and Igushik counting will not be in operation for 2016.

The cost recovery system for enforcement is expected to be put out in March with estimated \$200-\$375 needed in 2016

VI. Newhalen seat election: Tim nominates Greg Anelon Tilly 2nd

Tinny moves to close Tim 2nd.

Greg Anelon seated with unanimous support

VII. New Business

I. Comments for Board of Fish *(Fisheries comments excerpted)*

2. Comments for Board of Game

prop 3 Tilly moves Randy 2nd opposed 0-6 the definition seems pretty straight forward as it is?

prop 5 Tilly moves to adopt Tim 2nd opposed 0-6 needless and not a very practical

prop 21-26 We blanketed these as 1 and support,,many reasons to support,,

prop 30 Tim moves Tilly 2nd,, support 6-0, long overdue,

prop 31 Tilly moves Tim 2nd,, support 6-0 similar to 30,, exclude goats discussed?

prop 50 Tilly moves Tim 2nd,, opposed 0-6 , this is a good rule and easy to do

prop 54 Tim moves, Greg 2nd,, opposed 6-0 There already is?

prop 57 Tim moves Tilly 2nd support 6-0 good idea, some people have village and predation hides stacking up, nice to be able to move them

prop 69 Tilly moves Tim 2nd , opposed 0-6 ,, doesn't make much sense!!

prop 70 Tilly moves Tim 2nd Opposed 0-6, caribou, sheep,, sometimes it's nice to know there is some game around

prop 72,73,74 Tim moves Greg 2nd opposed all, caliber restrictions,

prop 79 Tilly moves tim 2nd , opposed 0-6,, not realistic,

prop 129 Tim moves Tilly 2nd,, support 6-0 good idea,, about a zillion bears in Bristol Bay region,, big fish runs,, lots of 3 and 4 bear litters

prop 134 Tilly mones Greg 2nd , support 6-0,, 2 caribou either sex,, easier to deal with.

Minutes recorded by:

IAC,secretary J Tilly,PVY

1/31/2015

Minutes approve by: Randy Alvarez 2/8/16



Lower Kobuk AC Meeting
12/8/15
Kiana School
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 am by Raymond Stoney
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Raymond Stoney (Chair-Kiana), Glenn Miller (Kiana), Larry Westlake (Kiana), Lonnie Tebbits (Noorvik), Bill Zibell (Noorvik), and Wilbur Howarth Sr. (Noorvik)
Members Absent: Leonard Brown and Selawik Representative
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence Users and Trappers
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Motion to approve the minutes pending the corrections from the Upper Kobuk AC
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brenden Scanlon (Sport Fish), Brandon Saito (Wildlife), Carmen Daggett (Boards), Beth Miklow (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present: Marci Johnson NPS, Brendan Scanlon (ADF&G), and Ken Adkisson (NPS)
- VII. Old Business: Caribou Herd Update:
Raymond Stoney: Explains the knowledge of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd.
Glenn Miller: Expresses concern over golden eagle predation on calves.
Larry Westlake: Expresses ideas for increases in technology.
William Zibell: Inquires about an impression of the herd.
Brandon Saito: Explains Jim Dau's opinion, based on cow and calf survival.
William Zibell: Explains that the caribou were healthy and fat.
Glenn Miller: It seemed like the caribou were in large numbers and in good conditions.
- VIII. New Business:

Elections: Added Janice Richards onto the advisory committee pending her accepting the position, and re-elected Larry Westlake, Glenn Miller and Raymond Stoney onto the Lower Kobuk AC and to re-elect Raymond Stoney as the Chairman.

Raymond Stoney: Attended the sheep working group meeting and outlines a summary of the sheep working group meeting. There are very few young sheep versus adults. They are looking for a way from the working permits.

Wilbur Howarth: I would like to hear from the North Slope Area.

Carmen Daggett: Expresses that he could participate in the North Slope RAC meeting and the North Slope AC meeting if he wanted to.



Larry Westlake: I would like to comment on the caribou herd. Most of the herd in the Buckland and Deering area.

Glenn Miller: Suggests to have volunteers help with the caribou.

Larry Westlake: I think this would be a good idea.

Wilbur Howarth: Explains there is one spot by Noorvik where all of the caribou go through. It is not as easy to do fish.

Glenn Miller: I want to help.

Larry Westlake: My concern is our leaders, the count is not working, we need to get better cameras we need to try to fix these problems.

Wilbur Howarth: Discussion has occurred about limiting our caribou to a number of caribou per year, instead of per day.

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Proposal 141: Make rod and reel legal subsistence gear. Brendan Scanlon presents the proposal. Raymond Stoney: Explains about being glad to be using rod and reel. Larry Westlake: Our people used a hook and line all of our lives and didn't have a pole. We hooked fish using the hook and line. I would say that it is still a subsistence way of life. Lonnie Tebbits: Move to support proposal 141. Seconded by Larry Westlake. 6 Supported, 0 opposed

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: Walter Zuer Date: 12-18-15

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG Support	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
	6	0	<p>Wilbur Howarth Sr.: Inquires about increasing the brown bear bag limit to two.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains we have a lot of bears, and this bear problem becomes a moose problem. Explains wanting to allow proxy hunting for elders for brown bears.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: There has been a lack of berries, these past years and they have been a dangerous problem.</p> <p>Lonnie Tebbits: move to support</p> <p>Seconded by Wilbur.</p>
BOG Support	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
	6	0	<p>Glenn Miller: Discusses wanting to increase bears to two a year.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Explains the trophy statewide, here the black bear is good eating and prized and the brown bear is a nuisance and is a predator for caribou fawns.</p> <p>Wilbur Howarth Sr.: Doesn't want to see this sort of proposal passed, it is going to get out of hand.</p> <p>William Zibell: Most people don't like hunting bears and people don't know how to handle.</p> <p>Wilbur Howarth Sr: Explains you can eat and share black bear.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: The seasons for prime time hunting.</p> <p>William Zibell: I like the idea of allowing this.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains underground illegal hunting.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Motioned to support as amended: If it is tagged and handled right and with paperwork from a reputable furrier then maybe this is allowed.</p> <p>Proposal 57: un-amended:</p> <p>William Zibell: Explains that some of the amended information is already in the law. The furrier wants to handle it green, and won't commercial value.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains home tanning. Glenn withdraws the amendment and motions to support proposal 57.</p>
BOG Support	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
	5	1	<p>Glenn Miller: I agree with this.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: Inquires about dealing with a boat.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: Explains seems like this scenario might happen.</p> <p>William Zibell: Inquires about getting information inadvertently. I had</p>



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			<p>experience with hearing things from other people and someone getting in trouble. I am leery about it. I am going to oppose it myself.</p> <p>Lonnie Tebbits: I support this they have taken a lot of our game away from us because of this. The thing would be reporting.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Explains his point on the side of the hunter with the information.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Move to accept proposal 71 as written.</p> <p>Seconded by Bill Zibell</p>
BOG Opposed	72	0	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts</p> <p>Glenn Miller: I have seen people hunting with .2250. That is taking the hunter ability to make decisions on the ground. I don't want people telling me what decisions I should make. Different hunters have different ability, distance.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: We don't make long shots here so the distance is a big factor.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains different regions have different conditions.</p> <p>Motion to oppose proposals 72, 73, 74.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Ammo is hard to come by here. In the spring I carry a .2250 in the spring when I am trapping. Shot placement is the most important. That ammo is hard to get and it is expensive.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: I go for one shot and one kill. Caribou people use .223 because it is so cheap. The bigger caliber is going to ruin half of the meat.</p>
BOG Opposed	73	6	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts</p> <p>See comments proposal 72</p>
BOG Opposed	74	6	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts</p> <p>See comments proposal 72.</p>
BOG Opposed	79	6	<p>Require traps to be checked every 24 hours</p> <p>Bill Zibell: CRAZY.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: So if you have a set that is really far away.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: That is a lot of fuel every day, it would make trapping impossible. You are doing a 12-15 hour run in a day. You would have to keep doing the same thing over and over. Body grippers kill most of your animals are dead anyways.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: There is no way I could follow that.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains there are different types of traps, and the different patterns. I check snares and leg holds every day, but for conibear traps, I don't check them every day and it would ruin the scent area.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: Motion to oppose</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Seconded</p>



BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Support	6	0 I say we don't deal with this. This doesn't affect us. Wilbur: I thought about although we are at 700, I see people setting fox traps in town. Larry Westlake: They had a trapping class here in town a couple of years ago.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support	6	0 Glenn Miller: I have seen traps like this. We have a lot of beavers around here. Larry Westlake: Motion to support 81 Seconded by Bill Zibell.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
Opposed	6	0 Glenn Miller: We do enough paperwork in our lives. One of the reason we live out here because we are a freeman. Move to oppose 85. Seconded by Larry Westlake. Raymond Stoney: This is going to be difficult to go through
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Opposed	0	6 State opposes Larry Westlake: Move to oppose Seconded by Wilbur
BOG	105	Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
Opposed	0	6 Department opposes. William Zibell: Motions to oppose Larry Westlake: Seconds
BOG	127	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23
Support	6	0 Larry Westlake Moves to support Seconded by Glenn Miller
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	6	0 Glenn Miller: motion to support 131 Lonnie: Seconded
BOG	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
Support	6	0 Lonnie: Moved to support Seconded by Bill Zibell
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants
Support	6	0 Bill Zibell: Moved to support Seconded by Wilbur

Adjournment: 15:18

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
 Minutes Approved By: Wilbur Zibell Date: 12-18-15
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Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments: It is important to know the law. I like this proposal. I think you should always push in a good position to have a better shot instead of doing crazy things. You can be in a bad position.

Larry Westlake: Moved to support

Seconded by Bill Zibell

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Brandon Saito: Explains the differences between the state and federal side.

Larry Westlake: It is good to keep the state and federal the same.

Glenn Miller: Explains we wanted to support people in the Upper Kobuk.

Bill Zibell: Move to support

Seconded by Glenn Miller.

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krusenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Ken Adkisson: This hunt has been undersubscribed. Outlined the proposal.

Wilbur Howarth: Moved to support

Seconded by Lonnie.

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Ken Adkisson: Presents the proposal and explains details.

This would throw us in the mix if we wanted to apply for the musk ox permits. You can't go wrong with that.

Larry Westlake: This is something we want to support

Wilbur: Motion to support

Seconded by Glenn.

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support as amended: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Glenn Miller: The Lower Kobuk wants to amend with the State and Federal down to 5 caribou a day to show we are stewards of the country.

Seconded by Bill.



WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Larry Westlake: There has been a real decline in sheep we need to support the herd.

Glenn Miller: We are having better weather not that freeze thaw.

Raymond Stoney: Went to sheep working group meeting.

Ken Adkisson: Reviewed the proposal and the history behind the closing of the sheep hunts.

Wilbur Howarth: Motion to support

Seconded by Bill.

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Larry Westlake: I don't see any problem with this proposal.

Lonnie: Moved to support 16-61

Seconded by Larry

Adjournment: 15:18

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: W. H. Stoney Date: 12-18-15

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Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 12-13th, 2015
Bethel Long House

- I. Call to Order: Time: 10:45 am by James Charles
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Phillip Peter, Sr. (Akiachak), Willie Phillip (Tuluksak), Frank Berezkin (Oscarville), Jackson Williams Sr. (Akiak, Vice Chairman), James Charles (Tuntutuliak, Chairman), John Nicholas (Kasigluk), John Andrew (Kwethluk), Sandra Nicori (Kwethluk, Secretary), William "Charlie" Brown (Eek), Henry Tikiun Sr. (Atmautluak), Henry Parks (Nunapitchuk), Earl Samuelsen, Sr. (Napaskiak), Richard Larsen (Napasiak) Jacob Black (Napakiak)
Members Absent: Richard Larsen
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8, quorum established

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users, commercial fisherman, trappers, and hunters.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add Proposal 222 by proposal 97 to the discussion around Proposal 27.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 12/8/2014
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Phil Perry (Wildlife Conservation), Aaron Poetter (Commercial Fisheries-telephonic), Patrick Jones (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)
- VI. Guests Present:
Charles Enoch (KYUK), Jacob Black (Napakiak), Greg Rochizka, John Andrew (AVCP Bethel), Martin Nicolai (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Mark Cloward (Troopers), Brandon Forest (Troopers), Greg Roczika (ONC Bethel), Phillip Nicholas (Kasigluk)
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Administrative
 - i. Election of Officers
 1. Unanimous Consent: Chair: James Charles, Vice Chair Elected Phillip Peter, Sandra Nicori (Secretary)
 - ii. Election of Representatives
 1. Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries meeting
 - a. Nominated Main: James Charles, nominated alternate for Phillip Peter Sr.
 2. Statewide Board of Game Meeting
 - a. Nominated Main: James Charles
 3. Discussion of AC terms: Wants to have half of AC two year term and three year terms.



(Fisheries comments p. 2-4 excerpted)

BOF	105	Modify gear specifications to reduce king salmon harvest in the Kanektok and Arolik rivers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	5	Reduce king harvest in Kanektok and Arolik rivers. Earl Samuelson's comment was that he was not comfortable voting where we don't (?) have sports fishing. Vote was 8 yeas, 5 nays, proposal passed.
BOF	106	Extend the Nelson Island herring fishing district from Atrnak Point toward Cape Vancouver.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	5	Jackson Williams moved to adopt the proposal, seconded by Earl Samuelson. Question called, vote was 8 yeas, 5 nays, proposal passed.

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BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Support	13	0	John Andrew: 1 st Earl Samuelson: 2 nd This is similar to last year's proposal with the addition of bird legs and thighs. Present regulations is breast only but this one includes more parts. John W. Andrew moved to adopt this proposal and he was seconded by Earl Samuelson. Vote: 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Support	8	5	John Andrew: 1 st John Wasillie: 2 nd Discussion centered around trying to have an amendment to exempt Unit 18 from the bow hunter education requirements. Proposal is requiring certification for bow hunters, which, if passed, goes into effect next year for those born after January 1, 1986. There is one certified to teach classes in Bethel, if one passes the test, they will be required to carry the card on person by next fall. Vote: 8 yeas, 5 nays, proposal passed.
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
Oppose	1	12	Earl 1 st Phillip 2 nd Earl moved to adopt proposal and was seconded by Phillip Peter. Question called by Jackson Williams, vote: 1 yeas, 12 nays.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	4	9	People take dogs for safety reasons when they are out not just for hunting purposes. Prohibit hunting with a domestic dog. Jackson moved to adopt, seconded by Earl Samuelson, question called by Earl, vote: 4 yeas, 9 nays, did not pass.



BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	2	11	<p>-Young men in this area are trained to shoot with a 222, you can kill an animal with one shot if you are a good shot. Those guns are expensive. Sport hunters can use 223 as a minimum caliber.</p> <p>-I have taught my young kids to use from a young age but the choice weapon is .2250 for hunting caribou. It would be better if this law was steered towards sports hunters only, it would be like discriminating.</p> <p>- John W. Andrew moved to adopt the proposal, seconded by Earl. John W. Andrew- since childhood one uses a small gun and eventually moves on to the bigger ones as one gets older. Some testified against this because large game has been caught using a smaller caliber with one shot and killed the animal. Earl made move to oppose proposals.</p>
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	13	See comments on proposal 72
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	1	12	See comments on proposal 72
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Oppose	1	12	Earl Samuelson moved to adopt, seconded by John W. Andrew. Question called by Earl Samuelson – vote: 1 yeas, 12 nays, did not pass.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	5	8	Jackson Williams moved to adopt, seconded by Earl Samuelson.. Question called by Charlie Brown. Vote: 5 yeas, 8 nays, did not pass.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	13	<p>Phil Perry: There are about 300 foxes taken every year in Bethel city limits, helps avoid rabies transfer, between dogs and kids.</p> <p>There has been some controversy within the community of Bethel. There are about 5 villages that exceed 1,000 people or more in the area.</p> <p>Willie moved to adopt, seconded by Earl Samuelson. Question called by Earl, vote : zero yeas, 13 nays, did not pass.</p>
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
Support as Amended	13	0	<p>Would like to move non-resident season to a different time of the year.</p> <p>Earl inquiries about increasing number of moose take to three. Would like to parallel to federal regulations and move the dates to March 30th.</p> <p>Willie: 2nd</p>
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
Support	13	0	<p>Would like to move non-resident season to a different time of the year.</p> <p>Earl inquiries about increasing number of moose take to three.</p> <p>Willie: 2nd</p> <p>Jackson moved to adopt P # 126, seconded by Earl. Comment: we can amend if we want more moose hunting time allocated. Earl moved to amend for proposal to read from December 1 – March 31st. Question called by Willie Phillip. Vote : 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.</p>
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	13	0	John W. Andrew moved to adopt, seconded by Charlie Brown, Question called by Earl Samuelson, vote: 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.



BOG	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls	
Support	13	0	John W. Andrew moved to adopt Proposal # 132, seconded by Earl Samuelson. John W. Andrew moved to amend to include Proposal # 133 with Proposal # 132, seconded by Earl Samuelson. .Question called by John Wassillie. Votes for 132 and 133 : # 132 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed, # 133 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
Support	13	0	
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
Support	13	0	I am in favor because it allows the take of caribou in the fall and spring time. Jackson Williams moved to adopt Proposal # 134, seconded by Earl Samuelson. Question was asked about when the antlers are shed: for older bulls around the 1st of November, and the 1 to 3 year olds shed in December and January, and pregnant cows will not shed antlers. Earl asked ADF&G how the herd is doing and he answered that about half are in the Kilbuck Mountains area and the other half is in the Dillingham area. Question called by John W. Andrew, vote was 13 yeas, and zero nays for Proposal # 134, proposal passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Comments and Concerns:

Phillip Peter, Akiachak On the subject of caribous – I heard when they want to cross a river , and ADFG says one cannot shoot or hunt from a moving boat , then why does ADFG use blasters and other things to scare the caribou away?

Phillip Perry, Bethel, ADFG has not done or heard about it.

Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk, I have heard rumors about aircraft scaring away the game during Unit 18 moose hunting season.

Phillip Peter, Bethel, Maybe caribou crossing we are not purposely scaring away animals. We are not doing things on purpose.

Earl Samuelson, Napaskiak, he said that Napaskiak hunters have said that aircraft were scaring away animals. He asked if they wrote down the aircraft number, they replied no but they said the aircraft was red and white.

James Charles, Tuntutuliak, commented that in this day and age we can utilize our cell phones to take photos of aircraft doing that.

Charlie Brown, Eek, He had a question, and he asked if the moose count limit is reached, the answer was that once it is reached no people can no longer continue hunting.

Henry Tikiun, Atmau, the hunters should document the date time, location, aircraft number, etc., when the hunters get home.

John W. Andrew, Kwethluk, commented that aircraft harassment has been around a long time, 1980's, 1990's One incident that happened at Heart Lake and the North Fork Lake, he saw an aircraft herding caribou toward a lake, all these incidents and nothing is ever done about it.



John Nicholas, Kasigiuk, Are we going to continue following RULES for Fish and Game? Pretty soon, we will not be able to do either(?) I am against following rules (regulations) It will come to a point where we will not be able to hunt or fish. I am saying this on behalf of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jackson Williams, Aklak, I agree with our elder John Nicholas, elders back then said it will come to a point when we will not be able to freely subsist.

Earl Sameulsen: Explains would like to work on a proposal to get three moose on the Yukon. Would the AC be supportive on that item?

I would like to make a motion to add a proxy for the elder fishery in the Yukon management plan to be mentioned.

Jackson - we strive to hunt, gather and fish despite conservation methods especially for the chinooks.

John Wassilie - ...learning as we get more information and in the process becoming visually aware of our subsistence needs.

Henry Tikiun - We were taught at an early age to subsist but the young people now will have a different type of hardship when they start subsisting.

Phillip - Thanks to all, being able to use our first language makes the process easier. If we work as one, it will be an easier process. The younger generation may read and write in English but they will be able to carry on the traditional uses of subsisting.

Charlie - Working together in all phases makes the process easier. We may face hardships or get discouraged but working together makes the process easier.

Frank - I am very thankful.

Willie - We are working for the future generation.

John Nicholas - Keep up your good work. We won't always be around. "Keep up the good work". If all our traditional sayings were written down - WOW! I find one thing confusing though. I was issued a PID for fishing, hunting, and trapping card. I wanted to go fishing, they said no. I can't understand that. They issued it!

Earl - (I was busy doing record keeping or something, sorry)

Closing prayer was said by Jackson Williams. Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. by Chairman James Charles. Adjournment: 2:27 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Sandra Nicoli and Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: James Charles Date: 12-22-15

Minutes Approved By: John Williams Date: 12-18-15

Minutes Approved By: Earl Sameulsen Date: 12-18-15

Federal Proposals 13:02

a. WP16-43 Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)
Support 12 Oppose 1

Comments:

Earl Samuelson made a motion to adopt WP 16-43, seconded by Jackson Williams. Question called by Earl Samuelson, vote was 12 yeas, 1 nay, proposal passed.

b. WP16-33 Change customary and traditional use determination for caribou and moose (Unit 18)
Support 13 Oppose 0

Comments:

We support this we already worked on it.

Earl Samuelson made a motion to adopt WP16-33, seconded by John W. Andrew. Question called by Jackson Williams, vote was 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.

c. WP16-34 Hunting closure for all big game to non-Federal users (Unit 18)
Support 10 Oppose 3

Comments: I don't want to support or take no action.

Jackson Williams made a motion to adopt WP16-34, seconded by Earl Samuelson. John W. Andrew stated that this proposal was introduced last year and was started because of out-of-state sports hunters started hunting there. Tim Andrew, AVCP Bethel, ...was closed to federally qualified subsistence users. He recommended going either way voting yes or no, or taking no action. Question called by John W. Andrew, vote was 10 yeas, 3 nays, proposal passed.

d. WP16-35 Change in methods and means for black and brown bear (Unit 18)
Support 13 Oppose 0

Comments:

Use of artificial light to be allowed to aid in the harvesting of a bear at a den site in Unit 18. Earl Samuelson made a motion to adopt WP16-35, seconded by John W. Andrew. Martin Nicolai, KI Kwethluk, explained that someone else wrote up the proposal and since they were unable to be here to present, he introduced the proposal, but it will be beneficial to all in Unit 18. Phillip Peter said that artificial light is used when denning, and he said he was in favor of the proposal. Question called by Earl Samuelson, vote was 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Sandra Nicori and Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: James A. Chale Date: 12-22-15

Minutes Approved By: Sandra Nicori Date: 12-18-15

Minutes Approved By: John W. Andrew Date: 12-18-15

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at MTA building in Palmer 7 p.m. start time

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jehnifer Ehmann

AC Members Present (8 needed for quorum — quorum present): Andy Couch, Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Steve Bartelli, Birch Yuknis, Dave Young, Dan Montgomery, Israel Payton, Herman Griesse, Hans Nordstrom, Mel Groves, Tom Deland,

AC Members Absent: All Excused Mike Buirge, Jeff Tuttle, Randi Talvi, Joe Cizek

Public Present : Trooper Mike Johnson, ADF&G Tim Peltier, ADF&G Gino Del Frate, Neil DeWitt — Anchorage AC, Pete Probasco BOG member, Bill Folsom, Frank Newman — Anchorage AC, ADF&G Kevin Colson, ADF&G Todd Rinaldi, Steven Merrit - Frontiersman Reporter— Nick Steen, a few others

Persons to be heard: Nick Steen — Former ADF&G game biologist— submitted proposal 55, which would switch brown bear regulations to allow the harvest of brown bear every regulatory year — most of state is already one brown bear every year. This would simplify regulation, and Nick does not think brown bear harvest would rise significantly with this change. Of course he would like to see the AC support this proposal.

Bill Folsom left a submitted newspaper editorial by Craig Medred on AK fisheries article for the AC.

Neil DeWitt: mentioned that the Arctic & Western Caribou could not be surveyed again in 2015 as conditions were not ideal when the effort was made. It is believed the population declined again this year. There was high mortality rate of calves again this year. It was discussed that some type of overall hunter harvests should be recorded. Bears, wolves, and eagles were identified as taking a significant number of calves.

Hans Nordstrom — mentioned after the last meeting he wrote a letter to Glenn Haight (Board Support) concerning mention that the ADF&G Commissioner may considered Fish and Game Advisory Committees no longer necessary as mentioned in the AC's December 16, 2015 minutes. After a phone call from Glenn Haight, Hans was agreeable to talking with Commissioner Sam Cotten, and received a phone call from Commissioner Cotten and they were able to talk about the Commissioner's views of the Advisory Committee system. Take home message was Mr. Cotten did not see so opposed to the Advisory Committee system as had been communicated at our December 16 meeting.

Jehnifer Ehmann — presented a plaque to former Matanuska Valley AC member and chairman, Bill Folsom, for his years of service on the Advisory Committee.

Motion to Approve the Advisory Committee's Dec. 16, 2015 minutes — Amend minutes so: Proposal 202 vote 5-3-2 should — be listed as Failed. on page 3: Dan Montgomery mentioned there was only one public complaint to the Alaska State Troopers concerning violation of the proposal 207 regulation passed last winter. The incident was determined to be sightseeing and not a sheep hunting violation. Minutes approved as amended with no objection.

Motion to Approve Agenda Amendments: In other business before AC — discussion of Unit 14 A Antlerless moose tags. Discussion of Proposal 55 — since proposer is present — also to be considered during the other business portion of the meeting. Amended motion approved with no objection.

Action on Board of Game Proposals:

Thoughts on Sheep proposals — Since ADF&G is neutral on sheep proposals until after the sheep working group comments Israel Payton was suggesting that perhaps the AC should withhold comment until a later time. Dave Young felt we should take action on sheep proposals. Israel is not optimistic that the working group will have a lot of advice on sheep proposals — particularly consensus advise. Jehnifer felt as an AC we should continue to provide input on proposals following our regular process — if the AC puts off comment — then the AC may not have a time to comment, later. Gino Del Frate mentioned that ADF&G is working on more in depth comments to the proposals — hopefully to be available 60 days prior to the Board meeting. As Gino remembers most of the proposals are social or allocative in nature so most ADF&G positions will need to be neutral — on at least these aspects. What would the public like to see in relation to social and allocative perspectives of the proposals?

Motion to approve Proposal 21: Israel supports proposals 21 — with option 1 as preferred and option 2 as a secondary choice that would be better than what is currently on the books. Steve Bartelli opposes all proposals putting limits on aircraft use. Dan Montgomery (long time sheep hunting guide on our committee) states that you can not fly an aircraft through the mountains without seeing sheep — so aircraft users should be able to see sheep — just not buzz them or actually judge them. ADF&G position is that most of these sheep proposals are allocative. Steve Bartelli believes the big problem identified by hunters is overcrowding AND NOT THE USE OF AIRCRAFT. Hans asked if Trooper Johnson would comment on enforcement of aircraft sheep spotting regulations — it is hard to prove intent of the hunter so enforcement is extremely difficult. Motion failed 3-9 -0.

Proposal 22 —problem with this proposal is it would limit the regulation to the intent to harvest a specific sheep making enforcement of the regulation even more difficult. This language makes the regulation more agreeable to some hunters who might feel more comfortable harvesting animals after seeing them while flying. According to Dan Montgomery, he believes with this language, it would likely be impossible to enforce the regulation — this would take away the problem of seeing sheep while flying through the mountains. Dan favors this change. Motion failed 2-10-0.

Proposal 23 This proposal was submitted by the Matanuska Valley AC and plenty of members mentioned their support to this option. This proposal is written correctly and would repeal the offensive regulation. Last winter our AC meeting after the BOG passed proposal 207 was the largest attended of the entire season with the public overwhelmingly asking for repeal. Motion passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 24 — See Comments on proposal 23. Motion passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 25 — 1 opposed felt this is not as well written as proposal 22 and 23. See other comments for proposal 23. Motion passed 11-1-0.

Proposal 26 — members mentioned opposition to the 12 inch number requirement specifically for sheep hunting. It increases cost and its an FAA authority. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 27 — this is not a conservation issue, but only makes harvest more difficult. It would likely reduce legal harvest of sheep that would not reach the age of 9 years. This regulation would increase the portion of the population that produces less than average horns. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Andy Couch made a motion to identify repeal of the proposal 207 rule as the Matanuska Valley AC highest sheep regulation priority. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Motion passed 12-0-0. Mel Groves mentioned that flying is traditional access that should not be taken away. He also mentioned legislation that will likely be introduced by Representative Tilton.

Proposal 28 would make sheep hunting too complex and difficult. Some hunters like to hunt sheep every year. Harvesting legal rams is difficult already. Motion failed 0-12-0.

Proposal 29 — only lists the current definition of full curl and does not propose to change anything. There is no suggestion as to how the regulation would change. What would the committee be voting on if it approved this proposal? motion to table until time certain. when a clear proposal come forth. motion to table passed 10-2-0. opposed want to oppose a proposal that identifies no clear regulation change.

Proposal 30 would establish a nonresident sheep limit of one sheep every 4 years. Would restrict opportunity for nonresidents. Would take away financial impact of these hunters participating. If you are only giving out so many permits this does not reduce number of participants. Would likely reduce revenue to the state — from draw tag applications, sheep tags, license fees, and could also reduce revenue to guides and other businesses. Motion failed 4-8-0.

Proposal 31 would allow only the opportunity to draw a sheep or goat permit once every 3 years. Dan believes this might be an incentive to use a permit when drawn. If more people hunted would the number of permits need to be reduced. Hans opposed — if a person wins a drawing it is their business whether they go or not. Dave believes the department already knows how many animals are being taken for the number of permits given — so ADF&G issues an appropriate number of permits taking this factor into account. Weather can prevent a person from going sheep hunting or a work schedule that does not allow participation would prevent them from getting another opportunity. This proposal would reduce revenue from license and permit application sales. Motion failed 2-10-0.

Proposal 32 Birch believes if all Alaska sheep hunting was limited by permit then all Alaska sheep hunting could possibly end up as a limited subsistence opportunity. Hans opposes. Dan opposes. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 33 Too complex. Difficult regulations. Would at times give preferential opportunity to nonresidents. Would extend sheep season. Israel opposes the concept of paying more and then getting more opportunity. Motion failed 0-12-0.

Proposal 34 Motion failed 0-11-0 (one member stepped out). See Comments for proposal 33.

Proposal 35 Too complex and confusing for not much gain. Some people will not be able to hunt together early in the season simply because of their last names if this were adopted. The proposal attempts to get rid of crowding during the early portion of the season. The only way this works is if opportunity is reduced. Some people do not want to see opportunity reduced. Most of the harvest will still occur early in the season. Some drawing hunts are already restricted by season dates so this would need to apply only to general season hunt. Amendment to apply only to general hunts and not draw hunts . amendment fails 6-5-1 . Proposal as written failed 3-9-0.

Proposal 36 would create an exclusive resident hunting opportunity early in the season. Terry not a big fan of giving any priority to nonresidents over residents, but does not want to limit revenue at a time when state is hurting budget wise. Israel feels opposite he does not want to trade opportunity for cash. Steve does not like the flying regulation portion of this proposal. Mel feels this is primarily a whining proposal and will not vote in favor. Amendment to take out wording that “ The flying regulations required by the Board of Game’s proposal 207 will start for all parties on August 10.” Amendment passed 11-0-1. Dan opposes because the Brooks Range is really only a 20 day season because of weather restrictions. Dan says biological there is no reason to do this. Also if sheep guides are not allowed to guide during a portion of the season they very likely will hunt sheep instead — so the reduction in effort may not occur. Dave agrees with Dan’s position. Herman wonders how attorney’s and Federal subsistence boards might react to this proposal — specifically as it concerns subsistence priority. Dan does not see anything in the participant numbers that really show there is a crowding problem. Yes, he agrees some people would like to have the resource to themselves. Birch believes there may already be a conservation issue in the Brooks Range. Mel is not supporting. Amended motion passed 8- 3-1.

Proposal 37 Would create a 10 day early start sheep hunting opportunity for residents. The current draw hunts scheduled would not work very well for this. Some drawing hunts don’t allow a long enough season to do this. Hans likes 38 better. Motion failed 4-7-1.

Proposal 38 see comments for 36. Motion failed 6 - 5- 1.

Proposal 39 — Israel feels since AC supports 36 this would take away too much nonresident opportunity. Motion opposed 1-11-0.

Proposal 40 — No action due to lack of authority.

Proposal 41 — according to Israel if this proposal passed it would likely decrease nonresident sheep hunting by approximately 50%. Hans believes he spends plenty of money hunting— although as others mentioned not as much goes into the fish & Game Fund as nonresident hunters. Motion failed 0-11-1.

Proposal 42 — Not clear. In some permit hunts this could be an increased allocation for non residents rather than a reduction. Motion failed 0-12-0.

Proposal 43 — no Action lack of authority.

Other Business:

Andy Couch mentioned ADF&G might want to consider adjusting the numbers of 14 A antlerless moose permits back up to historic levels for those hunt areas located between the lower Little Susitna and Susitna Rivers. A few years ago, at the AC's request the Department had reduced the number of 14A antler less moose permits in this area in order to allow moose numbers to increase across the Susitna River in Unit 16B. Moose numbers, general season hunting, and any bull permit hunting have all increased in Unit 16B — therefore it may be a good time to return antler less moose permit hunting opportunity to former levels in the portion of Unit 14A between the lower Little Susitna and Susitna Rivers.

At 10:10 Jehnifer Ehmann made the decision to consider discussion of Proposal 55 at the next AC meeting on January 13

Member comments :

Dan will miss Jan 13 & 27 meetings.

Andy will be absent on Jan 13 & 27.

Birch will be gone on Jan 13

Terry Nininger will miss the Jan 27 meeting

Tom Deland wanted to once more thank Bill Folsom for his service on the AC.

Next Matanuska Valley AC meeting scheduled for January 13, 2016 at MTA in Palmer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 13, 2016
MTA Building, Palmer, Alaska

- I. Call to Order by Jehnifer Ehmann, Chairperson: 7:10 PM
- II. Roll Call: *Members Present:* (8 needed for quorum-quorum present): Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Steve Bartelli, Dave Young, Israel Payton, Hans Nordstrom, Mel Grove, Tom Deland, Mike Buirge, Joe Cizek, (Dave Young left at 8:45)

Members Absent and excused: Andy Couch, Dan Montgomery, Birch Yuknis, Randi Talvi, Jeff Tuttle, Herman Griesse

Public Present: Todd Rinaldi (ADFG), Kevin Olson (ADFG), Howard Delo (Proposal 14), Tim Pettier (ADFG), Frank Neumann (anchorage AC), Nick Steen (proposal 55), Eugene Carl Haberman, Joanie Nininger

- III. Approval of Agenda: Move to approve agenda by Dave, seconded Mel. Agenda is approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/6/2016 Motion to Approve-Mel-seconded Terry. To approve as amended-motion by Steve, seconded by Mel. Approved as amended.
- V. Persons To Be Heard:
Eugene Carl Haberman: There should be copies of the agenda and the proposals available at the meeting for anyone attending. At the Borough assembly meetings you have packets available; and they are also available on the website. Dave Young responds that the proposal books are available at the Palmer ADFG office. Most people come prepared to speak to the proposals. Jehn Ehmann notes she will address his concerns with Sherry Wright. The State does not provide us with copies of agendas, we have to provide them ourselves at our own cost. There are public notices of the AC meetings in the newspaper and it is also available online. Your feed back is appreciated but our meetings will remain status quo until we are directed otherwise by the Department of F&G or Sherry Wright.

- V. New Business:
Israel Payton: He would like to confirm the AC's positions on the sheep proposals that he can take forward to the sheep working group. The most important sheep issue is to repeal of 207. It seems to be AC's priority. The AC voted down all proposals that were overly complicated. The AC voted in favor of giving residents a 7-day head start on hunts. This would create a problem in the Brooks Range. The AC also is opposed to extending the season. Start season on the regular day; non residents 7 days later. Voted down going to a 90-10 allocation on hunts but supported going to a 90-10 for existing draw hunts. Israel doesn't feel there is actually overcrowding for hunting, although he has been displaced by others which he didn't like. Dave-there is limited access. Todd Rinaldi: nonresidents spend between \$ 10- 20,000 for a hunt. Joe doesn't have a problem with not paying 20 grand but they should be contained to 10%. Mel is against the whole head start program to begin with. It will also restrict Dept. revenues. Why not have residents pay \$ 400 to get a head start. Israel believes that the

majority of resident sheep hunters would like to see some type of offset to the perceived advantage that non-resident guided sheep hunters have, ie. head start, etc... Steve- there might be pilots available to fly sheep surveys.

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BOG	Proposal #	Proposal Description	
Support , Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
	3	2 OPP/ 4 Abstentions	Steve likes this proposal: it simplifies things. Hans: does this prohibit these vehicles on land? Mel is all for access at all times as long as it not in a controlled (restricted) use area. Mel supports.
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
	9	0-0	Mel asks if 5AAC 92 is under authority of ADFG? Todd Rinaldi: yes it is. Mel-weight is not an accurate criteria regarding what tears up trails. Joe-it appears that they just wanted to include new side by sides. Steve feels the Board should come up with a better method, i. e. lbs. per per square inch.
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
	TNA		Take no action.
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
	TNA		Members of the committee discussed this proposal at length. Some members wondered if it would be more appropriate for the BOG, Dept of Law, and Dept of safety to flush out appropriate terminology. Members opted to TNA
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
	0	9-0	
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
	9	0-0	Steve-it accounts for very small tines that can't be seen from a distance. Todd: this wouldn't be an issue on a large moose but would be on a spike fork.
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	

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	TNA		Hans-this is similar to #6 above. Todd: the reg is based on Boone and Crocket. Take no action.
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
	7	0 OPP/ 2 Abstentions	Howard-this proposal has some significance to crossbows for some older folks and women who can't draw a regular vertical bow. The disadvantage: it is very large, (3'X3') to drag through the brush. Now you can get a disability permit to use a cross bow. It is another type of hunting tool that is not currently available to use in some hunts-it is merely adding the crossbow. There is no real difference in the practicality in the vertical bow and a crossbow. Hans: is there a difference in range? Howard: not really-the maximum range is about 40 yards on both the compound bow and the crossbow. One distinct disadvantage: it takes 7 times longer to reload. Steve thinks it is a great idea. Israel: it doesn't address hunter education (i.e. card certification). Todd: he personally feels OK with it. Other biologists want to look over the proposal.
BOG	44	Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents	
	7	3-0	Israel:-Dept. already has special percent provisions for Dall sheep in most areas. Joe: he doesn't have a problem with it. Mel: doesn't think this is specific enough. Mel will not take it by hearsay-he would like to see the data. Todd: 14c NE gets 6 tags; in Eagle River residents have 7, nonresidents 1. Eklutna is 24 & 1. Mel: he will not support. Steve: over the last several years when dealing with sheep issues that are allocative this 90-10 ratio is what has happened. Israel: 90-10 seems more than fair, and is only specific to the draw tags, not the general season. Todd: they usually issue more permits than animals harvested. Mel: what is the Department's opinion. Todd: it is allocative so no opinion. Mel: how would this proposal change anything? Todd: it would only effect 13D as far as he knows.
BOG	45	Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent	
	0	9-1	Israel: he feels this is a mirror of the proposal 44. Hans likes 44 better.
BOG	46	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1-9	



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Support , Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	0	9-1	Mike is opposed. Hans: there is opportunity for bow hunters later in the season-he is not in favor of it either. Mel: it does spread out the hunting pressure. Between 2010-2014 3700 sheep hunted, only 2% were taken by bow hunters. Jehn is not in support, this may provide an incentive for those who are not practiced or interested in archery hunting to take it up because of the early season advantage. Especially given the contentious nature sheep hunting is subject too currently.
BOG	47	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1-5	
	2	7 OPP / 1 Abstention	Israel supports this proposal. The Board is directed that they shall support youth hunts "encouraging adults to take kids hunting". Joe is in favor of it if only for Alaskan residents. Mike: they are adding days to the season so he is in opposition. Steve will not support; way too many opportunities for abuse. It could run sheep completely out of the Valley prior to the main hunt. Israel: the actual crowding and pressure is actually going down in Unit 14. Dave would like to see but doesn't it extend the season? Jehn will not be in support of this proposal. She does support children being provided with opportunities to fish and hunt. However some hunts and game species may provide a more appropriate introduction to hunting and more enjoyable experience. She gave examples such as small game hunting, or a less rigorous/contentious hunt like certain moose or caribou hunts may provide. This might be an incentive for adults to abuse this opportunity given the current contentious nature of sheep hunting. Adults wishing to provide children this opportunity can still do so during regular time periods.
BOG	48	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide	
	0	10-0	Israel will not support this proposal because of way too many options. Mel agrees, it should have been broken up, and also because it comes directly from the Board so he can't support it.
BOG	49	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas	

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	10	0-0	Steve: he would like to hear from the Dept. Todd: he doesn't see any of these areas as a conservation issue. In light of that Steve will be opposed. Steve also notes that it paints with too wide a swath of the brush. Mel: the Dept. needs to show a decrease in the trend. When will the survey be done? Does Dept. have the leeway to respond to trends? Todd: Most sheep & goat managers would not shut down a hunt based on just one survey. Todd's 7 crews operate on a 3-year average. Most areas in the Chugach are surveyed yearly. They will go back to 14A next year. Hans won't have a problem with it because these are primarily winter hunts. Israel supports 49. Joe will support this-he has lived in villages where he has seen abuse.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
	5	2-2	Nick Steen: when he was working for ADFG this was a big problem: when could a person take a second brown bear? It seems foolish to have a rule that has more exemptions than the regular rule. It would make things a lot clearer and there wouldn't be any shortage of brown bears in the State of Alaska. Israel is not in support-there is a reason that we have so many management units in the state. He thinks the area managers are doing a good job. Steve: is there any biological or conservation issues? Todd: maybe. Israel would not want to see the Alaskan Peninsula go to the Kodiak model. Joe: is the quality of trophy for bears going downhill? Israel doesn't believe it is going down in quality. Nick: the Susan Miller hunter survey says less than 10% of hunters would come for a second bear after taking one. Mel agrees-keep it a simple regulation. It is not going to increase the hunt numbers and the guides can only take in so many hunters. Israel: outfitters will definitely push clients to hunt every year. Nick: a guide can only hire so many assistant guides. Steve supports, he would like to see it simplified and he doesn't think it has a conservation issue. Todd: the Dept. will be opposed to this. Tim Pettier: he doesn't see there is a conservation issue. Todd: if there was a conservation issue the Dept. would just override it.
BOG	138	Change nonresident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permit hunts	

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Support , Support as Amende d, Oppose, No Action	Numbe r Support t	Numb er Oppos e	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	0	7-3	Proposal 138: Israel will be opposed. Steve: what is the down side (specific to non residents)? Would it cap nonresident hunters? Per Israel, Mark Richards wrote this proposal because the guide concession program failed. Guides are opposed because they can't make a living on a draw. Steve: from a resource management perspective it would be easier to manage. Hans: it might work on some of the crowding- a person would be forced to pick the area they are going to hunt. Total sheep taken by residents: 55%, 45% nonresidents statewide. Mike feels it is very ambiguous-not clearly written. Israel: Mark Richards is on the working group.

Other business for the AC:

Jehn: We will *table time certain*, for the next meeting, those agenda proposals that we didn't get to this meeting.

Member Comments:

Mel: he is going to the oral arguments on the John Sturgeon case at the U.S. Supreme Court next week.

Todd: they had the 1st targeted hunt this week-about 11 hunters went out. Todd is considering a targeted hunt in 14 B and will likely be for any moose. Moose vehicle collisions are up this year-about 35 % above the typical average. Moose vehicle collisions have been up since July. We have had mild winters, so moose are not restricted by snow: they are just moving around everywhere.

Steve: in a prior meeting he abstained from a vote and afterward was chastised for not voting. He would encourage AC members to try to have an opinion and vote.

Joe: Wednesday is a hard day of the week for a meeting. Jehn notes that meeting day selection have always been what the majority has wanted.

Mike will be gone on the 27th.

Terry will be gone the 27th.

Next meeting is on 1/27/16 at the Palmer MTA Building at 7 PM.

Adjournment: 9:53 PM

Minutes taken by Terry Nininger

Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/27/16
MTA Palmer

- I. Call to Order: Jehnifer Ehmann 7:04 pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Mel Grove, Steve Bartelli, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Tom DeLand, Herman Griesse, Birch Yuknis, Joe Cizek.

Members Absent Excused: Dan Montgomery, Andy Couch, Mike Buirge, Israel Payton, Terry Nininger, Jeff Tuttle, Randy Talvi.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 Quorum Met with 9 Members present.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion Dave, 2nd Mel. No Objections.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/13/16 Meeting Minutes Approved. Herman Motion, Mel 2nd. No objections.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier, Todd Rinaldi, ATW John Cyr.
- VI. Guests Present: Neil DeWitt, Jason Perrego, Jack Frost - Alaska Bowhunters Association
- VII. Persons to be heard: Jason Perrego - A lot of the public lake access around the Matsu are like goat trails they are not developed ramps. Interested in ramp upgrades. States only Finger Lake, Big Lake, Nancy Lake have suitable paved ramps . More people may fish in valley if ramps are improved. 50% people may support this idea / 50% would not support. West beaver lake 1/4 back up to get into lake. Conflicts with users and land owners. Memory, cottonwood lake gate operation is not consistent. Access is restricted. If state funds are used to stock the lake then access should be guaranteed.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Motion to approve the agenda. 2nd. No objections. No amendments. The agenda is approved.

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BOG	#	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	8 **	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
Support as Amended	9	0	Mel agrees with proposal, make it all the same either one or the other whether you are in a restricted or nonrestricted area. Improves a guys accuracy less chance of wounding an animal. Dave and dept staff clarified you cannot use lighted sites. Herman concern in some states that it may promote taking a shot in lower light when you cannot see kill zone. Especially hunting black bears at night might benefit shooter to be more accurate does not have feeling one way or another. Steve would like to support has archery hunted. Most of game is spotted first or last light and supports if it improves accuracy to where you are not wounding animals. Not projecting light not magnifying image still primitive. Mel supports it being general and restricted weapons. Dave would make enforcement easier Dave supports this proposal. Joe makes a motion to amend this proposal to apply to general season and weapons restricted as the Department recommended in their comments. Mel 2nd. Amendment is supported vote 9-0-0. Will vote on Amended Proposal.
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
Support	7	2	<p>Guest - Jack introduced himself and states he is Legislative VP of Alaska Bowhunter Association. Brought list of Alaska Bow Hunter Proposals to be distributed. Will be available for questions throughout meeting.</p> <p>Dave broad heads have changed and this proposal is an attempt to keep up with that advance in technology. Supports.</p> <p>Steve concurs with dave and supports liberalization especially when the department supports it.</p> <p>Jack - knows which broad head is being referred too in this proposal. Is concerned that the department has been sucked in by manufacturer.</p> <p>Herman- Shares the opinion multitude of broad heads available. They should be able to design something that meets larger standard. Doesn't see any reason to change regulation.</p> <p>Steve- Sees this as a mistake that a novice archer could easily make when purchasing at a store.</p> <p>Joe - Technology has improved understands why this was written. Thinks we need to allow. Supports.</p>

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
Oppose	0	9	<p>Steve is wondering if AC should TNA and see 12. Birch supports taking no action.</p> <p>Herman: concerned thinks 150 is a big jump. Could impact a number of individuals who bought bows under old rule. Does not see any reason to change it.</p> <p>Dave: does not support 10 with proposal 12 available. Thinks 150 lbs is a lot for a weight.</p> <p>Birch: does not like anything that makes 150 the requirement.</p>
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	1	8	<p>Steve: originally supported but has a concern about cross bows if they are added to the definition of archery equipment. Approves of using C.B in weapons restricted but not as archery equipment.</p> <p>Dave: Also wants to included in certification process.</p> <p>Todd: Dept has been looking into C.B education courses because there is a lot of demand to expand the use of C.B.</p> <p>Herman: Opposed to changing the definition of archery to include C.B; crossbows as a weapon should stand alone.</p> <p>Birch: Concurs with Herman. Keep things simple.</p> <p>Mel: Doesn't think intent of proposal to have C.B defined as archery equipment. In support of proposal.</p> <p>Herman: Committee did vote on approving C.B in weapon restricted hunts.</p> <p>Hans: AC voted on weapon restricted proposal #55 not archery only hunts.</p> <p>Herman: While working on base allowed C.B for disabilities. For Dept management easier to keep it separate. Should be specified by hunt.</p> <p>Dave: States he wants CB to be considered for use in archery only hunts.</p> <p>Jehn: Believes C.B have the potential to be more effective/efficient/accurate than current archery equipment and could have an adverse effect on the number of archery only permits given out if success rate increases with the use of C.B.</p> <p>Mel: Does Dept have data for how accurate c.b are.</p> <p>Todd: No.</p> <p>Joe: Doesn't think they should be included in archery.</p>

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	9	0	Steve: Supports. Liberalized the current regs and takes into account newer technology. Joe: Concur with Steve. Dave: Thumbs up.
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
Oppose	4	5	Joe: Think it should be allowed. Most archery only hunts are difficult at best. Steve: Concur Herman: Saw frequently on installation. Same individuals can get proxy to hunt for them. Individuals had disability he believes primarily because of age. Didn't apply to that many individuals. Dave: Give them the ability to use it. Doesn't think it is going to be huge number. leaning towards supporting. Herman: Turning 65 next year. Doesn't think its necessary. Not going to support individuals have other opportunities. Birch: Concur with Herman. Keep it simple.
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows	
Oppose	3	5 oppose 1 abstention	Birch: Asked if there is currently a national course? Todd: Discussed certification options. Dave: Asks to here from Jack author. Jack: All about education. There is "Todays Crossbow" course available. Introduced in all sub units but BOG moved to statewide meeting. If there is CB hunting allowed they should mandate education. Mel: If we pass and non resident wants to come hunt Alaska then he wouldn't be able to hunt because there is no national cert and getting into class in Alaska that is timed with a hunt would be difficult. Opposed until there is a national course. Has a friend who hunted with CB and he wouldn't be able to use. If someone completes archery cert then they should be covered. Shouldn't be mandatory until there is national. Herman: Asked Department how soon could a course be developed and offered. Todd: Unsure. Tim: Discussed at valley hunter ed meeting. If it were to pass

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			recommendation would be made to delay implementation. Herman: Opposed feels education using a separate tool should be offered. Prefers proposal #16 because it is not time certain. Steve: Concurs with Herman prefers proposal 16. Thinks there should be some weapon specific class and users should have to demonstrate proficiency. Supports 16 overall.
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
Support	8	1	Dave: Supports the education part of it - hates making it a requirement because it takes awhile to get into class. The requirement needs to be pushed out for quite awhile. Steve: Always been a requirement for archery specific hunts. Approves of course and supports this proposal. Mel: Agrees with having course but doesn't think it should be a requirement. At a minimum have them take bow hunting course.
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Oppose	0	9	Steve: Opposed. Date reflects a 30 year old. Experience is not relative to age. Hans: Concurs with Steve. Under this he would be exempt and doesn't have experience should not pick and choose. Birch: Concurs with Hans. Jack: A lot of people who are older have hunted for a long time and cannot hunt in Alaska without certification. Cites Kurt Wells editorial. Date was choose because its an exemption with other hunt ed requirements. Trooper Cyr: AWT does not support proposal. Basic hunter ed is required for all hunters in several areas (that he listed). This would ease enforcement for IBEP card to be carried on a person. Herman: Not going to support proposal. Read Kurt wells editorial himself. During time as manager he fielded calls from hunters from out of state concerned about hunter ed requirements and believes there is always a way to get certified. Example online courses.
BOG	18	Prohibit the use of slingbows	
Support	9	0	Steve: Isn't there a list of approved weapons? Isn't a slingbow included on list. Birch: Whether its listed or not we should vote. Todd: Not a listed weapon 5AAC92085.

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BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
Oppose	3	5 oppose 1 abstention	<p>Hans: In favor and would like it to go further.</p> <p>Steve: Opposed - doesn't think there should be any board generated proposals. Should be able to bring proposals up through public process that exists now. Referenced opposition to BOG generated proposal 207.</p> <p>Hans: Can we amend to say no board generated proposals.</p> <p>Jehn: Recommends if AC is opposed to vote it down rather than amending it.</p> <p>Mel: Asked if there would be a time other than 207 that the board feels they need the ability to generate a proposal. not for or against this proposal.</p> <p>Herman: There has been board generated proposals in the past that may have addressed something time sensitive.</p> <p>Steve: Does not believe an objective review by BOF or BOG if they are the ones that generated a proposal. Could author it as individuals or work with an individual to submit. States it would be a conflict of interest to vote on a board generated proposal since they generated it.</p>
BOG	20	Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife	

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Support	7	2	<p>Todd: One of the things thats difficult to define. Addresses mostly item e and d. Constant requests for locations of game. Does it interfere, harasses, or give favor to taking animal. Is it species specific or location specific. Potential legal battles if its not defined. Can get a lot of data of freedom of information requests through the state. Dept has been interpreting it for a long time and they would like further direction.</p> <p>Herman: Question to dept - are they requesting aerial counts or radio tags?</p> <p>Todd: Addressing mainly item e. Lists specifics of what information they don't release. Has huge, timely data set requests. Some data comes back every 15 minutes.</p> <p>Birch: Makes point regarding fish weirs and how he's used that information in the past without issue and also general herd location information.</p> <p>Tim: Define "Specific" because that can be defined very different.</p> <p>Dave: Doesn't like vagueness of proposal would like proposal to include specific options.</p> <p>Joe: Fish and game dept staff hunts and fishes and has access to this information and believes it could be used as personal advantage to them. States that when you harvest something the dept has the right to the specific location.</p> <p>Todd: Dept- held to a higher ethical standard.</p> <p>Tim: If they have permits they do not survey that area. Staff does not use data for personal use.</p> <p>Steve: Supports this proposal the dept is asking for the board to define specific for a lot of reasons. Believes hunters should adhere to fair chase. They are asking for more information we should support that.</p> <p>Hans: Can appreciate what Dept has said however he has a friend who shot a ram in brooks range and the dept wanted specific coordinates. Whats to say staff could not use information for own advantage.</p> <p>Herman: Not against concept of restricting 'specific location' information, but would like to know how 'specific location' is being defined to include area size and timeframe. Public expects some biological data of some degree.</p>

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BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	9	<p>AWT: Opposed to this proposal on the grounds it would remove a valuable tool to determine an unlawful take of an animal. \$150 fine if you remove the sex of an animal. State crime lab cannot qualify game tissue. Would have to send sample outside for testing. 3 year waiting list in Ashland OR. Have run across people who use antlers multiple years.</p> <p>Steve: Opposed for all the same reasons as AWT. In favor of this proposal if it were to apply to either sex hunts.</p>
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
Oppose	0	9	<p>Hans: Not in favor of this. unless guides want to give up there tag as well.</p> <p>Mel: Opposed.</p> <p>Steve: Concurs with both.</p> <p>Joe: Concurs with both. What happens in party hunts.</p>
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Support	6	3	<p>AWT: Author of proposal. Gave review of history behind proposal and specific scenarios which would apply. Reasonable vs Reasonable Lawful means. If you use plane to find an animal you cannot shoot until 3am the next day.</p> <p>Steve: A guy should be able to do the right thing and not be in danger of being arrested. Example flying to find wounded moose and landing and dispatching him.</p> <p>Mel: Supports proposal. Have to define reasonable and reasonable lawful.</p> <p>Did you just dispatch a moose that wasn't wounded as another example.</p> <p>Herman: Supports proposal. "Reasonable" can be too lenient.</p> <p>Dave: Blurring lines between fair chase and wounded. If you go to court the jury is going to interpret what "reasonable" is. Doesn't see problem with recovery with helicopter rather than let it go to waste. Have to define legal and lawful.</p> <p>Birch: Concur with Herman and Mel.</p> <p>Jehn: States AWT has a hard enough time deciphering regulations that are vague. Which she believes this one is. "Reasonable" could mean 50 different things to 50 different people. Supports this proposal and states that only lawful means should be used in recovering wounded game. If</p>

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			someone thinks helicopters should be used then go make a case for it and have the regulation changed but don't use it through a loophole.
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
Support	5	4	<p>Steve: Supports this proposal.</p> <p>Herman: Supports. A lot of the animals wounded do survive. Opposed to the idea as counting a wounded animal against you, however, a dead but unretrievable animal, such as a shot goat falling off a cliff into a crevasse, should be."</p> <p>Jehn: Opposed. If you wound an animal it should count towards your bag limit. Could encourage guided clients to want to continue hunting. Could encourage hunters to take risky shots knowing they can continue hunting.</p> <p>Joe: Opposed. Wouldn't be opposed to expanding this rule past two subunits.</p>
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
Oppose	3	6	<p>Dave: Could support some and not others too many changes.</p> <p>Steve: Supports on principle alone 3-4 years ago someone got dinged for taking a sub legal moose. Self reported and still got in significant trouble. As a result multiple proposals addressing this issue arose and hunters are asking for some discretion. No distinction between an honest mistake and poaching. Sees this proposal as attempt to do something.</p> <p>Birch: Someone he knows shot a sub legal sheep. Received a verbal warning. Details of consequence were vague. Thinks there should be some clarity.</p> <p>Steve: Punishment shouldn't be at the direction of one persons discretion too much variance. Gives an example: One of his buddy's shot moose at edge of lake. Trooper made contact and visited whole time while buddy cleaned. After he finished the Trooper wrote a ticket for no evidence of sex attached because friend removed unintentionally while visiting with trooper.</p> <p>Mel: Should depend on whether a person is self reporting or was busted. If self reporting loses meat money invested in hunt should have some leniency.</p> <p>AWT: Judge has final say after AWT makes recommendations.</p>

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BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Support	9	0	AWT: This would align the salvage of bear hide and skull along with the meat of all other trophy animals. Steve: In Support of the proposal. Hans: Concurs with Steve. Dave: Concurs. Echoes AWT comments.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Oppose	3	6	Steve: Opposed. Written for specific location and not appropriate for statewide application. Birch: 16B is two brown bears a year so this would effect several areas. Todd: Clarifies for Member - Predator control hunting can be sealed and sold.
BOG	58	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	9	Todd: Only evidence is case stated in proposal. Hans: Opposes seems silly. Birch: Concur with Hans. Chocolate in small amount can be found in several things used in bear baiting.
BOG	59	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	9	Dave: Opposed. Hard to understand compared to what we already have. Likes status quo. Steve: Agrees with Dave. Herman: Issue in past has been when baiting season is over everything needs to be removed but at some bait sites where they dump oil close to close of season means it may not be cleaned up. Opposed.
BOG	60	Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait	
Support	8	0 1 abstention	Steve: Believes its okay to use pike. Joe: Support. Mel: Supports. States where its considered invasive they should be able to use them. Dave: Supports. Someone could "take" them from an invasive area and move it to another area where they are not considered invasive. Herman: Abstains because it would need to be amended in order for him

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			to support.
BOG	61	Allow the use of game as bait	
Support	9	0	Joe: Supports on same principle as pike. If it is going to go to waste anyway it should be used. Dave: Doesn't support if there is salvageable parts used. Proposal is not clear. Discussion among members regarding Dave's concern. Herman: Will support.
BOG	62	Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations	
Support	5	3 1 abstention	AWT: Opposed.
BOG	63	Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required	
Oppose	2	5 2 abstention	Dave: Opposed. When you are getting permit you would need exact location. A lot of times you know general location but not specific GPS coordinates. Can report back once set but a lot of people won't know ahead of time. What if two people at different offices put down same location? Herman: Supports requires individual to get in field and make sure there is not a conflict. Dave: "Specific location" isn't defined. Would support if specific location is defined as 5 mile area.
BOG	64	Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations	
Oppose	3	6	Dept Opposed. Changes should be considered at regular regional meetings so public information and biological data can be considered. Dave: Supports would change harvest limits in some areas. Easier to bring bears to bait rather than go find. In some areas it would help could hurt in others. Herman: Intention was originally to focus brown bear hunting over bait in areas that really need a reduction in population. This may not be appropriate statewide. Steve: Concurs with Herman.

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BOG	65	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations	
Support	9	0	<p>Dave: hates wasting anything at all. Will not support.</p> <p>Mel: Supports. Could provide opportunity to hunt over meat.</p> <p>Hans: Agrees with Mel.</p> <p>If a Brown Bear is taken over meat you must salvage. This proposal would eliminate that. Except for predator control.</p> <p>Members asked: If you leave it is it considered being used as bait.</p> <p>Herman: Would like more information on the requirement of salvage of brown bear meat.</p>

Member Comments:

Herman: Will be able to attend AC meeting on 2/10.

Dave: List proposals for 10 & 24 on agenda so they can be taken up if we move through quickly.

Mel: Update on Sturgeon case which he was able to attend. House bill 231.

Joe: Unable to attend 10, 24, 2nd.

Adjournment: Motion Herman, Dave 2nd 10:17pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jehn Ehmann

Minutes Approved By: MVAC

Date: 2/10/16

Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes
February 10, 2016 at MTA Building in Palmer

Meeting called to order at 7:02 Number needed for Quorum 8 — Quorum Met

Members Present: Andy Couch, Israel Payton, Herman Griese, Jehnifer Ehmann, Steve Bartelli, Hans Nordstrom, Birch Yuknis, Dan Montgomery, Mel Grove

Members Excused: Randy Talvi, Joe Cizek, Terry Nininger, Tom DeLand, Jeff Tuttle, Mike Buirge

Members Absent: Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Terry Nininger, Tom DeLand, Jeff Tuttle, Randy Talvi, Herman Griese, Joe Cizek

ADF&G Staff: Lem Butler, Tim Peltier

Public: Alaska State Trooper Johnson, Nick Steen, Howard Delo, Neil DeWitt, Mike Peryam

Motion to adopt minutes by Dan Montgomery — adopted with no objection.

Motion to adopt agenda — approved without objection.

Proposal 66 — Would eliminate the regulation that prohibits felt soles when hunting. Proposal opposed by ADF&G. Tim Peltier explained that felt soles do collect material and plant matter and that they are often in the water when wading. Tim mentioned that wader uppers collect less organic material than felt soles. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 67 — Seeks to prohibit hunting / trapping in highway right of ways. Trooper Johnson mentioned that a problem protection sees is that domestic animals sometimes get caught in traps / snares close to transportation right of ways. Mike Peryam expressed his thought that this proposal is somewhat of a land grab to prohibit a large portion of the public from hunting trapping. Stephen Bartelli said the group proposing this proposals to his knowledge was actively attempting to eliminate other people from hunting trapping in Unit 13 so he was going to oppose. Proposal opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 68 — Would list any forward looking infrared device as a prohibited method of hunting. Israel felt it was tightening a loophole and would support. Dan would support as a better definition. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 69 — Would prohibit hunting while accompanied by a domestic dog. ADF&G opposes. Would prohibit dogs for duck hunting or just having dogs along when an animal was harvested. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 70 — Would prohibit spotting any big game species from an airplane during a open hunting season. Mel mentioned that while he is hunting, he sees people are out flying and looking everyday in the area where he hunts — he feels that people may be breaking the current regulation. Israel questioned why some proposals single out sheep as the only animal where such a regulation would apply. Dan supports the opportunity to fly around and look as currently provided in regulations — he feels this practice is not unethical and it should not be illegal. Steve will not vote for the proposal. Hans mentioned there could be a restriction on all forms of transportation and not just aircraft. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 71 — Would prohibit assistance in taking game by a person who has been airborne that day. Dan, Israel, Stephen, Hans, Birch all agree with proposal. Herman believes this should be approved from the fact that if everyone now learns it is legal for an airborne person to assist it could become a more widespread practice. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 72 — Would require .243 or larger caliber for hunting moose. ADF&G neutral. Stephen will be opposed to Proposal 72, 73, and 74. Dan will be opposed — in some areas it is legal to harvest caribou with a .22 currently. Andy Couch mentioned that Kenny Hughes had been harvesting large numbers of bear in the Unit 16 B predator control effort with a .223. Proposal opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 73 — Would establish .243 as minimum caliber for caribou. see comments to proposal 72. Howard Delo related how some believe smaller calibers were idea for caribou. Neil DeWitt mentioned another group opposing this proposal motions opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 74 Would create .243 as minimum caliber for harvesting black and brown bear. Motion opposed 0-9-0. See Comments for 72 and 73.

Proposal 75 — Would allow use of black powder and crossbow in bison hunts. Howard Delo who wrote the proposal spoke in favor. Stephen has a concern that primitive arms don't get any special seasons compared to anyone else — and would support in that point. Israel will likely oppose proposal. Mel supports proposal — getting a bison permit is often a once in a lifetime hunt — if someone wants to limit their chance by hunting with a less lethal weapon he does not object. Birch agrees — people should take an ethical shot for their skill and experience. Dan will support — in his experience big heavy black powder bullets penetrate and kill very well. According to Lem Butler with ADF&G permit conditions can be stipulated by the BOG. Motion passed 8-1-0.

Proposal 76 — Would allow the use of high powered air rifles for big game hunting. Herman might be willing to support if there were specifics provided within the proposal as to what would be legal. Motion opposed 0-8-1.

Proposal 77 — Would allow the use of artificial light for taking forbearers. Israel mentioned that while trapping — light levels are low and people are harvesting animals in the dark or have opportunities to harvest animals after daylight hours, because so many hours have low light levels. Mel mentioned it is already illegal to harvest deer at night — but this proposal could increase some one's chances of killing a deer at night. Stephen will not support. Herman will oppose. Motion failed 1-7-1.

Proposal 78 would remove all requirements for identifying traps. Dan mentioned that on the Kenai enforcement goes out and digs up traps to check for identification to check for i.d which kills. Alaska Frontier Trappers Association opposes the proposal. ADF&G suggests this should only be done on an area by area basis. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 79 would require traps / snares to be checked every 24 hours. ADF&G opposes on statewide basis. Birch mentioned how difficult it can be to get out and check every 24 hours because of weather. Herman mentioned that interior trappers might have great difficulty with this requirement. Dan mentioned in southeast Alaska this could also be a problem. Motion failed 0-9-0.

Proposal 80 — Seeks to set minimum distances away from roads, publicly maintained trails, cabin, business, school, or developed campground or recreational facility. Motion opposed 0-9-0. Too restrictive, too broad. Agreed with ADF&G that this should not be adopted on state - wide basis.

Proposal 81 — Seeks to define underwater traps and snares. Dan agrees with better definitions. ADF&G mentioned there are some extended seasons for underwater trapping that require better knowledge of what is allowed. Motion failed 2-2-5. Unclear what would be accomplished by this proposal.

Proposal 82 — Would allow attachment of big game locking tag before leaving the kill site. ADF&G neutral on proposal. Dan believes standard practice is not to attach immediately because of difficulty. Herman said it is very difficult to attach a locking tag to some animals immediately — especially in the case of an animal that has trophy value — sheep specifically. Motion 9-0-0

Proposal 83 would eliminate harvest tags for hunts where a metal locking tag is required. ADF&G prefers to continue with requirement of a report card in addition to the locking tag. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 84 — Would limit peace officers ability to request licenses and search gear when people were not actually fishing or hunting. Would also limit somewhat what could be searched. Committee members had difficulty with understanding this proposal. Motion failed 4-5-0.

Proposal 85 — Would require harvest tickets and reports for declining caribou populations north of the Yukon River. ADF&G wants better reporting — perhaps with registration permits. Former ADF&G employees Nick and Herman both felt reporting was very lax in this part of the state. Dan who lived up there for 8 years agreed. Why is state requiring less of people in a certain part of the state. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 86 — Would require harvest tickets and reports for sheep taken in Gates of the Arctic National Park — this is a declining population. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 87 — would prohibit the BOG from restriction of off-road vehicles based on a personal perception of a perceived decline in the quality of outdoor experience.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 88 — Not high on many committee member list. Some opposed. Stephen felt no action was appropriate. Motion failed 4-5-0.

Proposal 89 — Take No Action — see proposal 88.

Proposal 90 — BOG has no authority to require according to ADF&G. ADF&G has heard a lot of opposition to this proposal. BOG does not regulate domestic animals. ADF&G suggests take no action. Dan feels like this is a good idea and that this might be an issue for declining sheep population in portions of Alaska. No action taken due to lack of authority — no objection from any AC member. Take No Action

Proposal 91 — Seeks to allow “cows” to be considered feral animals and hunts allowed for. ADF&G mentioned problems as occurred on Kodiak with “feral” bison. Also that some of the feral animals in the Hatcher Pass / Baldy area are actually domestic animals by definition. Take No Action

Proposal 92 — Would allow nonresident permits for falcons to harvest at same levels as Alaska residents. Jehnifer opposed — Middle East market could take more birds than what is allowed. Herman mentioned that it could be a way for Alaska to generate money for the state during a time of declining oil revenues, but Herman opposes. ADF&G neutral on allocative issue. This would have impact on local Alaskan Falconers. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 93 Similar to 92 — see 92 comments. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 94 — Would create a state permit requirement for telemetry tagging of Alaska wildlife. In some ways Herman supports, but believes federal entities will likely not follow state wildlife regulations. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 95 — requires reporting on targeted permits in order to participate the following year. ADF&G proposal and support. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 96 — Would create a weighted drawing system. Has been passed by the BOG in the past. Was never implemented. The Mat-Valley AC has a history of supporting a weighted drawing permit system. Dan in favor. Hans mentioned that it can turn out to where it takes too many points to get a permit in the future. Israel did not want to support a system that was not clearly identified as to how it would work. Birch opposed — not specific enough — with declining budgets we need to raise more money. Andy would support. Herman would support if it were more specific — he wants ADF&G to be able to get as much Pittman Robinson money as possible. ADF&G feels that it would discourage people from applying — in particular first time applicants. Program would be much more costly than a random draw. Motion failed 2-7-0.

Proposal 97 — Take no action — See comments from proposal 96.

Terry Nininger will be AC representative at statewide BOF Meeting — Tom Deland and Andy Couch will be alternates to represent the AC if for some reason Terry can not represent the AC — no objection from any AC members.

Dan Montgomery will represent AC at statewide BOG meeting and focus his comments on the AC's opposition to the proposal 207 regulation. No objection from any AC members.

Israel was congratulated on his appointment to the Board of Fisheries. Legislative Confirmation hearings will be coming up for him. Israel will resign from AC following conclusion of his work on the sheep working group. The sheep working group has agreed there is not 100% consensus. Some member of the group want to disband the group or change to majority rule rather than 100% consensus. Israel will likely be off committee by or before mid-March.

Mel made motion that the Advisory Committee write a letter of support for Israel in his appointment to the Board of Fisheries and the legislative confirmation process. Second by Stephen. Passed with No objection.

Mel showed AC members draft wording for House bill 213 — and wanted AC members to provide comment.

Israel mentioned the Anchorage AOC banquet will be Saturday.

Birch wanted to congratulate Israel and Jehnifer for Israel's appointment and Jehnifer's recent award for her service on the Matanuska Valley AC.

Howard Delo mentioned that confirmation hearings for appointment to the BOF should come before the House Resources and Senate Resources Committees.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes
February 24, 2016 at MTA Building in Palmer

Meeting called to order at 7:05 Number needed for Quorum 8 — Quorum Met

Members Present: Andy Couch, Israel Payton, Herman Griese, Jehnifer Ehmann, Steve Bartelli, Birch Yuknis, Dan Montgomery, Hans Nordstrom, Mike Buirge, Dave Young arrived at 7:35

Members Excused: Randy Talvi, Joe Cizek, Terry Nininger, Tom DeLand, Jeff Tuttle, Mel Grove

Public Present: Rod Arno — Alaska Outdoor Council, Nick Steen Neil DeWitt, Max Sager, ADF&G Sam Ivey Fisheries and Dave Battle — Anchorage game, Cory Santel - Anchorage Assistant Game, Gino Del Frate — game regional supervisor (Region 2)

Public Comment:

Neil DeWitt — Western Arctic Caribou — Was 16-01 plan number — will be another meeting March 10 in Anchorage with a teleconference call in number. This covers hunting on federal lands by people from the Northwest Arctic Area — but not by other people outside the area. This covers 21 D and several other Units. No guides / transporters wanted on federal lands.

March 1 is the the deadline for submitting comments.

Sabrita Holland veterinarian Proposals 90 and 91 — wanted to point out that there are already good animal controls already in Alaska and also in the Mat-Su. Animal control does not do anything about some animals unless there are complaints from the public. Would like to have a meeting between animal control and Fish & Wildlife protection — Sabrita would also like to participate. Would like to find a better way to deal with this issue of wild “feral” type animals. If there is something already in place then lets make use of it. —Jehnifer Ehmann suggested making comment to the Board of Game. Israel Payton mentioned that Sabrita might want to contact the Alaska Chapter of the Wild Sheep Federation — Kevin Keho.

Rod Arno (Alaska Outdoor Council) — provided handout of USFWS comment period on refuge purpose changes. The changes would eliminate management of predators. If other animals declined so would hunting opportunities for those other species. March 8 is the comment deadline. Rule RIN 1018-BA31. Commented that Israel has been doing a good job on the sheep working group. Proposal 103 would apply subsistence regulations developed for the Nelchina basis to go statewide on subsistence hunts.

Legislation HB 137 license tag bill — creates an intensive management surcharge — \$10 to \$15 per person. HB266 Would require BOF or BOG to go through the same process of developing a proposal as everyone else. SB 164 creates 2 classes of violation misdemeanor or citation — in some areas of the state regulations are already not dealt with as far as game permits and reporting this would maybe allow that to be legal.

Tiana — hunter, truck driver, and eater who loves sheep meat. Proposal 90 would make a drastic impact economically. Would like to see domestic sheep and goats remain on the clean list. Would ask that the sheep working group provide supplements for wild sheep. Would also like to see crossbow proposal passed — as she can not shoot a regular bow. If sheep and goats were to be delisted then all other animals on the clean list would also be up for delisting.

Janet Otto — Proposal 90 believes Board of Game may do something with this proposal — she has a large goat herd that is clean and disease free. Sheep and goats are a valuable source of meat in Alaska. Would like to see sheep and goat remain on the clean list.

Hans told Janet she might want to contact legislators about this issue. She already has. Israel mentioned Janet may want to comment to the the Alaska Wild Sheep Federation about this issue as well (writer of the proposal). Andy Couch mentioned that the Matanuska Valley AC had already looked at proposal 90 and did not support delisting sheep and goats.

Suzu — talking about proposal 90 — owns sheep and opposes this proposal. This would put a great many people out of business. slaughterhouses would no longer be able to deal with sheep or goats. 4-h kids and there projects would go away. This would restrict private residents from raising their private animals on their private property.

Becky Oviatt — person who owns sheep and goats on 3 acres. You take that away you take away her complete livelihood. Opposes proposal 90. Has brought animals up from the lower 48 to raise quality animals. She comes from a group of hunters and wants to hunt, but also wants the opportunity to raise her sheep and goats.

Briana Pritchard has interest in protecting wild sheep — but also want to maintain her rights to raise her own animals. Opposes proposal 90 and fears that the Board of Game may pass it anyway. Would rather have regulations that protect both wild and domestic animals. If new regulations are to be passed then they should not be so vague and not so far reaching to affect people and animals that are not part of the problem.

Scott Oviatt — asked AC members to explain how disease affecting sheep and goats is transmitted. Jehnifer replied that the AC would not explain details of Prop 90 as they are not authors of this proposal but that members of the public could make comment. Scott commented that he does not see a threat between domestic and wild animals — they are not in area of the Butte where he resides.

Jehnifer mentioned that the decision on Proposal 90 is not made by the Matanuska Valley AC, but will be made by the Board of Game. The AC does not believe that the Board of Game has authority to pass proposal 90.

Sam Ivey with ADF&G covered emergency regulations for king salmon in the Mat-Su Valley for 2016. Over time we've seen that we can fish at a lower level and put more king salmon on the spawning grounds. Preseason actions started taking affect in 2012, with more preseason emergency action in 2013, 2014, 2015, and now 2016. Sam looked at escapement data post 2012 — and the department has decided to allow the use multiple hooks starting May 15 and bait starting June 1 on the Deshka River and ADF&G hopes to manage for about the mid-point of the run goal. This year harvest will be allowed on the Little Susitna River on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Mondays. Seasonal limits remains restricted at by emergency order at 2 king salmon from the Susitna Drainage and Little Susitna River combined. ADF&G hopes to maximize king salmon harvest at the Eklutha Tailrace fishery. Israel wanted to know criteria for reopening the Talachulitna. Sam said we've made the goal the past couple years but not by much. With in season data ADF&G may be able to reopen the Tal. Israel wanted to know what criteria. Sam mentioned that if numbers looked good in the Little Susitna, Eklutna, Deshka and Eastside Susitna then possibly the Tal could be opened — but otherwise it might not be until next year. He mentioned that they may do some aerial king salmon counting starting sometime in June.

Motion to accept the agenda by Dan Montgomery. Amend to allow Israel to give a sheep working group update. Amendment to reconsider proposal 97 motion failed 2 in favor. Agenda approved as amended with no objection.

Israel said consensus issues on the sheep working group were as follows. ADF&G should have some standard way to judge the legality of sheep between the different ADF&G offices. Raise draw fee for sheep to \$10 per permit hunt. Double the cost of nonresident sheep tags. Resident should purchase a \$50 sheep stamp. Allow people to put in for 6 sheep drawing hunts rather than just 3. Does the AC agree with some type of allocation between resident / nonresident allocation of sheep tags? Steve and Birch want resident / nonresident participation to be more on the level of 90 / 10. Dan made a motion that the AC seek a 80 / 20 resident / nonresident participation allocation for sheep hunting opportunity. Allocation would likely be unit wide to accommodate current use levels. — Jehnifer made a ruling that there is not enough time to work through this issue.

Minutes to be considered later as they were not provided early enough for members to review.

AC meeting March 2nd will be the time that the Feb. 10 and Feb 24 minutes will both be approved.

Proposal 98 Dan made an amendment that this should only apply for sheep and goat permits with 50% of permits available to all applicants — 50% of permits would be available to preference point holders. With 1 preference point awarded per year applied and those points would be squared for the application. Points could be bought for a year in which the hunter decided not to participate in the drawing. No second on the amendment. Proposal 98 as written.

Birch wanted to know ADF&G's position on this proposal. ADF&G neutral on allocation — but say a preference system will cost money. Israel will not support this proposal — Dan feels this is too complicated and does not like allowing to put in for all the permit hunts for a species. motion failed 0 in favor 10 opposed.

Proposal 99 After a hunter signs an agreement to hunt with a guide if drawn — a guide would put their verification number on the permit application and send it in. Israel wanted to know how next of kin works. Dan said those hunting with next of kin must put in the name and relationship of the person to be hunted with. Birch wanted to know what happened if the guide for some reason could not participate. Dan said the drawing winner then would be unable to participate. Steve Bartelli asked what if the person who won the permit decided not to participate with the guide.

Gino Del Frate said ADF&G required a number to be on the application previously— but did not check those numbers for validity until after hunters were drawn. Herman does not see the point for supporting if ADF&G is not going to verify numbers. Israel said ADF&G comments are neutral on this proposal. Code would be verified by computer. motion failed 4 - 5- 1. Abstain did not understand what the proposal would do if passed.

Proposal 100 No action taken.

Proposal 101 would allow only a maximum of 10% of the available permits to be awarded to nonresidents. Dan mentioned that not all residents participate but that nearly all nonresidents do participate. Andy opposes as this would apply statewide — including permits that may be undersubscribed if nonresidents could only win a maximum of 10% of the permits. Gino mentioned there is the question of how the maximum of 10% of permits would be issued. Would it be on a per unit basis? per hunt basis? statewide basis? Some of these permit hunts are already nonresident only — so how would it apply to these hunts? motion failed 3 - 7-0.

Dave with ADF&G talked about Agenda Change Request — 20 mile hunts (unit 14 C and Unit 7 border area) and all of 14C hunts. ADF&G has managed toward the lower end of the moose population objective. Herman said with no surveys for the last few years what is the number of permits based on. Dave mentioned indirect numbers — roadkills, other indications. JBER hunt success rates are partially determined by when the training areas are open for hunting — rather than being used by the military. With mild winter and training area closures harvest numbers have been down. Ship Creek registration hunt success has remained good. Managing for the lower end of the moose objective may result in less winter kill and less car collisions. Bull to cow ratio is approximately in the 30's but may be into the 60% range in some areas. Dave mentioned they are ramping up some of the bull permits for this reason.

Moose antlerless reauthorizations —

Proposal 116 for Unit 14 C and 7. motion passed 10-0-0.

Proposal 117 for Unit 14c. motion passed 10-0-0.

Proposal 119 — Lots of hunters from the Mat-Su Valley participate in Unit 13 and we have had jurisdiction in that area in the past and would like to remain with jurisdiction. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 120 Andy has problems with the late winter hunt and feels that fall hunts provide better opportunities for taking prime shape animals. Herman said it was sold to the AC as a means to harvesting problem animals in targeted areas, but this does not seem to be the case anymore. Todd Rinaldi would like to continue the permit hunting regime. Israel wanted to know why the harvest objective is so low in Unit 14A, since we have harvested more than the objective for the past 3 years. Gino's comment was that ADF&G is attempting to bring the moose population back down to the population objective level. Steve wants to support the proposal. Herman wanted the population data to be kept up to date. Herman said a 14B hunt along the highway is impacting. Andy amends to reduce the winter permits by reallocating 50% of the winter permits to fall hunts. Steve wanted to know the percentage of bulls taking in the winter. Gino says perhaps lower than the bull to cow ratio — but did not have solid numbers at the meeting. Dave plans to support the proposal as is. Mike says that we may not be hitting moose to such an extent in some areas perhaps because the strategy may be working.

Amendment fails 3-7-0. proposal 120 as written passes 10-0-0.

Proposal 121 reauthorize Kalgan Island hunt passed 10-0-0.

Jehniifer wants to know if we will have a quorum on March 2 — so members please let her know if you will not be able to attend.

Israel heard confirmation hearings on the Board of Game and said the newest member may be quite interesting.

Herman thanked ADF&G for showing up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02.

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Meeting called to order at 7:07

Members Present: Andy Couch, Israel Payton, Terry Nininger, Herman Griesse, Jehnifer Ehmann — arrived at 7:15, Steve Bartelli, Birch Yuknis, David Young, Mike Buirge, Dan Montgomery, Randy Talvi

Absent Members: Mel Grove, Joe Cizek, Tom DeLand, Hans Nordstrom, Jeff Tuttle

Public Present: Todd Rinaldi ADF&G (Acting Management Coordinator Region 4) area game biologist, Gino Del Frate Regional 2 Supervisor, ADF&G game biologist for Anchorage Dave Battle, Joan Nininger, Neil DeWitt, Fish & Wildlife Trooper Jimmy Lindberg, Corey Stantorf ADF&G assistant game biologist for Anchorage.

Person to be heard: None

Motion to Approve minutes Feb.10 passed unanimously 10-0-0.

Motion to Approve Feb. 24 Minutes 10-0-0.

Motion to accept the Agenda: approved without amendments or objection.

Statewide Board of Game Proposals:

Proposal 102: Seeking to put all nonresident hunters in the same pool for Kodiak Bear brown bear permits. 45 -55% of resident tags for Kodiak brown bear usually do not hunt. Herman in support of putting all nonresident tags into the nonresident draw pool. Randi Talvi supports. Motion passed 10-0-1.

Proposal 103: Would require Tier 1 subsistence permit holders to report harvest information. This would load up subsistence hunters with burdensome reporting requirements according to Andy and Israel. Israel does not plan to support. ADF&G neutral on allocation — but opposed to other aspects. Jehnifer supports effort of proposal. Stephen Bartelli fails to see what this proposal does for Tier 1 Subsistence caribou hunters in Unit 13. It would require them to fill out the same criteria report as the community harvest subsistence hunters. Herman mentioned that the board for a long time was attempting to create a non tier II hunt for caribou in Unit 13. Motion failed 3- in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstain.

Proposal 104: Take No Action — see action on proposal 103.

Proposal 105: Would change subsistence points to be awarded only to those who hunted or gathered for more than 180 days per year. Herman says it would discriminate against efficient hunters. Alaska wildlife troopers do not support. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

Proposal 106: Would delay implementation of changes from Tier I to Tier II or the other way around until the next regular Board of Game meeting for that area. With the 3 year board cycle ADF&G could still use agenda change request when there is two year until the next Board of Game meeting. Motion passed 11-0-0.

Proposal 107: Would limit nonresident draw allocation to a maximum of 10% statewide. One member felt that Kodiak Brown Bear should be closer to a 90 — 10% allocation for drawings. Some permit hunts are undersubscribed so in this case nonresidents should not be

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limited to a maximum of 10%. ADF&G gets significant money from nonresident fees along with PR matching funds and should provide opportunity for them. Motion passed 7-4-0.

Proposal 108: Would remove the nonresident guide requirement of species not required by Statute. Would allow nonresidents to hunt with or without a guide in some situations. Nonresidents have a higher harvest success rate with guides. Requirement would still exist for brown bear, sheep, and goats. Steve believes guide requirements for moose hunters in interior were enacted to reduce competition with locals. Randi plans to support the proposal. Motion passed 10-1-0.

Proposal 139: Make Lake George registration nonresident goat hunt a drawing hunt. ADF&G Dave Battle discussed history of hunt — past two years nonresidents have exceeded their quota, and ADF&G is having trouble stopping the registration hunt in time to stop over harvest. This could lead to a potential conservation concern. Israel asked for clarification. ADF&G request is for only the nonresident hunt to go to a draw. Resident would remain as a registration hunt under this proposal. Israel will support. Dan asked what ADF&G has been harvesting percentage wise in Lake George — ADF&G's target is 5%. Dan says ADF&G figures are 5% allows for population growth — a 6% harvest maintains population — and 7% can create a declining population. Dave explained that whatever number of nonresident harvest is allowed he does not feel ADF&G can react soon enough to keep the harvest allocation intact. Dan maintains there is no over harvest of the Lake George goat population at present. Israel said the concern then is that ADF&G can not keep the allocation intact — not that there is a problem with declining population. Correct according to Dave. In recent past the hunt had also been managed with residents on registration and nonresidents in a draw and that had worked — Corey with ADF&G. Randi suggested that perhaps residents should have an earlier and or longer hunting opportunity to maintain allocation level. Andy asked if residents had been getting cut off from hunting and / or harvest opportunity because of nonresident take. Answer from ADF&G is No. Since this is done as an ACR Stephen wanted to know if ADF&G would submit proposal during regular cycle. Dan asked if ADF&G ever achieved the harvest goal under drawing system. Dave not sure that it ever occurred. Dan guides in area and said that ADF&G has never achieved harvest objective under the drawing permits. Dave Battle said one year the draw goal seemed to be achieved. Dan strongly opposed — should at least be brought up in cycle if there is no conservation concern. Motion opposed 4-7-0. Andy felt without a conservation concern this item should be brought up in cycle — not out. ADF&G comment was that allocation is a criteria for bringing issue up out of cycle.

Proposal 136: Would establish a winter draw and registration hunt for one bull moose in Unit 16B. Herman asked if current harvest is inadequate for meeting the harvest objective during the fall season. YES — according to ADF&G. ADF&G said that part of the discussion is whether 16B should even be in a Tier hunt status as it currently is. With SF 50 3-brow tine hunt under present regulations harvest object will not be met without some type of supplemental hunt opportunity according to Todd Rinaldi with ADF&G. ADF&G wants segments of the population that are not available in the fall to be available for harvest. Israel is all for allowing more moose harvest, as long time resident of the area, he believes the Department should liberalize hunting opportunity in the fall. Israel believes the middle portion of the unit would continue to be harvested heavily in the winter — and believes the south portion of the unit may not really be as inaccessible as ADF&G believes. Local residents like the opportunity to harvest

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moose late in the season because of the opportunity to freeze meat. Late hunt could cause problems with take of bulls in a late season after bulls have dropped their antlers. Tier hunt is generally an antler less hunt as presently administered according to Todd Rinaldi. Steve feels same as Israel in many aspects. DM540 could be used to further hunting harvest opportunity and that if the fall hunt were simply extended harvest would also expand. Steve would rather hunt in the fall for a variety of reasons. There is already plenty of winter permits issued so that portion of the season already has potential of being crowded. Asked if there is any compelling reason for ADF&G not to expand drawing 540. Randi agree that winter hunts still harvest resident moose in the middle of the unit and does not favor winter hunts. Dan does not support winter hunt — harassing the moose in the winter range. There is already plenty of snow machine traffic in this area without more winter hunting. Dan still feels the unit is underpopulated even though.

Andy made a motion to amend proposal 136 to expand drawing hunt 540 numbers and season length in the fall to expand moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16 through September 30 in lieu of winter hunt as proposed. Current hunt dates Israel likes the option of giving the board direction on how the advisory committee would like this hunt to be managed — he wonders how effective an amendment would be in getting noticed by the Board of Game. Birch would like to see less days at end of winter hunt and more days in November. Amendment passed 10-0-1.

1. Proposal 136 as amended passed unanimously 11-0-0.

Proposal 109: Would expand Seward AC jurisdiction for antler less moose to Units 7, 15, and 14C. We have temporarily lost two members. This would expand them to include Units 14C and 15. Dave supports at least in 15 and wonder about 14C. Gino mentioned one hunt in the head of Turnagain Arm crosses GMU lines and clarification may be needed here. Andy will support unless he hears compelling reason to do otherwise. Stephen was concerned that Seward might not support antler less hunts in Unit 14C. Dave moved to amend to include Units 7 and 15, but not 14C. Andy says Seward already has jurisdiction over a portion of the hunt in 14 C. Amendment passes 9-2-0. Proposal as amended passed 10-1-0.

Proposal 110: Herman wanted to know why AC members were amending proposal 109 to not include Seward AC, but wanted jurisdiction for MatValley in Units 13 and 16. Concerned how Seward might vote. Motion passed unanimously. 11-0-0.

Proposal 111: Would move Kalgan Island from unit 16B to Unit 15. Herman stated that for ease of surveying from Soldotna and primary hunting population coming from the Kenai it makes sense to have it managed in Unit 15. Motion approved 11-0-0.

Proposal 112: Take No Action — out of area.

Proposals 122- 128: Take No Action

Proposal 129: Would reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemptions. Motion approved unanimously 11-0-0.

Proposal 130: Brown bear exemptions for Interior and Eastern Alaska. Passed 11-0-0.

Proposal 131: passed 11-0-0.

Proposal 132: Take No Action

Proposal 133: Take No Action.

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Proposal 134: passed 11-0-0.

Proposal 135: ADF&G proposal to increase opportunity for brown bear . Motion approved 11-0-0.

Proposal 137: Take No Action.

Proposal 140 / ACR 19: Take No Action.

Proposal 141 / ACR 20: change wolf season dates. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

Proposal 142 / ACR 16: From ADF&G makes an adaptive intensive management plan for predator control. Dan will support continuation of the management as previously supported. Stephen will support. Motion approved 11-0-0.

Proposal 143 / ACR 14: Herman supports taking advantage of rapidly expanding invasive species. Motion approved 11-0-0.

Board nominations:

Birch made a motion and Stephen seconded that the AC is opposed to reappointment of Nate Turner to the Board of Game. AC is concerned that Nate opposed position of broad Advisory Committee consensus on proposal 207 from last winter.

Next AC meeting wrap up on Board of Game and consideration of fisheries proposals — get potential fisheries proposals to Jehnifer before meeting for distribution to members. Meeting still needs to be scheduled.

This is Israel Payton's last meeting as he is moving on toward working on the Board of Fisheries. He encourages AC members to keep plugging along, be involved, work with ADF&G but don't necessarily agree with ADF&G all the time. A good Board member needs to be impartial and consider all positions and information available before making decisions.

Jehnifer thanks Israel for his service and expects he will be a very good board member because of how hard he has work on issues.

Terry Nininger glad to be healthy and back.

Herman thanked ADF&G and Trooper Lindberg for attending meeting.

Stephen thanked Israel for the opportunity to work with him and the extra work he has put in while representing the AC and also thanks to Dan Montgomery.

Mike mentioned to ADF&G and Todd Rinaldi that he is one member that does like winter moose hunts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53

Minutes taken by Andy Couch
Approved by Advisory Committee
3/3/2016

Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
3/2/2016
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: Time by Benedict Jones, Chair @ 12:10
- II. Roll Call: Richard Burnham [vicechair], Justin Esmailka, Earl Esmailka (Kaltag); Arnold Demoski, Michael Stickman (Nulato), Benedict Jones [chair], Percy Lolnitz, Leo Lolnitz (Koyukuk) Fred Huntington (Galena)
Members Absent: Paddy Nollner, Charlie Green & Dick Evens (Galena); Douglas Patsy (Nulato); Kevin Sanders, Tommy Negalska (Kaltag)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes, with one exception; see below
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Waved till next face to face meeting
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Caroline Brown, SUBS; Sabrina Garcia, Stephanie Schmidt, Christy Gleason, DCF; Glenn Stout, DWC; Nissa Pilcher, BDS
- VI. Guests Present: Ed Sarten and John Stam, both members of the Ruby AC, Jeremy Havener (FWS)
- VII. Old Business: N/A
- VIII. New Business:

FISHERIES

Update given on results of AYK BOF Meeting that took place in Fairbanks in January by Richard Burnham as well as DCF staff in attendance. The committee was most concerned about the restrictive drift net fishing proposals that were submitted and relieved to hear that they did not pass.

GAME

Update given on last seasons hunting season as well as the survey results for moose in the area. An update on the Upper Koyukuk Predator Control Project was also given. Members had questions on potential changes if FWS Proposed Rule was to occur. Benedict noted that he had seen little moose and moose sign between Koyukuk and Galena and no black bears; brown bear population is increasing and is taking moose and all the black bears. Benedict also mentioned that this was a bad year for berries as well, so the brown bears might have been taking more other animals because of that. Members questioned the size of the brown bears being taken in the area- answer was that while there were a couple nice ones most were average.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	8	If you had two separate lines you would never be able to rest! This would be expensive (fuel) and it would cause many trappers to stop trapping.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Support w/am	8	0	The AC supports the Departments amendment that was made in the Department comments as they pertain to GMU 21 and 24.
BOG	100	Modify the provision of surplus permits	
Support	8	0	support the flexibility it will give the department

Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Update

Benedict Jones is the committees representative on the working group. He noted that at their last meeting the group learned that the population is continuing to fall, and that other then a low calf survival the department is not sure why. Currently there are no changes to subsistence hunting but that could change.

Board of Game Proposals

Committee discussed submitting a proposal to eliminate the nonresident wolf tag fee in GMU 21 in order to encourage incidental take of wolves by nonresident hunters. The proposal was unanimously supported.

Glenn Stout outlined the 4 proposals that the Department is planning on submitting to the board that would affect GMU 21. No comments were made to the proposals other then they would further discuss them when they were before them again in the winter.

FEDERAL

FWS

The committee discussed the implications of the FWS Proposed Rule and were concerned with both proposed limitation of seasons and bag limits for nonfederally qualified people as they had drafted many of the proposals in GMU 21 that the FWS was seeking to limit (such as longer furbearer seasons as well as brown bear baiting), as well as the repercussions of allowing future managers to regulate based on biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health (BIDEH) criteria as it gives managers far too much leeway. Member Richard Burnham had submitted personal comments that were read to the committee and the committee voted unanimously to draft comments similar to his for submittal to the FWS. It was encouraged that members attend or call in to the FWS meeting held in Galena the next day (March 3, 2016), as well as get other members of the community as well as council offices, to do the same.

BLM

Alternate Member Earl Esmailka received a notice in the mail from BLM that was troubling to him; he recalled it stating that BLM was considering closing all predator hunting within 25 miles of all villages. Coordinator will follow up with department channels and get back to him on this issue as no BLM representatives were on the conference and no one was familiar with this issue.

NEXT MEETING

The AC will meet as soon as possible in the late fall so as they can get a face to face meeting in before funding is potentially cut as it was this year; after hunting season and when AB Glenn Stout is available since his survey season takes place in November. Member Benedict Jones noted that the WACH working group will be meeting the first week of December and would be a conflict for him.

Adjournment: 1:45 pm



Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees

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Central	Middle Nenana River
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Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

March 3, 2016

The Middle Yukon Advisory Committee is one of 84 advisory bodies that make recommendations to Alaska's Boards of Game and Fish. The Advisory Committees are recognized statutorily as also advisory to Federal Management regarding Federal Lands under Title VIII 805.(a)(2) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The Middle Yukon Advisory Committee is comprised of rural residents of Alaska in Game Management Unit (GMU) 21.

On March 2, 2016 the Middle Yukon Advisory Committee (MYAC) met by teleconference, and one item on the agenda was to discuss the USFWS Proposed Rule (PR), docket number FWS-R7-NWRS-2014-0005. After discussing the proposed rule, the MYAC voted unanimously to oppose the PR as written.

The rural residents that comprise the MYAC drafted and submitted several proposals to the Board of Game that subsequently passed that changed regulations in GMU 21 to what the USFWS is terming 'sport hunting' and we are a bit confused why the same practices are considered 'sport' and 'subsistence' depending on who is participating in the hunt. Regulations such as brown bear baiting and increased furbearer seasons were some of those such proposals, and were drafted with the expectation that they were to be utilized by all, not just the residents of GMU 21, and we are against any attempts to change policies that might go against sound biological management which is what allowing managers to arbitrarily regulate on the very loose definition of the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health (BIDEH) criteria.

Furthermore, we are concerned with how our comments will be weighed against those people/entities who do not live in our area, much less Alaska. The public process which now seems to be in place will provide a forum as we see it for individuals and organized groups in the Lower 48 and elsewhere to effect changes that go against the wants and needs of our villages. This brings us to our final concern about the public process. What weight is going to be given to our voice when it comes to stand up to our customary and traditional uses on this land that is and has been so important to us? **Ultimately our villages are the ones who will bear the brunt of policy changes that are made.**

Benedict Jones
Chairman, Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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St Mary's Community Hall

Call to Order at 1:30 pm

Invocation led by Evan Polty, Sr

Roll Call: Evan Polty, Sr, Stan Sheppard, William Alstrom, Vassily Sergie, Sr, Paul Beans, June Yupanik, Peter Tyson

Member Absent: Stan Peters

Public Present: Eric Weingarth, Mel Paukan, Martin Alexie, Matt Thompson, Martin Polty

Staff Present: Christie Gleason ADF&G CF, Phil Perry ADF&G WC, Sherry Wright ADF&G Boards

Establish quorum – 7 members present constitutes a quorum.

Chair's Comments

Concerns/Comments of Public – none at this time.

Concerns/Comments of AC members – Would like to submit a proposal that would deal with moose antlers; purchase of antlers and harvest of moose just for the antlers was another issue to discuss (that is wanton waste, but sometimes putting in the proposals raises awareness of issues going on.

Committee discussed the proposal process.

Moose are being found with a bunch of bullet holes and pushed up. They try to find a legal moose to take and then when they get it find it is not good meat – maybe too small caliber bullets. Minimum caliber was a thought

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Discussion about approval of minutes by chair/secretary. It was unanimously approved. William Alstrom moved to approve minutes of Dec 18, 2014. Peter Tyson 2nd. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda – added BOG proposals to submit William Alstrom moved to approve with additions. 2nd by Evan Polty, Sr.

Old Business - none

New Business

- ADF&G Staff Updates – Christie Gleason went over the 2015 preliminary season summary.
- Roster Update; Term dates – Sherry Wright was able to secure the old files for Lower Yukon AC and sent out a roster of committee membership since the early 80s and provided information on terms that are expiring and the efforts put forth to remedy those. Motion that the alternate terms coincide with the regular member terms was made by
- Officer elections: Motion to retain Stan Sheppard as chair. 2nd by Paul Beans. Motion carried. Motion for William Alstrom as Vice Chair. Evan Polty, Sr 2nd. Motion carried. Motion to retain June Yupanik for Secretary. 2nd by Peter Tyson. Motion carried.

- **Fisheries Issues - Comments on Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim BOF Proposals**

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BOF comments p 2-4 (not included)

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TABLED.			Concern of the size of a vessel that may be needed to purse seine, which may only allow those able to afford a larger boat to participate. There was a question if there have been any purse seines used on an in-river fishery. Kwipak is the only buyer on the lower river. Committee believes they are trying to enhance the opportunity for lower river fishers, perhaps in the future. Bristol Bay herring fishery was discussed that it is mostly outside interests, and would hate to see that happen here. Coastal Lower Yukon AC will meet and perhaps they will have more information. The committee talked about tabling this until they can get more information. Seine gear is more expensive, which may cut down on more of the fishermen. Concern of the length of the gear also was discussed. The proposal would be a financial burden because of the cost of the gear to get into the fishery. Local boats wouldn't even qualify. This would also restrict areas that have already been reduced to fishing. The committee wants to have more information before voting on this. Moved to table till next teleconference. Motion carried to table 7 - 0.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	This seems to allow more opportunity in the lower river area. This is quite a large expansion and may encourage others to begin fishing in this area. Prefer status quo. Moved to take no action as this is more a proposal for Coastal Lower Yukon AC.
BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	Same comments as last proposal. If the king salmon fishery ever rebounds, this fishery being expanded may impact fishers further upstream. There is concern of large vessels coming into the area. Fish prices are already effected.
BOF	140	Repeal Yukon River Area rainbow trout regulations.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	0	We don't have any rainbow trout. This is housekeeping and will clean up the regulations.

○ Comments due December 28, 2015

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- Member to attend? Stan Sheppard was approved by the committee to represent them at the BOF AYK meeting.

Wildlife Issues Comment on Statewide BOG Proposals

BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Support	7	0	Breast/Thighs/Back/Legs/Wings/Gizzard & Heart. Make State wide for everyone to take all
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Support	5	2	Bow Hunters to take class before next fall
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support	7	0	.243 or larger

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BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Support	7	0	Same comments as Prop 72
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Support	7	0	Same comments as Prop 72
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	Due to remoteness of area, documentation is required and date; time; and the Severe weather at times would not allow
BOG	126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18	
Support	7	0	Keep as is.
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	7	0	Support the reauthorization for exemptions

Member to attend BOG meeting - *Paul Beans*

Comments on Federal Subsistence Proposals - none

Discuss date and location of next meeting. *Fall 2016*

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Evan Polty makes a motion to Adjourn @ 1:34PM, Vassily Sergie Sr seconds,

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Recorded By: June Yupanik
 Minutes Approved By: Stan Sheppard

Date:
1-28-16

Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 12, 2015
Nenana

- I. Call to Order: Time by Tim McManus, Nenana Co-Chair @ 12:00 pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Minto Members
Philip Titus, Freddy Titus, Knowland Silas
Nenana Members
Victor Lord, Rondell Jimmy, Timothy McManus, Steve Ketzler

Members Absent: Minto- Ron Silas & Roy Charlie; Nenana- Ray Stevens

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 2/2/2015 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Estesén & Christy Gleason, DCF, Tony Hollis, DWC, Nissa Pilcher, BDS, (Caroline Brown, SUBS via teleconference)
- VI. Guests Present: Donald Charlie; Nenana Chief, Mike Carson, Orville Huntington, Reed Morisky, Tim Abbot (DPS)
- VII. Old Business: N/A
- VIII. New Business:
Stephanie Schmidt(DCF) gave Summer Season Update
Members Commented:
Chinook seemed to come back, didn't drop a net due to concerns but a couple guys did and glad; deaths and eating fish
Always approach season conservatively is my thought
Ways current laws are written, it fish # are in river mandated to provide opportunity
Current year escapement for parent year; 2009 2010 Canada 65000 32000 only
For next year, 2010 and 2011, for 2011 escapement 46000
Tim fished; caught a king salmon when fishing for whitefish June 17th a week or two later started catching more. First fish big fish. Did pretty good, got enough for family and potlatch; 160 kings and 40 chums thought it was a good season
Steve Fished early too, way different run then we used to have, seemed to be steady, longer quality good. Don't know what to expect next year but this was a good year. Downriver fishing was well.

(pages 2-4 Fisheries discussions excerpted)



Steve wants to put in a proposal next AYK Cycle to increase the bag limit for Grayling around Nenana to 10 per day to make it worthwhile to go fishing.

Tony Hollis (DWC) gave an update on Surveys being/to be conducted, as well as current known hunting numbers, and an update on the ongoing Minto Flats Moose Registration Hunt. The Youth Drawing hunt in GMU 20 was discussed. Members stated they like the youth hunt idea. Members noted that they had seen a lot of cows with calves this summer.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
NA			Did not take action on this proposal
BOG	124		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
Oppose	0	7	Don't like standing in lines, which is how it was done previously. Fall hunt is too busy, winter hunt it can be too cold.
BOG	137		Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A
NA	7	0	This will happen
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	7	0	

Minutes Discussion; Tim is charged with reviewing the minutes for finalization to submit to the boards.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



Name of Advisory Committee Mt. Yenlo F & G A/C

Date 1-15-2016

Location of Meeting Bentalit Lodge, / Skwentna AK

11:15 am 1-15-2016

I. Call to Order: Time by [name of chair/acting chair] Eric Johnson, Acting Chair (Vice Chair)

Eric Johnson-Vice Chair-Alt Tom Brion-Undes, Roger Phillips-Skwentna,

II. Roll Call: Bonnie Childs-Skwentna, James Ivey-Skwentna, Barry Stanley-Undes

Members Present: [include role here by name ie: officer; designated seat; at large member?]

Members Absent: Mark Torkelson-Skwentna, Thomas Payton-Chair-Skwentna

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Review of BOG proposals pertinent to our A/C

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date] Done Unanimus

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Todd Rinaldi, Tim Peltier

VI. Guests Present: Julie McMullin, Daniel McMullen, Mike Thomas, John Thomas, Alfred Goszak
Andy Frank, Ken Hughes, John Little, David Payne

VII. Old Business: Nothing Pending to review

VIII. New Business: Specific review and discussion of proposal #136 and listen to F&G
representatives input on the proposal, plus vote on other pertinent
proposals -

[record minutes]

Renew existing and expired members, Tom Brion-approved-unanimus, James Ivey-approved-Unan
Eric Johnson-approved-unan, Thomas Payton-approved-unan, Roger Phillips-approved-unan

Vote on new member: Alfred Goszak, approved-unanimus, David McHoes-approved-unan

Removal of Sara King as Sec and as member of A/C - moved from district -approved Unanimus

Election of Officers: Eric Johnson, Chairman - Unanimus

Thomas Payton, Vice Chairman - Unanimus

Roger Phillips, Secretary - Unanimus

Proposal #110 Review, open discussion, vote, Opposed - Unanimus - NO SUPPORT

Proposal #111 Review, open discussion, Vote, Approved - Unanimus - YES Support

Proposal #121 Review, open discussion, Vote, Approved - Unanimus - YES Support

Proposal #136 Review, open discussion ---- SEE ATTACHED Discussion Notes and Ammendments
very lengthy discussion, and approved ONLY AS AMMENDEED.....

Mt. Yenlo - Area Committee Meeting 1-15-2016

Regarding Proposal 136 – Amendment

Per committee meeting:

Proposal 136 should ONLY be Approved with the following Amendment.

AMENDMENT: Mt Yenlo Area Committee ONLY Approves PROPOSAL #136 WITH THE FOLLOWING

AMENDMENT: – Extend the general season “resident” Hunting period by 10 days toward the end of September- General Season RESIDENT Hunting Aug. 20 – Sept. 30 AND remove the spike fork, brow tine and over 50” limitations. The general season resident hunt shall allow ANY BULL. No change to non-resident requirements. No Winter registration hunt or drawing hunt to be added to existing season structure. Tier 2 permit system shall remain as is.

Reasoning for proposal #136: As explained by Todd Rinaldi

The reasoning BOG wants the winter hunt is better accessibility to the region via snowmachine so there would be a higher success rate for hunting, thus maintaining the desired Moose population. Currently 16b is not experiencing enough hunter success to maintain the desired population.

Committee Concerns: The north and south sections of 16b would not be any more accessible via snowmachine and actually will have less airplane access, because of distance, difficulty of travel and amounts of snow in the mountainous regions during the winter months. Only the middle section would have any increase in access and this access is still confined to rivers, creeks and swamps, which are accessible with a boat also. The moose population in general tend to stay far from or move quickly from the accessible area’s of 16b once hunting pressure begins. Especially the bigger bulls which are older, wiser and more cautious.

Additional concerns are:

#1 Todd explained better control of hunting by using a registration and or draw hunt.... He was un-able to explain how there would be “better” control. No additional reporting was expected, so HOW can there be better control?

#2 As we (the committee) understand statute law, The Tier 2 hunt cannot take place at the same time as a public winter hunt of any other type. This would greatly impair the local remote population from a successful subsistence hunt AND there is no F&G office in the remote region to go in-person to register for a hunt. This may be a great disadvantage to the local “remote” population. The existing proposal suggest Tier 2 from 12-15 to 3-31 BUT also a registration hunt from 12-15 to the last day of February. This is a conflict of statute as we understand.

#3 A drawing hunt 11-15 / 12-15 is NOT Feasible. This area is not accessible during this period by boat or snowmachine due to river water level and ice conditions. There is No Way to hunt.

#4 The general public, is quite typically under a time constraint while hunting, adding pressure to their hunt success. Inexperienced in antlerless moose hunting (winter hunt), there will be a much higher rate of cow moose kill with a general public, winter moose hunt.

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Justification for proposed amendment:

History proves that back when there was no Antler requirements the numbers of moose taken in area 16b reached the goal of 200 to 400 moose (goal as suggested by Todd Rinaldi) but DID NOT exceed the goal of 600 -700 moose at any time. There are actually fewer or nearly the same number of hunters in this region today as there was years ago, when there was no antler size requirements. This suggest the goal could be reached without limiting or removing Tier 2 hunting or adding a winter registration or draw hunt.

By removing the antler size requirements during regular season, it will invite more hunters to the area which should bring us closer to goal of 600 moose per year. Again, history (per F&G records) suggest we will not exceed the goal.

By allowing Any Bull during regular season and Not having an Antlerless public winter hunt, there will be less "cow accidents".

By NOT increasing winter hunting pressure, pushing moose around, the already "weather stressed" Cows and Calves will have a better chance of survival throughout the winter.

Name of Advisory Committee

Naknek kvichak AC

Date 2/10/2016

Bristol bay borough assembly room

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 William Regan
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: William Regan co-chair, Everett Thompson co-chair, Brian Cato, George Wilson Jr secretary, Ralph Zimmin, Marc Watson, Joe Klutch, Joey Klutch

Members Absent: Fred Pike no longer lives here, Richard Wilson excused, Gustie Talikpalik absent

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 5, 8 present

List of User Groups Present: Trappers, hunters and commercial and sport fishers
- III. Approval of Agenda: Everett motion to approve agenda, Brian 2nd with discussion of Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish to the top of agenda. M/C
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Board approves Everett and George Wilson to approval previous meeting minutes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Quist AWT, Chris Peterson, Paul Salomone, Taryn Oconnor-Brito.
- VI. Guests Present: Jon Wise, Paul Hansen, Mary West, Tom Betts NPS-KATM, Gene Sandone BBEDC,
- VII. Elections for three undersigned seats which expired 12/31/15; William Regan nominated by Joe Klutch, Marc Watson 2nd. Ralph Zimmin nominated by Brian Cato, Everett Thompson 2nd. Jon Wise nominated by Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr 2nd.
No elections because only 3 nominations with 3 open seats.
- VIII. New Business:
 - I. Discussion of Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island/ Chignik finfish Proposals
 - II. Discussion of Board of Game Statewide Game proposals
 - III. Discussion of Sturgeon Case, and Federal boundary issues



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
oppose	0	9	We feel that the rivers and streams in our area do not warrant the use of hovercraft or airboats. All streams and rivers in our area can be accessed with either prop or jet.
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
oppose	0	9	We felt that modifying the ATV definition would make any track vehicle legal on hunting lands. There are huge vehicles that could be defined as ATV if the weight was removed.
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
oppose	0	9	We felt that definition of general hunt on the books works well.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
support	9	0	we liked this proposal as it would make the definition of moose antlers easier for enforcement and easier for hunters to understand what is legal.
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
oppose	0	9	we understood that current definition of points was accurate and understandable.
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
oppose	0	9	We felt that this proposal would cost the state more money in have to have more meetings if a board was to make a proposal, and definition of in the public's best interest would be up for interpretation
BOG	20	Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife	
support	9	0	If an individual that wanted specific information on the locations of fish and game that individual should do their homework and research the best place to hunt or fish without having to ask the fish and game department to tell them where to hunt or fish
BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
no action			We tabled all sheep proposals until the sheep working group came up with more information.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
oppose	0	9	we like the reg's of leaving the sex attached to the animal. No one has problems with the requirement
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
support	9	0	the board felt that the resident that was accompanying the non-resident on the hunt would be getting the meat for consumption anyway.



BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
support	9	0	We felt this proposal would make it clear as to what means can a hunter use to recover wounded game.
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
oppose	0	9	we did not support this
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
oppose	0	9	we felt that the local bear hunt are doing enough for individuals that want to hunt every year if wanted.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
support	9	0	We felt that this proposal was the same as antlers need to be packed out last after all eatable meat has first been packed out
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
No action	9	0	
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
oppose	0	9	We understood the states reason of outlawing felt soles for the protection of waters of alaska.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
support	9	0	The use of night vision aids in hunting is not eithical because you can not tell the species, sex of animals hunted. Hunters have the daylight hours to have a successful hunt.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
oppose	0	9	We would not want the assistance of dogs on hunts.
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
support	9	0	We felt having an aircraft to spotting big game should not be used
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
support	9	0	We supported this proposal
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
oppose	0	9	we did not like telling hunters what calibur to use on a hunt. The hunter is responsible for an ethical hunt and kill. grouped 72 thru 74 proposals
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
no action			refer to 72
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
no action			refer to 72
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
oppose	0	9	We thought it would be difficult to enforce and cost the state money to enforce. we would not want to tell trappers how to trap
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
No action			
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	

oppose	0	9	We understand when troopers ask for our license and do so regardless of the circumstance
BOG	103		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
oppose	0	9	Grouped 103 and 104, we don't want to justify or give reason for our tier I hunts for subsistence reasons
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
no action			refer to 103
BOG	129		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
support	9	0	We support this proposal like the community hunts and feel they are working as hoped
BOG	134		Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C
support	9	0	We like have the option of hunting either sex before january date.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _George Wilson Jr _____
 Minutes Approved By:Everett Thompson _____
 Date:2/12/2016 _____



Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting
10/30/15
Noatak School

- I. Call to Order: Time by 12:45 pm Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Melford Booth, Thurston Book, Frank Onalik
 Members Absent: Stanley Hawley, Joe Luther, Enoch Adams Jr., Austin Swan Sr.,
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
 List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 Agenda Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/11/15
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present:
 Telephonic: Hillary Robison, Ken Adkisson, Marci Johnson, Gerald Walton, Stella Shaw, Mike Sherman, Hillary Robison, Ken Adkisson
 In person: Justin McGinnis, 40 students Noatak School, Tim, Phillip Booth
- VII. Old Business:
 Updates on caribou herd- Noatak is happy about getting caribou they crossed
 Caribou agenda change requests

VIII. New Business:

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	We have been using rod and reel since they came out people have been using them as subsistence gear. Frank Onalik motions, seconded Melford,



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No action	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year We are already getting one bear every regulatory year. We don't want to change their laws.
BOG Support	57 5	0	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls We can't eat them anyhow. Frank Onalik: Makes a motion to support Thurston: Seconded
BOG Support	71 5	0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions That would be good for sport hunters, to stop sport hunters and make them stay on the ground and hunt all of the time. That is a good proposal. Motion: Melford, seconded; Frank,
BOG Support	72 5	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts We take care of wounded animals and go after them. These regulations don't apply for us on the Noatak River, Melford: This would be good for sport hunters, but it is not good for us. Motion to support Frank Seconded; Janet
BOG Opposed	73 0	5	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts We only use 22's for hunting; we want to use the smallest caliber as possible when we shoot them in the water. We don't want to ruin the meat and the head. The head is a delicacy. Frank: I would not recommend this for this area. Motioned by Frank, Seconded: by Melford
BOG Support	74 5	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts Motion to support Seconded
BOG Opposed	79 0	5	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours -We check traps every four-seven days to not make tracks and disturb your traps -You won't catch anything I tried that before -It would use too much gas. -There is a lot of difference between the different types of traps.
BOG Opposed	80 5	5	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more -This could apply to us if our population reaches 1,000, there are people who trap close to town. We trap for otters close to town. That would be more restrictions for trappers. Kotzebue is getting a lot of foxes and trappers they



	0		need to be able to trap.
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support	5	0	I would support because it helps fish and game do their job better. Motion :Frank seconded Melford
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
Opposed	0	5	I think this would be more work for us and more work for Jim. This is our subsistence we are talking about we don't need a ticket for our fish we should leave our caribou like that. It will make it easier for us. Motioned: By Frank, seconded: by Melford.
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Opposed	0	5	What we have is working. It is really hard to get people to report. Janet Motions, seconded by Frank.
BOG	105		Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Support	5	0	We only have musk ox that are in Tier II.
BOG	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23
Support	5	0	
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	5	0	Frank moved to support Seconded
BOG	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
Support	5	0	Frank Onalik: Motioned Seconded: Janet
BOG	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants
Support	5	0	Frank Onalik: Motioned Seconded: Janet

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 12-18-15

**Federal Regulation Change Proposals**

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support as amended: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Motion to support as amended with the addition of bears, sheep, moose and furbearers

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support as amended: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Can be difficult to figure out which cow has a calf.

Frank motioned to support 16-49 as amended by the RAC.

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krusenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Frank Onalik: motioned

Janet: Seconded

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: Oppose:

Comments:

No Action: to not conflict with the decision on proposal 16-49

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Sheep numbers are low.

Frank: Motion to support 16-53

Seconded: Janet

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support as amended by the RAC: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Frank: Motion to support 16-61 with the changes as amended by the RAC.

To close Squirrel, Eli and Aggy River to sport hunters for caribou hunting.

All support Enoch Mitchell to be the WACH representative

Adjournment: 3:00 pm



**North Slope AC
February 29, 2016
Teleconference Meeting**

- I. Call to Order: Enoch Oktollik called the meeting to order at 1:51 pm.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Oktollik-Chair (Wainwright), Lee Kayotuk (Kaktovik), William Hopson (At-Large), Joseph Leavitt (Barrow), Marie Tracey (Point Lay).

Members Absent: Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut), Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass), Herman Kignak, Sr. (Atqasuk), George Kingik (Point Hope).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda:
There was a motion by Joseph Leavitt to approve the Agenda. 2nd by Enoch Oktollik. All in favor, motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No previous meeting minutes were approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)
- VI. Guests Present: Dawn Winalski, Marjorie Long, Billy Adams, Taqulik Hepa & Mike Pederson
- VII. Old Business:
The Sheep Working Group Report will be discussed at a later meeting.
- VIII. New Business: The proposals were discussed.



BOG No Action	106	Provide for changes in hunt type (Tier I and Tier II) to occur during the regulatory cycle
BOG Support	128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
BOG Support	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
BOG Support	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
BOG No Action	138	Change non-resident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permits

Adjournment: Enoch Oktollik moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:19pm. 2nd by Lee Kayotuk. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Pederson, Executive Manager



Minutes Approved By: Will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Date: 03 04 16

**Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
October 27th, 2015
Old St. Joe's Hall, Nome, AK**

- I. Call to Order: At 1235hrs by Charlie Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean (Chair), Paul Kosto (Vice Chair), Kevin Knowlton (Secretary), Adem Boeckman, Nate Perkins, Daniel Stang, Charlie Saccheus (Elim), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Jack Fagerstrom (Golovin), Peter Buck (White Mountain), Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref), At Large (Vacant), Sara Okbaok (Teller)
Members Absent: William Kakoona
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
Quorum requirements met.

List of User Groups Present: Kawerak Inc., Sitnasuak Native Corporation, and Nome Eskimo Community
- III. Approval of Agenda: Chair Charlie Lean requested to add proposals 68 and 69. MM: Kevin Knowlton to accept as amended, 2nd: Paul Kosto Motion passed unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/22/15 MM: Nate Perkins to accept as presented. 2nd: Paul Kosto, Motion Carries by unanimous vote.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett, Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Jim Menard, Jenefer Bell, Bill Dunker,
- VI. Guests Present:
Telephonic: Louie Green Jr.-SNC, Mike Sloan-NEC, Jacob Bloodgood-NEC, Peter Bente-ADF&G

In person: Ken Adkission-NPS, Adam Martinson, Roy Ashenfelter, Frank McFarland, Andrew Miller, Dan Reed, Therese Kenick, Brandon Ahmasuk, Kevin Keith, Ashley Brown, David Evans, Jared Miller, Rhonda Sparks, Robert Evans, Michael Oar, Perry Mendenhall, Frank Kaviarlook Sr.
- VII. Old Business:
 - A) Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update
Tony Gorn, explains Western Arctic caribou herd census. Explains the lack of data, for the second time not having a count since the 1980s. The herd seems to still be on a decline.
 - a. There was a bear survey, we have started to keep track of wolves during moose surveys, we can't figure out how to count wolves on the Seward Peninsula.

B) Scott Kent
Escapement Goals

VIII. New Business:

- a) Conducted election to fill the empty at-large board position; four candidates – Louie Greene Jr., Brandon Ahmasuk, Tonya Ablowaluk, Sean Komonaseak Sr. Vote count: Louie Green Jr. 6, Brandon Ahmasuk 23, Tonya Ablowaluk 0, and Sean Komonaseak Sr. 3. Brandon was then seated as the At-Large member for three years.
- b) ACR-4 Establish an aggregate pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery for Red, blue and Hanasaki King Crab.

MM: Paul Kosto to support ACR-4 as is. 2nd Adem Boeckman. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

Scott Kent described the procedure that would be put in place to manage the pot limit.

Frank McFarlan: I have seen crews up to four. Maybe you could limit pots per crew. I see it as a source of revenue for the state. With the 8% quota, is there a way to have an adjustable weight limit for the winter like we do for the summer? I think we need to think about how to control the number of permits out there.

Charlie Lean: Explains the need to reduce and address the pot loss.

Frank McFarlan: A crew of four doesn't need to have 80 pots. I just see people buying more permits. I don't think we want more permits out there.

It was recommended to get the proposal in place and see how it goes for a couple of years and see if there were modifications required at that point.

- c) Identifying an NNSAC member to be the representative At the WACH;

Kevin Knowlton asked Brandon Ahmasuk if he would be interested, Brandon declined
Charlie Lean was nominated to represent by Nate Perkins, board voted unanimously in agreement.

- d) Identify a representative to attend the AYK, Statewide BOF and BOG meetings.

Nate Perkins: Nominates Charlie Lean to attend all of the meetings, and the BOF meetings that Adem Boeckman as the alternate. Unanimous vote in support of nomination.

- e) Musk Ox Survey Update: Bill Dunker and Tony Gorn
Musk Ox bull composition is up to 20% and recruitment is at 8%. Continuing to manage population density and range.

(Pages 3-4, Fisheries discussion, excerpted)



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BOG Opposed	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
	3	6	Motion in support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Inquires about good management, I have a problem with the broad management. Nate Perkins: I think we have worked hard on our proposals, and I am going to oppose it because of the other ACs hard work. Paul Kosto: Explains the percentage of total exceptions currently, and there are other tools in the tool box for the state to manage bears.
BOG No Action	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls
			?
BOG Support	68		Outlaw use of forward looking scope
	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Discussion explaining FLIR
BOG Opposed	69		Prohibits use of dogs in hunting
	0	14	Examples of using dogs for bear hunting, and duck hunting, and uses dogs for getting wounded bear. Dogs are good for safety.
BOG Support	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Opposed	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
	0	14	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins, Also for proposals 73 and 74. A 22-250 or 223 is completely capable of harvesting a moose. Sometimes people only have one gun and it is more expensive ammo to carry a bigger gun.
BOG Opposed	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
	0	14	
BOG Opposed	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
	0	14	
BOG Opposed	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. If you check your traps too soon you can scare the animals. If weather keeps you from trapping it every 24 hours. Some trap lines are really long and it makes trapping extremely expensive. Charlie Saccheus: Explains check trapping every 48 hours is best.
BOG Opposed	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
	0	14	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Adem Boeckman.
BOG Support	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Charlie Saccheus: Explains



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			that trapping beaver requires setting traps underwater. Clarifying to allow for part of the trap being under water not fully submerged.
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
No action			We are hopeful that this proposal will be deferred to the Region V meeting and as a consequence we have taken no action.
BOG	103		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
Opposed	0	14	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Opposed	0	14	Motion to Support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG	105		Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Opposed	0	14	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	13	1	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Thinks tag fees allow us to get numbers on who is out there hunting and now you don't.
BOG	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
Support	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Kevin Knowlton. Seems to be a house keeping reg.
BOG	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants
Support	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. The cormorants used to be wide open and now there is a season, people prefer to eat fledging chicks that occur in August as the preferred type of cormorant to be eaten. Charlie Saccheus: People from St. Lawrence Island eat them. April 1-October 31 st .
BOG	135		Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder.
Support	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Stanley Tocktoo. There is interest in having more bears taken.

Minutes Recorded By: *Kevin Knowlton*
 Minutes Approved By: *Paul Kosto*
 Date: 11/10/2015 11-10-15

Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

This is a confusing proposal and undoes all of the work we did in the spring time. Charlie Lean:

Explains what happened in the WACH working group meeting. We made some concessions that we thought would be the least painful. We didn't get everything we wanted. Explains the next round of cuts is going to be more pain and changes. There is a lot of stuff in the works, and it is going to get tough. I was alarmed by the comments I heard earlier. That Unit 23 needs to cut back, that is a recipe for non-cooperation. We all are owners. There are some of the points we should work at, between federal and state regulations. Maybe trigger points needs to be laid out better. What kind of population are we trying to have?

No Action: Due to lack of time to deal with the proposal.

Move to support: Paul Kosto

Seconded: By Kevin Knowlton

Adjourned 8:22 pm

Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
1/20/2016
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: Time 2:00 pm by Charlie Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean (Chair), Kevin Knowlton (Nome-Secretary), Nate Perkins, Paul Kosto (Vice Chair –Nome), Adem Boeckmann (Nome), Tom Gray (Nome), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Jack Fagerstrom (Golovin), Brandon Ahmasuk (At Large), Peter Buck (White Mountain) , Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref).
Members Absent: Dan Stang, Sara Okbaok, Charlie Saccehus (Elim), William Kakoona (Brevig Mission)
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users, commercial fisherman, and hunting guides
Nome Eskimo, Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee, Seward Peninsula Caribou Working Group, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, National Park Service, Reindeer Herder's Association.
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Bill Dunker (WC), Letty Hughes (WC), Tony Gorn (WC), Nicole Braem (Subsistence), and Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- IV. Guests Present:
Ken Adkisson, Matilda Hardy (Southern Norton Sound AC-Shaktoolik), Wes Jones (Southern Norton Sound-Unalakleet), Mike Sloan (Nome Eskimo Community), Jacob Martin (Nome Eskimo Community), Kevin Keith
- V. Old Business:
Board of Fisheries results from AYK meeting
Charlie gave an update of the Board of Fish meeting that was conducted last week in Fairbanks. He advised that all of the proposals from both Northern and Southern Norton Sound AC's passed. These included the winter commercial crab fishing pot limits, cast and dip nets are allowed throughout the region on all rivers for subsistence fishing. Commercial beach seine in districts 5&6 passed, and the district boundary change proposal for the area around Stebbins passed.

Wes Jones added that the Kotzebue region got approved for use of rod and reel for subsistence fishing and how that is the first time subsistence fishing with rod and reel has been expanded in several years.
- VI. New Business:
Agenda Change Request to the Alaska Board of Game #19 Hunting season and bag limits for caribou.
Charlie Lean gave a brief summary of the agenda change request and how it address' two out of the three criteria for an agenda change request.

Adem: Addressed a spring (May 15th – June 30th) closed season for cows during calving.

Charlie: The majority of the heard are not on the Seward Peninsula during that time and that they mainly calve in Unit 23.

Roy and Tom talked about the regulations from 2014/15 would have the verbiage to address the spring season cow hunting closure.

Charlie: Inquires if there are significant harvests between April 1-August 30th.

Roy: Says he hunts in August

Charlie: Addressed ability to submit an amendment for April 1st-August 30th or that the board could change it if they saw a need.

Stanley: Inquired from Tony Gorn if the caribou herd was still in decline and just more spread out on the peninsula and if there are any indications of the herd staying on the Seward Peninsula year round?

Tony: Advised that in 2014 the herd was down from over 400,000 to approximately 235,000 and was showing a decline of around 7% annually so at this time the department estimates the herd population to be around 200,000. There are no indications that there is a herd remaining on the peninsula year round.

Another key factor in the change request was to do away with the late fall/winter closure of bull caribou putting all of the focus of harvest on breeding cows. It appears that the herd ratio is currently 40 bulls to every 100 cows, according to the department the herd could handle a ratio of 30 to 100. This closure also created a situation of accidental shooting of young bulls and instead of the hunter taking responsibility, they would wanton waste the animals.

Tony: Explains how this ACR would meet the criteria by reducing cow harvest during times of conservation, as well as due to correct a regulation because of the unforeseen event due to high numbers of cow take.

Tom: If the board wants dates for cow closure, let them propose it.

Charlie: I don't think we have strong feelings about a cow closure during the summer. Expressed past concern of shooting cows when caribou herd is in decline, we don't like shooting breeding females.

Tom Gray made a motion to support the agenda change request as it has been submitted, Paul Kosto seconded. Motion carried 9 – 0.

Charlie asked for comments from Southern Norton Sound AC who said they would submit it from the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik side of things. The two members of the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee made supportive comments of ACR 19.

Northern Seward Peninsula AC didn't have any participants.

Tom: Inquired from Tony if the department of fish and game supported the request.

Tony: advised that locally the Department did but he could not speak to what Juneau would do.

Adjournment: Paul motioned and Tom seconded for meeting adjournment at 1455hrs. Motion carried.

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Knowlton

Minutes Approved By: 

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Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1/20/2016



Northern Seward Peninsula AC Meeting
1/5/16
Buckland IRA
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:20 am by Percy Ballot
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Percy Ballot, Mona Washington, Nathan Hadley, Marlene Moto-Karl
Members Absent: Calvin Moto and Ron Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve by Mona
 - b. Seconded by Nathan
 - c. Agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/10/2015
Mona Washington motion to approve minutes of 2/10/15
Seconded by Nathan
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Brendan Scanlon (Sport Fish Division, Nikki Braem (Subsistence), Hannah Atkinson (NPS), Marci Johnson (NPS), Hillary Robison (NPS)
- VI. Guests Present: Lawrence Thompson (Subsistence Advisory for Shell), Nelson Lee, Eva Lee, Raymond Lee, Delbert Thomas Sr., Amy Barger, and Marla Thomas
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Updates on caribou herd Brandon Saito
 - b. Percy requested a copy of the preliminary reports
 - c. Percy inquired about monitoring wolves and other predators
 - d. Percy: Troopers need to be more responsive to our concerns there was a wolverine run over by some miners and we reported and I didn't
 - e. Nathan Hadley: Elders need to have meetings with teenagers to let them know what to shoot.
 - f. Percy Ballot: Invitation to celebration of life in March.
 - g. Marlene Moto-Karl: Requests to have announcements on the radio
 - h. IRA note about hunting for gathering at the gym
 - i. Marlene: Inquires about reindeer and restrictions on reindeer in this area
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Elections
 - b. Nominations: Lawrence Thomas, Raymond Lee Jr, Percy Ballot Sr, Nathan Hadley Sr., Mona Washington.
 - c. Elected: Raymond Lee Jr., Percy Ballot Sr., Nathan Hadley Sr., and Mona Washington 2019
 - d. Send Deering hard copies of meeting materials



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year The state is against this. Marlene: Sport hunters are about the only people are after bears. There are some people like brown bear meat in Buckland.
BOG Supported as Amended	57 5	0	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Percy Ballot: Offers amendment wants to encourage more people to hunt by amending the proposal to be legally taken for one bear per season to make this proposal applicable for this region. Marlene: Explains that she has not heard of people buying it heard of it before. We need to teach our children about storage with our food. Motioned by Mona to support as amended Seconded by Nathan
BOG Support	71 5	0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Percy Ballot: It makes people more responsible for their hunting. Marlene Moto-Karl: Explains Percy Ballot: I think this would make it easier for wildlife troopers and I think we should support it. Mona: Motion to support Raymond Lee: Second
BOG Supported as amended	72 5	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Percy Ballot: I don't have a problem with this one. Marlene: What if people can't afford those guns. I will go for it. It sounds safer for the moose. Nathan: Explains we need to choose our own rifle to hunt animals. Percy Ballot: Would like motion to support to a minimum caliber .223. Discussion: Raymond Lee: Would this include outside hunters.
BOG Oppose	73 0	5	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Raymond Lee: We use a .22 to shoot caribou in boats, we don't have to use that large of caribou. Lawrence: It would be a waste of meat to use a larger caliber Percy: .243 makes big holes Marlene: Subsistence users can use traditional ways of hunting caribou. Percy Ballot: When it is real rough you need a larger caliber. Nathan: You will need a bigger rifle if it is a long ways away. Motion to Marlene Seconded




BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Support	5	0	Mona: Motion to support Seconded by Raymond Lee
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Opposed	0	5	Percy Ballot: Explains you are going to waste a lot of gas, and blizzards get bad here. Raymond Lee: It doesn't make sense to check conibears every day. Percy Ballot: It is going to make it harder for rural trappers. Nathan: If you don't check them regularly they are harder to skin. Mona: Motion to oppose Seconded by Nathan
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Opposed	0	5	Percy Ballot: Explains if you are a trapper you are trying to make money. Just cause we live in a smaller place that is not a good excuse to not trap close. Mona: Move to not to support. Nathan: Seconded
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	5	0	Percy Ballot: I am in support of this proposal. Mona: Motion to support the proposal Seconded by Nathan
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Opposed	0	5	Percy Ballot: It sounds like we don't want to support Motioned by Nathan to oppose Seconded by Raymond Lee
BOG	88	Modify the qualification for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system	
Opposed	0	5	Mona motions: to oppose 105 Seconded by Marlene
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Opposed	0	5	Marlene: There are some people are never reported. Percy: I don't want to support this. Mona: Motion to oppose Marlene: seconded
BOG	127	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23	
Support	5	0	Percy Ballot: Explains we support this every year Raymond Lee: motions to support Nathan: Seconded
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	5	0	Motion to support by Mona Seconded by Nathan



BOG	132	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls	
Support	5	0	Percy: Wants to know why they want to close it for that season. They taste better in the winter. Mona: Motions to support Seconded by: Marlene
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
Support	5	0	Mona: Motion to support Seconded by Raymond

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Percy Ballot: We want to support this Mona: Motion to support, Seconded by Nathan, question is called.

Adjournment:

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1/7/16

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett & Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 01/07/16



Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a caribou to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments: Raymond Lee Jr: Motion to support

Seconded by Marlene.

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Raymond Lee Jr.: Motion to support

Marlene: seconds

Percy: We don't eat calves

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Percy Ballot: I don't want to create a history of not having the majority of the permits going to people who live in that area.

I would support this.

Hillary Robison and Marci Johnson: Explain

Mona: Motion to support

Marlene: Seconded

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Percy Ballot: I have no problem with this.

Mona: Motion to support

Seconded: Nathan

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments:

Mona: Motion to oppose

Percy: It is good to have consistent regulations

Raymond: Seconded

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Hillary: Explains sheep hunting has been temporary emergency closure, this is a more permanent closure for the population recovered.

Percy: It would be good not to hunt them for a while.

Marlene: Inquires about sheep in our area?



Marlene: Motions to support

Seconded by Mona

Addressed by allowing the superintendent the flexibility to adjust the harvest limits if necessary.

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose:0

Comments:

Mona: Motion to support

Raymond Lee Jr.: Seconded

Raymond Lee Jr. and Marlene Might be interested in attending the Board of Game meeting

Need to elect Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Need to send a letter

Send Marlene a hard copy of the minutes

Adjournment: 2:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Minutes: Approved By:

Date:

06/07/2016

**Nushagak Advisory Committee
February 3, 2016
Board of Game Proposals
City Council Chambers
Dillingham, Alaska**

I. Call to Order: Chairman Frank Woods called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM, 2-3-16.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: [include role here by name ie: officer; designated seat; at large member?]

Frank Woods, Chair, Dillingham, Dillingham

Dan Dunaway Sec, Dillingham, at large

Curt Armstrong, Dillingham, Dillingham

Tom (Lloyd) O'Connor Dillingham, Dillingham

Gayla Hoseth, Dillingham, at large

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta, Clarks Point, Clarks Pt. arrived 9:55 to attend in person

Chris Carr Portage Cr. Portage Cr. by phone

Diana Gamechuk, Manokotak, Manokotak by phone

Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok, Alt for New Stuyahok. by phone

Steve Perkins, Dillingham, Alternate

Chris Strub, Aleknagik, Alternate

Members Absent:

Joe Chythlook Vice Chair, Dillingham, Dillingham excused traveling

Jim Woolington, Dillingham, Dillingham excused traveling

Glen Wysoki, Koliganek, Koliganek

Jonathan Forsling, Togiak, Togiak

Luki Akelkok Ekwok, Ekwok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

Since several members were absent and the two alternates were present, Dunaway moved and Gayla 2nd to seat both alternates and Peter Christopher for New Stu for this meeting. Carried unanimous.

Quorum met.

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing, hunting, gathering

Commercial Drift (salmon & herring)

Commercial Set

Trapping

Sport fishing & hunting

Sport Fishing guide
Big game guide
Air Taxi & Pilots
BBEDC represented by Gene Sandone by phone

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Dan moved to adopt and requested to add: New USFWS Non-subsistence taking of game and public notice..." to new business. Gayla 2nd. Adopted unanimous.

IV. **Approval March 31, 2015 minutes, Bear and Coho Subcommittee meetings.**

Gayla moved Tom 2nd. Briefly discussed meetings, proposals submitted, BOF action taken on fish items and that this meeting is to discuss BOG proposals including those submitted by this committee. Deferred most game discussion to proposal deliberations. Adopted unanimous.

V. **Fish and Game / State Staff Present:**

Ted Krieg ADFG Subsistence
Taryn Brito, ADFG Board Support
Neil Barton, ADFG Wildlife on phone,
Joe Wittkop Wildlife Trooper
Ali Eskelin State Parks by phone

VI. **Guests Present:**

Gene Sandone, fisheries consultant BBEDC phone
Violet Apalyuk [sp??? with apologies] Manokotak phone
Darren Apoliak/ Bayayuk [sp??? with apologies] Togiak phone - hard to hear name
Kay Andrew Aleknakik AC alternate by phone
Eddy Heyano, Diane Wetter, Pete Heyano Dillingham
Todd Fritze, Dillingham
Molly Dischner, KDLG reporter
this list is incomplete see sign-in sheet as guests came & went thru meeting.

VII. **Old Business:**

Election one Dillingham Designated seat (seat occupied by Joe Chythlook expired Dec 31, 2015)
Chair relinquished to Board Support to run election.
Chair said he had talked to Joe C and Joe would like to be nominated again.
Voting process and voter eligibility discussed - all present and on the phone using the area are eligible.
Tom moved to open nominations Curt 2nd.
Joe Chythlook nominated by Peter Christopher.
no other names offered.
Travis moved to close and asked for unanimous consent to elect Joe CI; Tom 2nd.
No objections.
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham re-elected and to remain vice chair.

Frank Woods resumed the chair.

VIII. **New Business:**

A. Wildlife proposal reviews and recommendations.

Comments due to Board Support March 4 to get in the book.

Chair invited Barten to start with 4 proposals of greatest concern to him; "then we can go through others as we see a need". Barten prioritized 57, 122, 129, 134,. Later in the meeting Barten realized there were (8?) more proposals he hoped the AC would consider. They were brought up along with others of interest to the attending public and AC members.

Member Jim Woolington was not present but had provided the AC members with his written comments on selected proposals. His comments were read and acknowledged when those proposals were considered.

After considering the 4 proposals highlighted by ADFG Barton, chair suggested we work through the rest of the proposals listed in member Woolington's written note: 3, 5,20, general comment on Sheep, 50, 54, 55, 56, 57, Bear baiting, 66, 69 70, 71, ORV's, Misc, Hunt permits, 96-98. NOTE - In the end, AC did not consider all proposals listed by Woolington but did view his comments.

NOTE: comments, AC recommendations only appear for proposals brought before the committee; all other proposals have been removed to reduce clutter.

- Lunch Break 12:20 to 12:45
- 12:45 Chris Carr & Steve Perkins, departed meeting.
- 12:45. Proposal discussion ended moved on to other business.

B. AC Representation at BOG

need to find out BOG calendar and proposal road map.

Potential representatives in priority: Dan Dunaway, Tom O'Connor, Jim Woolington.

Dunaway needs to check his calendar.

C. AC response to: USFWS Proposed Regulations for Non-subsistence Take of Wildlife and Public Participation and Closure Procedures on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

Dunaway introduced this item to the AC and explained his concerns that he has been following it as a member of the Bristol Bay Federal RAC but they have not taken action.

The public comment deadline is March 7 or 8 and before the BBRAC, the Board of Game and many ACs will have a chance to develop their comments formally.

"There are many who are concerned of the potential impacts of this rule and various sources seem to disagree on just what this rule does. " Some say it has potential affect refuges nationally, may actually affect Alaskan subsistence users, or the general public's timely access to FWS actions.

Dunaway said he has formally requested an extension for the public comment deadline on a personal basis as well as seeking to change it through the Federal RAC process. Others, including senators for Alaska are weighing in on this proposal. Dunaway requested the AC formally request an extension of the public comment period so there is more time to review and comment. He offered to draft and submit the request if the AC is supportive of this.

By consensus the AC agreed to have Dunaway draft and submit a letter requesting a comment period extension.

draft copy attached to these minutes.

D. Update Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Committee activities.

Chair, Gayla, Mariano, all members of this committee and each offered updates on the activities. Several meetings have been held. The population appears to be about 1,400 animals, State and Federal biologists agree carrying capacity of the range is about 750 to 900 animals and the herd should be reduced as soon as possible to protect the food supply and the long range viability of the herd. State and Federal biologists have been working very closely together, with the Committee and associated communities.

Actions currently under way.

Special Action Request to increase the bag limit from 2 to 3 animals is well on the way. Hearing already held now working thru bureaucracy.

More recently the Committee initiated 3 more Special Action Requests to A) allow same day airborne hunting ; B) Open the hunt to all Alaskan Residents. C) extend season to April 15. Maybe make it a state hunt, state regs are in place to do a registration hunt, likely same boundaries as Federal hunt; can be turned on and off pretty quickly if needed. Village councils are reviewing current SA's.

Public hearing Feb 16, and another Committee meeting scheduled for Feb 17. Beginning to prepare for Special Actions for next fall hunt as its doubtful enough caribou will be harvested the remainder of this season.

Options to consider: set threshold at 750, 900 or something else? Some are supporting over 900 threshold for statewide hunt. Create State registration hunt? Community harvest options, hunter eligibility - Fed qualified, State C&T, Bristol Bay, all State (all state may be easiest), same day airborne, bag limit, season length.

BBNA is on record as interested in exploring Community Harvest options.

Travis move Gayla 2nd to appoint Frank Woods to continue to represent the the AC on the Nushagak Caribou Management Committee. **Supported Unanimously.**

E. Board of Fish Membership

Gayla asked AC to consider the status of Board of Fish membership. No Bristol Bay member currently nominated or sitting. Gayla asks the AC to write a letter to all powers supporting having a resident of Bristol Bay to be nominated for Board of Fish for the seat that will be vacated by Fritz Johnson. There has been a very long tradition of a Bay resident on the BOF, we have the biggest sockeye salmon fishery in the world.

Dan Move, Travis 2nd to have Gayla to compose a letter requesting to re-nominate Fritz Johnson or another Bristol Bay resident and knowledgeable in the Bristol Bay fisheries to the Board of Fish. And further, to send comment to the Governor, Commissioner of Fish and Game, legislators, etc..

Supported Unanimously.

F. Next Meeting: Call of the chair.

G. Adjourn: Dan move, Tom 2nd adjourned 2:04 PM.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunnaway and Tom O'Connor

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
SUPPORT	8	3	<p>Gayla move Tom 2nd. Gayla spoke of her work with AMBCC where same language was supported unanimously, regulation is now adopted by Feds, and it would be good to have State regulations consistent with the Feds, easier and clearer to enforce. Strong feelings and support in Kusko and much of western AK.</p> <p>Dan "I understand concern for waste; heard of Bethel issue; I used these parts myself but this is too detailed, oppose back, gizzard and heart requirement."</p> <p>Noted Woolington's comment: he opposes for non-migratory birds; this confuses wanton waste rules with salvage rules and would have no effect; sympathetic to the issue but onerous and cannot regulate what must be consumed; not a biological issue.</p> <p>Mariano said heads hearts and gizzards are first to be eaten at home - just caught 10 ptarmigan the other day.</p> <p>Curt applies to oranges if we bring whole bird home we meet wanton waste rule; I'm not sure the Bethel issue warrants changing regulation.</p> <p>Discussion of where the meat is on Crane legs - is there meat on the tibia - fibula of a crane; if not do we really have to bring it home?</p> <p>Concern expressed by several: would this prohibit trappers from using game bird wings as attractors and bait, they are prized and one of the best baits for trapping.</p> <p>FWP Trooper thought enforcement could be difficult.</p> <p>A couple comments were made opposing especially for non migratory game birds. Several were ok with this for waterfowl if better defined: how much of wing, leg, internals.</p> <p>Gayla moved to amend to apply to migratory waterfowl only to align with the Federal Regulation and Federal species list, Chris 2nd. Also to accommodate trappers use of upland bird wings and non- meaty parts for bait.</p>



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			Vote on the amendment: 10 favor, 1 opposed. Vote on proposal AS AMENDED: 8 in favor, 3 opposed.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
OPPOSE	0	unanimous	Tom move to oppose by unanimous consent. Travis 2nd. ADFG Barten introduced and explained limitations of DNA testing, need for on-scene assessment, enforcement. ADFG is opposed also due to significant cost. Several members agreed they are opposed for the same reasons and want to make it easier for enforcement. No objections expressed.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
OPPOSE	0	unanimous	Tom move to oppose by unanimous consent. Travis 2nd. This is directly against our current GMU 17 bag limit of 2, we want more bears harvested, this is against current management strategy and local desires. See Nushagak AC proposal 57.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
No Action			Discussed whether to address. Applies to where bear meat must be salvaged. Tom move, Travis 2nd to take no action.
	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
SUPPORT	unanimous	0	Dan Moved Tom 2nd. Nushagak AC submitted this to encourage harvesting more bears in GMU. Decided to include all GMU where bag limit was 2 or more bears, hoping this would be more acceptable and would not interfere w Trophy bear areas or bag limits of 1. GMU 17 residents are tired of the growing problem of bears trashing cabins and other property; concerned about predation on moose and caribou. "We can only have so many bear rugs, they are costly and big, allowing sale would be an incentive and for some of the fur sewers / hand-crafters may be an economic opportunity. "I can't even fit one rug in my house but bears caused over \$2,000 damage to our moose camp 2 years ago, and I'd like to be able to get some money for a bear hide." Member Chris Carr Portage Cr.: "We need to do something, there are too many bears causing damage. We need to be allowed to use bait, this area is so thick



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			<p>and hard to hunt. Or make a special registration hunt allowing bait. Please pass my comments to the BOG as I can't afford to attend the meeting."</p> <p>Member Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok: "I wish we could raise the bag limit to 3 or 4. Moose numbers are still down and it would be good to take more bear; we need to control the predators."</p> <p>Several fishing guide camps were severely damaged after recent seasons when the camps were closed and stowed. The AC seriously doubts sale of these items will be as problematic as ADFG states. Feds allow sale in some areas and there have been few problems. If problems develop regulation can be changed.</p> <p>FWP Trooper noted a way to ID bears legal to sell vs not is needed. Nush AC would support a special tagging / ID system. The AC requested ADFG and Troopers look into special tag / ID options that could be used.</p> <p>Member Woolington in written comments says he is not in favor of this but will support the AC's wishes.</p> <p>Vote, unanimous support none opposed.</p>
BOG	61	Allow the use of game as bait	
NO ACTION			<p>Tom move no action, Travis 2nd. Small discussion - currently not allowed? It IS going on already here, ADFG says they support use of legally taken animals. No action since the practice of bear baiting isn't common here. General consent. One comment, why not let someone use what is otherwise discarded?</p>
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
OPPOSE	0	Unanimous	<p>Tom move Gayla 2nd to oppose and asked for unanimous consent. Travis said he was concerned about people bringing invasive spp or diseases up from the lower 48. We don't want to risk it. Dan supports existing reg, mentioned concerns for whirling diseases rock snot and mud snails, some guides or anglers are in a river in the lower 48 one day and in an Alaska river the next, waders don't get disinfected or dried out. Too bad it can't be applied to all people who might wade and not just hunters and anglers. Author overstating the problem. Woolington's note says he's opposed.</p>
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
No Action			



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			AC discussed whether to consider. No motion no action. Comment from audience: there are real problems with this, hard to enforce.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog.	
OPPOSE	0	unanimous	Tom move, Gayla 2nd to oppose with unanimous consent. Too many problems with this. It would prevent using dogs to point and retrieve birds, ducks, waterfowl. Quite a few people & even some lodges around here use dogs to find birds retrieve birds. Woolington note, opposed it appears you would be prohibited from having a dog with you for other hunting.
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
No Action see # 71			Consensus of AC - defer to our action in 71
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
SUPPORT	7	3	<p>Travis move Gayla 2nd. Long discussion. FWP Trooper explained need to clarify language, problem w current language cannot hold hunter on the ground accountable for taking an animal if assisted by someone who was "airborne the same day" (spotting). Currently can only hold the airborne person responsible for taking or assisting. Closes a loop-hole and holds person on the ground responsible too. Designed to stop the most egregious violations of the intent but might be hard to enforce.</p> <p>Several AC members discussed various airborne scenarios, scheduled / non scheduled air taxi. What constitutes "spotting". Discussed intent. Peter Christopher shares the concern - we're seeing less moose; do away with planes for spotting. Kay Andrew- locals are struggling to get meat, those airplanes have an unfair advantage, its hard to compete.</p> <p>Tom: I have worked as a pilot and guide and I thought this (proposed regulation) was the rule already; that's how we operated anyway.</p> <p>Some members concerned: what if a guy flies over, sees a moose on a beach, tells someone who tells someone who then goes finds the moose and shoot it? Will the shooter be liable? Who is liable? Confusing and possibly unfair and beyond intent of law; unenforceable?. What constitutes spotting in this case?</p> <p>Pete C: Only wants it applied to guides and guided hunters. Dan, I support concept; let BOG work out details; awfully frustrating to hear of</p>

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			people "GPSing" or spotting game while the rest of us struggle to find animals on the ground.
BOG	72 & 73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
OPPOSED to both 72, 73	0	unanimous	Travis move to consider 72 & 73 together, Tom 2nd Several comments: its more about marksmanship and responsibility than caliber. Several comments: how .223 is very commonly & effectively used for caribou even moose. There are whimpy 30 calibers vs potent 22 calibers, more about energy. A well placed .223 even .17 can be more effective than a badly placed 300 magnum.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
No Action			Dan asked about this. We can already hunt furbearers with a light in GMU 17 Nov 1- March 31 - only a very few do it.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
OPPOSE	0	unanimous	Public - Todd Fritze trapper - asked AC to oppose. Travis move Steve 2nd. Fritze: very opposed, bad experiences when in Idaho: hard to put a tag that will stay on body grippers and snares, harder to conceal trap, animals often tear off tag, enforcers may feel its ok to disturb set to check, signs are bad as they get torn down, give away set to antis and thieves, tear down and then trapper liable for violation. Trooper says its hard to find out who owns a trap, problems sometimes with illegal or slob trappers, neglected or abandoned traps.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
OPPOSE	0	unanimous	Dan move, Gayla 2nd. Dan Totally opposed, impossible for larger trap lines; I'm hobby trapping a small line now and I can't or really don't want to check every day - ruins the set - need to let rest. Trail camera shows animals come by after its been left alone for a day or two. Public comment, I trap longer lines and I agree. Tom O moves to oppose and asks for unanimous consent. Steve P 2nd. No Objection.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	

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OPPOSE	0	Unanimous	<p>Tom move to oppose with unanimous consent, Gayla & Travis 2nd. ADFG Barten explained some municipalities around the state already have rules. Dan, I oppose, too bad we have slob trappers but some communities may WANT trapping to reduce fox and rabies concerns. Others support proposal due to pets getting caught. Travis but this steps over the bounds and should be up to each community. General agreement with w Travis.</p> <p>Pets should be controlled, some dogs are out there running game. One local trapper often traps problem beaver for City for cabin owners who want to protect their place. Hard to know where every cabin is out in the woods. I don't tell people where mine is. Oppose with no objections.</p>
BOG	122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A	
SUPPORT	unanimous	0	<p>Curt move Tom 2nd. This is mostly a housekeeping type proposal. Discussion on why these hunts need to be reauthorized each year. It was noted that reauthorization is needed for this hunt and the work that was done by the AC and local communities in recent years to get this hunt plan working. The plan seems to be working well if the weather would cooperate. Several comments that in some areas "All we see are cows, are there too many?" Are we taking too many bulls? Woolington supports this proposal in his notes to the AC.</p>
BOG	129	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region	
SUPPORT	unanimous	0	<p>Tom move Steve 2nd. Kind of house keeping too. Dan supports, as its much easier to decide to take a bear if the opportunity presents. " used to only see bears when I forgot to get a tag". We still have the sealing requirement for biological information. We want to encourage taking bears in proposal 57 and this helps to reduce predation on moose.</p>
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
SUPPORT	unanimous	0	<p>Tom move, Curt 2nd. Barten reviewed reasons for proposal. More flexible, less complicated and population / compositions are sufficient to support this. Comment: "We like less complicated and flexibility; really appreciate ADFG's work on this".</p>

Petersburg Advisory Committee
November 16, 2015
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chamber

I. Call to Order: Chairman Bob Martin called the meeting to order at 19:04.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 4

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated
 Joel Randrup, vice-Chairman crab/conservation
 Max Worhatch, Secretary, undesignated
 Stan Malcom, sportfish/charter
 Arnold Enge, gillnet
 Ben Case, undesignated
 Ted Sandhofer, undesignated
 Kirk Marsh, archery
 Frank Neidiffer, troll

Members Absent: Jerry Dahl, seine
 Andy Knight, hand troll
 David Benitz, hunting/trapping
 Wes Malcom, sportfish
 Ryan Littleton, longline

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: none noted

III. Approval of Agenda:

As this was our first meeting, there was no hard agenda other than to review proposals for statewide board of game and statewide board of fisheries. It was decided we would start with game, as there was staff available for reference.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:

There were no minutes available to approve. this led to a discussion on getting our minutes approved before submission to board support. It was decided that Joel Randrup as vice-chair would, along with the chair, Bob martin and Secretary Worhatch would consult on minutes prior to submission. All AC members present at a meeting will be able to see minutes before submission. We recognize this is a work in progress, and may take some fine tuning.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Patrick Fowler, local ADF&G sportfish biologist
Rich Lowell, local ADF&G game biologist
- VI. Guests Present:
John Jensen
Dave Randrup
Anthony Taiber
Doug Coral
David Thynes
- VII. Old Business:
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- VIII. New Business:
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As noted earlier, we started with game. We worked through BOG proposal 81. At 21:00 we took a 5 minute break, and then switched gears to statewide fisheries to take advantage of the presence of John Jensen. One member, Ben Case was excused for the evening. As we still had a quorum, we proceeded with the meeting.

After finishing statewide fisheries, it was decided to meet again, sometime mid-December to finish the game proposals and to have an election for Secretary Worhatch's expired seat. It was agreed that Bob would set a time/date based on polling members via e-mail, allowing for enough notice for an election.

Secretary Worhatch moved to adjourn at 22:08, Malcom seconded. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
NA			
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
NA			
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
NA			
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
NA			
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
OPPOSE	0	9	Current regulations are reasonable
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
Support	9	0	staff said no biological concern, and moose harvested with this antler configuration is very small percentage of animals harvested.
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
Oppose	0	9	Current definitions adequate.
BOG	8	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
NA			
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
NA			
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
NA			
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	2	7	Proponents felt it could increase opportunity for those unable to handle a regular bow. Opponents felt crossbows require less skill, might result in more pressure, degrading current status, increase harvest, reducing traditional archer's opportunity.
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	9	0	Very little discussion
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
Oppose	3	6	Proponents felt would allow aging archers opportunity into their golden years. Opponents felt they should just get a gun.
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
NA			
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows	

NA			
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows
OPPOSE	0	9	It was noted that while Alaska required certification for bowhunting, not all states do. Someone stated that certification is unnecessary.
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
NA			
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingshots
NA			
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support	9	0	John Jensen explained the process for BGP's for us. Audience member suggested current process was not adequate, and could cause mistrust of board.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
NA			
BOG	21		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
NA			
BOG	22		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	9	Audience member familiar with current regulation gave examples of perceived need for revising current regulation. Current regulation is adequate, as new wording seems unenforceable and is worse than original regulation.
BOG	23		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
NA			
BOG	24		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
NA			
BOG	25		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
NA			
BOG	26		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
NA			
BOG	27		Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram
NA			
BOG	28		Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide
NA			
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
NA			
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
NA			
BOG	31		Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years
Oppose	0	9	Audience member familiar with issue mentioned there is already a step down after a successful draw. Current management appears adequate.
BOG	32		Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts
Oppose	0	9	Generally felt that proposed changes would not necessarily fix perceived problems. Hunting pressure and population concerns are best left to biologists.



BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
Oppose	0	9	It was expressed that a non-resident only season was unacceptable.
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
NA			
BOG	35	Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names	
NA			
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
NA			
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
NA			
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
NA			
BOG	39	Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide	
NA			
BOG	40	Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities	
NA			
BOG	41	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
NA			
BOG	42	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap	
NA			
BOG	43	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
NA			
BOG	44	Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents	
NA			
BOG	45	Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent	
NA			
BOG	46	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9	
Oppose	2	7	Proponents of this proposal felt that archery needed a time frame set aside for their weapon of choice, as some places it is common for primitive weapons to have their own season. Opponents felt that archers could prosecute their hunt during a general hunt without any problems or special privileges.
BOG	47	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5	
NA			
BOG	48	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide	
NA			
BOG	49	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas	
NA			
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	9	Nobody spoke in favor. Current regulations deemed adequate.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	



Oppose	0	9	Seen as protecting guide interests. Current regulations not perceived as an issue.
BOG	52		Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game
NA			
BOG	53		Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
Oppose	0	9	Not seen worthy of a regulation change. Current regulations seem adequate.
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
Oppose	1	8	While this proposal was seen as creative, it was also seen as possibly being used as a tool to allow hunting parties, at least locally, to insure moose meat is procured every season. It would probably result in more animals being taken, and having biological issues down the road.
BOG	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
NA			
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
NA			
BOG	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls
NA			
BOG	58		Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations
NA			
BOG	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
NA			
BOG	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait
NA			
BOG	61		Allow the use of game as bait
NA			
BOG	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
NA			
BOG	63		Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required
NA			
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
NA			
BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
NA			
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
NA			
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
NA			
BOG	68		Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
NA			
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0	9	We felt this was written too broadly as it would prohibit use of dogs for all hunting, including waterfowl and game birds. Use of dogs for bird hunting is a



			common and accepted practice, and a large part of the bird hunting experience for many hunters.
BOG	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
NA			
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
NA			
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
NA			
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
NA			
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
NA			
BOG	75		Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts
NA			
BOG	76		Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game
NA			
BOG	77		Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers
Oppose	4	5	proponents felt this would be beneficial to those who would like to take furbearers since most furbearers are nocturnal. opponents were of a mind that it could prove to be an enforcement issue, as it would allow poachers of deer and other species that require natural light to hunt a reason to be hunting at night with lights.
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
NA			
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0	9	Trap lines in southeast can be very spread out. 24 hours might not be enough time to turn over a trap line. Lines are often accessed by boat. Weather and darkness could cause a violation of regulation because prudent and common sense safety measures were followed by a trapper. It would also be hard to enforce as law officers would basically have to attend a line for 24 hours to enforce.
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0	9	No need for further restrictions were recognized. Would discriminate against urban trappers.
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares

Note: remaining proposals discussed at January meeting, minutes follow

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

**Petersburg Advisory Committee
January 6, 2016
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 19:05
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated
Joel Randrup, Vice-chair, crab/conservation
Max Worhatch, secretary, undesignated
David Benitz, hunting/trapping
Ted Sandhofer, undesignated
Kirt Marsh, archery
Frank Neidiffer, troll
Wes Malcolm, sport fish/personal use
Arnold Enge, gillnet
Andy Knight, hand troll
Ben Case, undesignated
Members Absent: Ryan Littleton, longline
Jerry Dahl, seine
Stan Malcolm
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved unanimous consent
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting, November 16, 2015 were approved by unanimous vote
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rich Lowell, Petersburg area game management biologist
Cody Litster, Alaska State troopers
- VI. Guests Present: Doug Corl
- VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business: Chairman Martin informed the committee that Ryan Littleton, longline seat, had effectively resigned. The seat now stands empty and will remain so until the next call for elections. It was noted that the undesignated seat held by Max Worhatch term had expired. Worhatch was nominated and elected to the seat by an overwhelming majority vote 10-1, much to Mr. Worhatch's dismay. We were asked by Rich Lowell to if we might consider proposal 78. He noted we had previously taken no action. The committee by unanimous consent elected to do so. It was agreed that after revisiting 78, the committee would resume working through the game book of proposals, beginning with proposal 82. We proceeded from there.

IX.

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After we finished the proposal book for game, we moved to statewide finfish. We addressed proposals 216, as it was not in the book and available to us at the November meeting. We also revisited proposal 126 from the Southeast finfish per a request by an AC member.

A motion was made to nominate Max Worhatch chairman, Bob Martin secretary, and to retain Joel Randrup vice chair. They were elected by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:35.

[record minutes]

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
oppose	0	11	Current regs are reasonable and easy to comply with.
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
oppose	4	7	The current regulation and how it is enforced was discussed with Trooper Lister. Proposal examples were discussed at length, and most felt that they did not justify changing the current regulation. officer discretion would be a factor in most cases, but it was not considered significant enough to warrant changing current regulation over.
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
oppose	0	11	Noted that harvest ticket is important for data collection by F&G. It was mentioned that a harvest ticket would be helpful if metal locking tag were broken and or lost during transport. No one felt current practice was cumbersome or particularly redundant.
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
oppose	0	11	Talked about what the search authority is currently available to law enforcement. Trooper insight was valuable asset to conversation. General feeling was that in remote areas, troopers should have some ability to enforce hunting laws.
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
oppose	0	11	This proposal would take authority from the board of game. Committee was unified that this was not in the best interest of most users.
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
support	11	0	Concerns were expressed that this was probably in the best interests to protect wild sheep. There are documented cases of wild sheep contracting disease in the lower 48, causing population issues. It was felt that it would be

			better to be safe than sorry later.
BOG	91		Include cow in the definition of feral game
oppose	5	6	The benefits of taking feral game were discussed. It was noted that it would or could be an issue with free range permitted cattle in certain parts of the state.
BOG	96		Establish a point system for drawing hunts
oppose	0	11	<p>A bonus point system would attract an explosion of interest nationwide and perhaps statewide as well. People love to collect anything with a perceived value. These systems are difficult to eliminate or revise once underway because changing the rules causes an outcry by those who have been paying to accumulating points.</p> <p>The problem of more hunters than permits is not solved by implementing a fun math trick lottery game that invites thousands more hunters to apply. In the end there is exactly the same number of winners, and a lot more losers. New hunters would be the biggest losers.</p>
BOG	97		Establish a point system for drawing hunts
oppose	0	11	See comments for proposal 96
BOG	98		Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits
oppose	0	11	See comments for proposal 96
BOG	101		Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent
oppose	0	11	guided Kodiak bear hunts have always been historically prevalent. These guided hunts are within their historical range. The 10% "blanket" language was seen as detrimental to established guide businesses.
BOG	107		Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents
oppose	1	10	Comments were made regarding resident opportunity would be increased. There was some agreement with the concept, but the 10% "blanket" seemed over the top. There were no real problems identified.
BOG	108		Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska

		Statute	
oppose	0	11	Rich Lowell explained current situation and clarified. Current regs were to restrict transporters. It was noted that there are tags available in certain areas, although those areas are not as desirable as other areas. General agreement that current regs are satisfactory.
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
oppose	0	11	Department has not expressed a need for dividing this area. It was noted that it could be easier to manage if adopted. While it might liberalize certain areas, it was generally agreed that the current regs were liberal enough.
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
support	11	0	Committee was comfortable with the department's ability to manage these herds. Supportive of their efforts and ability in this particular case.

Adjournment:21:35

Minutes Recorded By: _Max Worhatch_____

Minutes Approved By: __Bob Martin_____

Date: __Jan 17, 20016_____

Minutes of Ruby AC, 12/17/15

Meeting was called at 7:37 pm in the Tribal Office. Members present were Don Honea, Tim Gervais, Ed Sarten and John Stam. The agenda was approved. Minutes from previous meeting were unavailable. Board of Fish Proposals were discussed and voted on.

(Fisheries proposals excerpted)

Federal Proposals were discussed and voted on.

WP 16-38 NA Unanimous (We have no winter hunt, out of area)

WP 16-40 P Unanimous

WP 16-39 P Unanimous

One Board of Game Proposal was voted on.

Proposal 79 F Unanimous

John Stam or Tim Gervais were voted to attend BOF meeting in January.

Meeting was adjourned 9:30 pm



Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2016

Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim McCracken at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held in the Seward City Council Chambers at 5th and Adams.
2. Roll Call was taken as follows: Mark C. (excused), Trent F. (present), W.C. Casey (present), Jim Mc. (present), Bob W. (present), Nate S. (present), Jim H. (present), John F. (present), Andy B. (excused), Jerimiah C. (excused), Diane D. (excused), Arne H. (excused)
3. Bob W. made a motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from March 26, 2015, Jim H. seconded.....passed unanimously. Bob W. made motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from October 15, 2015, Jim H. seconded, ...passed unanimously
4. Correspondence, etc.....None
5. Committee members introduced themselves (those present), and Agency Representatives did also. Jay and Corey with ADF&G came from Anchorage and Ken and Scott from the AK. State Troopers were in attendance. The local newspaper attended and two members from the public.
6. There were no citizens comments on Fish and Fur issues.
7. Under old business, W.C. stated that he would be unavailable for chairing the Kids Fishing Day event. He and Trent will brainstorm a transition plan to keep this important event alive and well. More will be reported via email.
8. Fish Proposals:
 - #202.....No Action
 - #203.....Motion by W.C., second by Jim, limited discussion, Unanimous Opposition (This was from the 10/15/15 meeting, with no new amendments)
 - #204....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....discussed intent...Unanimous Approval
 - #205....Motion by Bob, second by Jim.....limited discussion...Unanimous Approval
 - #206....No Action



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#207....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....lots of discussion about language, and word "dispatch" definition.....Committee asks that language be changed to use word "dispatch" and define "dispatch" clearly. Option #3 was preferred by committee.

#208....Motion by Casey, second by Jim.....limited discussion.....Unanimous Opposition

#209....No Action

#210....No Action

#211....No Action

#27....No Action

#28....No Action

#212....No Action

#213....No Action

#214....Motion by Jim, second by Bob.....Jim withdrew motion, Bob withdrew second

#215....No Action

#194....No Action

#216.....No Action

#217....No Action

#218....No Action

#126.....No Action

Game proposals-----

#116....Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 Yea 3 Nay....Nay's were opposed to cow hunts

#117....No Action

#118.....Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 yea 3 Nay.....opposed to cow hunts



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#109.....Motion by Bob, Second by Nate....Unanimous support

#6.....Moose tines.....Motion by Bob, second by Trent.....3 Yea 2 Nay 2
Abstained.....Bob elaborated on how someone could be in violation
because of an unusual configuration of tines....he opposed motion

#11.....Motion by W.C., Second by Bob.....Unanimous support

Election of Members to Committee:

Discussed term Dates (June 30-June 30)

Four seats were open, to be filled. Mark C., John F., Bob W., and Ken C.
were only nominees. The Chairman asked for and received "Unanimous
Consent" for Mark, John, Bob and Ken.

An impromptu discussion followed the election, regarding the IHC. Jim
Hubbard shared his anecdotal comments on the functions that he
attended. It was a very informative presentation, and he answered several
questions by the Committee members present.

There were no citizens comments, and no committee responses.

The Committee chose to schedule the next Seward Advisory Committee
meeting in the fall of 2016, with email notification.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 pm.

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 17, 2016
Sitka Sound Science Center, 834 Lincoln Street

- I. Call to Order: 6:03PM by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moe Johnson, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Brian Massey (Vice-chair), Jerry Barber, Tad Fujioka, Bradley Shaffer, Jessica Gill (Secretary), John Murray (Chair), Joel Markis, Luke Bastian
Members Absent: Jeff Feldpausch, Peter Roddy
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Seine, Hand Troll, Alternate 1, Alternate 2, Hunting, At-Large 1, Longline, Power Troll, Conservation, Charter, Resident Sport Fish, At-Large 2, Processor, Guide, Trapping
- III. Approval of Agenda:
No formal agenda.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 28, 2016
Minutes were approved electronically through email.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Kristen Green, Tom Schumacher via telephone from Juneau.
- VI. Guests Present:
Many guests were present for the voting of new AC members. Most people left after elections occurred. Matt Donahoe, Steve Reifienstuhl, Linda Behken, Eric Jordan, and Troy Tydingco were participating in the meeting.
- VII. Old Business:
Brought back BOF proposal 216. Comments are held in a different document to conserve space.
- VIII. New Business:
A discussion about how to proceed with the development of by-laws for the Sitka AC occurred. John requested small group meet to discuss by-laws. The by-laws will be simple guidelines as to how the Sitka AC conducts business for the future members. There has been talk about a designated seat, both by aquaculture or gillnet, but we're limited at 15 seats with two alternates. It would be good to know to if we have to eliminate seats to make way for new seats. We'll have a sub-committee discussion and report back to the AC.

Elections-
Guide Seat: 3 year term. Jon nominated Luke Bastian, Brad seconded. Luke gave an overview of his qualifications. He moved in Alaska in 1999. Commercial fished, started guiding in 2007, mostly hunting. Luke was voted on to the AC by unanimous consent by members of the public and AC.
Alternate Seat: 2 year term. Jessica nominated Joel Markis. Floyd nominated Eric Jordan. Wayne nominated Steve Reifienstuhl. Eric Jordan gave an overview of his qualifications. He has been reenergized in fisheries politics, sits on NSRAA board, sat on AC in various seats and offices. Tad would like say thanks to Eric for his service. Steve gave an overview of his

qualifications for the seat. He has been involved with aquaculture and salmon research for 35 years in Sitka. Last year at an AC meeting he suggested there should be an aquaculture seat because of the importance to Sitka. Worked in AC, BOF process, sits on many boards in State. Joel gave an overview of his qualifications. He was born and raised in AK, teaches at UAS. The AC is responsible for our resources and we're stewards, so he would like to add to that stewardship by sitting on the AC. Eric withdrew his name after hearing qualifications from other candidates. Written ballot ensued. Joel was voted on with a vote of 7-6.

Brian questioned how we designate seats. John mentioned that he was thinking a subcommittee would work to determine that, and then bring it to the full committee.

Tad questioned if there were any Federal Subsistence Board proposals pertaining to Southeast/Sitka area. The committee would like a D. vex update from ADF&G or others. Jessica would contact the researchers she knows to find more information and distribute that via email.

There was also a request to find out what proposals were on the docket at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

Adjournment: 8:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman
Date: March 4, 2016



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BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
OPPOSE	1	13, 1 abstain	Brian moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned ADF&G is neutral as it's a value thing not a biomass thing. Brian mentioned that the meat is from the breast. Tom mentioned that the proposal also mentioned that for larger birds it's from the thighs/bodies. John asked if migratory bird council supersedes this proposal. Tad mentioned he likes to let the bird age for a few days, which makes the meat better, but not internal organs. Legs can go sour too if near the breast, so wasting is hard to avoid. Jerry doesn't think he'll vote for it. Having to take that extra meat is difficult for the hunter. Brian called question.
BOG	31	Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years	
OPPOSE	0	13, 1 abstain	Jerry moved to adopt, Brad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned this is an allocative issue, so ADF&G doesn't come have a position on it. Jerry mentioned that goats are here and there is no draw in GMU 4, so he could see a draw in the future with the way the population is trending down. Bradley talked about other hunts that involve draw permits. Draws fund an external industry promoting hunting. He gave Kuiu Island hunting for black bear as an example of what can happen—2 bears per year then 1 bear per year, then there was only 128 bears left on the island, and now it's the 3 rd year of draw guided hunt. Average resident loses out in a draw or guides permit system. Not in favor of the proposal. Brian called the question.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
OPPOSE	4	8, 3 abstain	Tad moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) elaborated on 2 nd degree kindred provision—uncle, cousin, etc non-resident can hunt unguided, but with the relative, if 2 nd degree kindred is a resident of Alaska. Hunted animal will count against resident and non-resident bag limit. Tag for species which requires a guide, a non-resident can take your animal without a guide if they went hunting with the relative. Tad mentioned that guides didn't really like that residents could take non-resident hunters without guides for economics, he dislikes proposal. Prohibits relative and resident from both taking an animal. Brian mentioned that often the resident hunter was a transient hunter (here for 3-4 years) up north. Luke mentioned that it's only brown bear, dall sheep, and goat which require a guide. He thinks it gets abused a lot with the 2 nd degree kindred, and sometimes the wrong animals are hunted (females, subadults). Jon echoes that info and questioned non-resident hunter punching their relatives' ticket, then the non-resident can do a draw and get another bear under his own ticket the next year. Can someone take 2 bears in 2 years under this regulation? Luke reads it as if your relative gets a bear, it counts to both your bag limits, so no hunting for both of them for 4 years. Randy questions why it matters if a non-resident can get a bear, because we don't have a bear problem here. Jon mentioned that we're allocated a certain number of animals, regardless of who is hunting. Taking a female has a larger effect on the hunting that everyone can do. Bradley's concern is for the interior which has different limitations with regards to other species, and



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			it's a larger issue up there with commercial interests competing with non-resident. Jerry doesn't like the proposal, and is worried about the goat hunting. Luke discussed the youth hunt bag limit—they can shoot your tags, and don't get their own tags until they're 13. Tad called the question.
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
OPPOSE	0	14, 1 abstain	Brian moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned there are people who would prefer the limit to be for people who actually take a bear, not wound it. Jon mentioned that if you see blood or hair, your hunt is over for the season, but you can get a bear next season, and he's not in favor. Jerry called the question.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
OPPOSE	0	15	Jerry moved to adopt, Jessica seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) is unsure about the motivation behind this proposal. Seems appropriate to have area specific bag limits, and ADF&G is opposed to this proposal. Would prefer area specific meetings to set bag limits. Luke thinks the proposal would be one bear a year for the whole state. Jerry mentioned that GMU 4 has a high amount of bears, and we've got a bag limit in accordance with that. Brian called the question.
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
OPPOSE	2	12, 1 abstain	Tad moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Brad mentioned it makes it quieter for certain hunters. Jessica gave an overview of how the AC had voted in the past with regards to similar previous proposals—always voted in favor to ban felt soles. Brian mentioned in the past, felt soles were banned to prevent whirling disease in salmonids in creeks. Tad mentioned that in 2009, the AC thought it was a good idea, and the BOF discussed for a long time, and wanted to be looked upon as “doing something”, which isn't a good reason to support something. When a similar proposal was brought to BOG, they said BOF did this, and followed suit, so he's opposed to proposal. Randy voted to oppose felt soles in the beginning. Felt soles are great because they're not as slippery, and there are a lot of other mechanisms to transfer invasive species. Will vote for it, because it doesn't make sense, maybe have non-resident not have felt soles. Why are we picking on effective footwear on slippery rocks? Species from elsewhere just haven't shown up, and can show up through different vectors. John asked what other states do. Tom thinks that's where the ban originated from in the sport fishing community. ADF&G opposes felt sole boots, because of the potential for spreading pathogens/invasive species in felt soles. Luke believes felt soles are banned in most of the western states because of the potential for invasive species coming from other locations (i.e. outside of the country). Bradley called the question.
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
OPPOSE	1	9, 5 abstain	Tad moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned right now you can't shoot from on or across a road. Potentially trying to prevent people from hunting on their lands. ADF&G is neutral. Tad mentioned that as



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			trapping seat he is opposed to proposal because in culverts is one of the best places to trap for mink. Proposal is overly broad. Brian mentioned that there were pets getting into sets a few years ago. Bradley mentioned that in the interior it changes on the road between public land and corporation land. Bradley called the question.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
OPPOSE	0	14 opposed, 1 abstain	Brian moved to adopt, Jon seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned the ADF&G is in support of the FLIR devices, and it would allow for hunting at night. Jon mentioned that technology is outpacing regulations, and supports this proposal. Bradley mentioned that the way it works is not fair. Opposed to regulation. Brian called the question.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
OPPOSE	0	15	Jon moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned there's a long history of hunting for waterfowl with dogs, ADF&G is opposed. Jon mentioned that during hunting season, he has his dog on the boat with him, and lets the dog off while hunting for deer. Luke mentioned that it's still illegal to use dog for bear hunts (tracking). Brian called the question.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
OPPOSE	1	12, 2 abstain	Jon moved to adopt, Bradley seconded. Jon mentioned he's opposed to the proposal. His tags don't interfere with his traps at all. This season, there were traps set very close to his, and the other guy moved his traps after Jon talked to the guy. Tad envisions a scenario where the animal in the trap could rattle the tag off, making it illegal under this proposal. Jerry called the question.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
OPPOSE	0	15	Brian moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Brian mentioned that in the past, even in 24 hours the trapped animal will have died if cold. Tad is opposed as trapping seat as proposal is too restrictive. Jon mentioned that there's a market the trapper is trying to meet, and they're not going let the animal stay in the trap too long, but sometimes given weather it's going to be over 24 hours. Bradley thinks this proposal is anti-trapping. Jerry called the question.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
OPPOSE	0	15	Tad moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned that ADF&G is not opposed to preventing conflicts between different trappers and user groups, but ADF&G is opposed to the proposal. Tad mentioned that as the trapping seat, he's opposed. There's a big difference between a wolf trap and a mink trap, and a difference between Sitka or Craig and Anchorage—this proposal doesn't discriminate between traps or locations. John mentions there could be room for education about location of trap, but not a regulation. Jon mentioned there was a lawsuit about setting a trap in Juneau. Conflicts exist between trappers and non-trappers, and education would be helpful for both too. Jerry called the question.



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BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE	0	7, 8 abstain	Brian moved to adopt, Bradley seconded. Brian mentioned this was similar to when the PFD first came about, and was found unconstitutional to give Alaskans more weight. Bradley mentioned that in one system you're buying odds when there are low permit options. Bradley averages 25% draw, while his brother only averages 9%, so it's all about luck. It is something that will favor the commercial guiding industry, personal use versus commercial interest. Opposed to a preference point system. John asked if it would protect resident hunters. Jon supports the idea, but this proposal is pretty vague for a point system. He puts in every year, and has yet to get draw for an Alaskan hunt. Can't plan for that "dream hunt". Thinks it creates more opportunity for Alaskan hunters. Agrees with proposal, but requests clarification on point system. Tad mentioned a similar proposal from BOG previously. But it cost a lot of money for the computer system to keep track of points—state isn't going to give money now! If there's point system in place, people are going to put in for the draw to get points even if they're not going to hunt this year. It reduces chances for local hunters, and will hurt older hunters and younger hunters. Tad is opposed to the point system. Luke is neutral. Other states charge enough money to support the program. The points system doesn't mean the proposer is going to get the hunt. John asked if the preference system will benefit residents. Luke mentioned that only so many hunts are allocated to non-residents (in other states). Jon mentioned that maybe setting a "point limit" up to x number of permits. If there could be a way to incorporate the youth hunt issue that Tad mentioned. Bradley mentioned that New Mexico has 80% resident preference hunt, 20% non-resident (10% unguided, 10% guided) with different restrictions on big game. Better odds there in the non-resident/non-guided hunt. John thinks consensus is the points system is good, but needs more work on how the system would work. Jerry called the question. Jon requests that the comments get forwarded onto proposer.
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE			Same discussion as proposal 96. Same vote
BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
OPPOSE			Same discussion as proposal 96. Same vote
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
OPPOSE	0	11, 4 abstain	Bradley moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned ADF&G is neutral on the proposal. Proposer thought it could allow for more liberal harvest limits on S. POW, with the road system. Brian mentioned that the sub divided units wouldn't necessarily change the bag limits. Tom mentioned there is lots of boat hunting there, so there might not be more opportunity to hunt, especially given liberal limits on stuff. Doesn't think it'll create additional opportunity. Brian called the question.

**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
October 28th, 2015 11:45 pm
Native Village of Unalakleet, AK**

- I. Call to Order: Time by Jacob Ivanoff @ 12:03pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:), Milton Cheemuk (Vice Chair), Jacob Ivanoff (Secretary), Matilda Hardy.
(Shaktoolik Alt), Nicole Brukner (Unalakleet), Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk).
Members Absent: Wade Ryan, Stebbins
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Wes made the motion to approve the agenda with changes.
Seconded by Frank Katchatag
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/23/15
Wes made the motion to approve the minutes
Seconded by Matilda Hardy
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett, Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Jim Menard,
Jenefer Bell
- VI. Guests Present: Fred Jay Ivanoff, Renae Ivanoff
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Frank Katchatag was seated to the Advisory Committee

ACR 4 (Proposal 223): Establish and aggregated pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery.

Wes mentioned that by supporting the ACR it would reduce the amount of crab pots lost during winter crabbing. Last year there was 105 crab pots loss that was reported.

Morris asked if there was a subsistence limit on the amount of pots used for subsistence use.

Wes told him that there wasn't.

Frank asked if it was legal to use hand lines for commercial crabbing

Wes stated that it was legal now.

Wes made the motion to support ACR 4

Seconded by Jacob



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year This will not have any changes for us.
BOG Support	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Morris stated that Koyuk residents are concerned that this will open the possibility of allowing commercial bear hunters to gain revenue with this proposal. Fred Jay stated that he would be for it because it will give residents opportunities to make more income in which there are not a lot of jobs in our region. Jacob made a motion to support 57, seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
BOG Support	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Jacob made a motion support 71, seconded by Wes. Wes stated that this will mostly affect guided hunters.
BOG Oppose	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Wes made a motion to support 72, 73, 74 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said that he is opposed to these proposals and that there are some merits to these proposals and that he doesn't think that it is a realistic size caliber for moose and bear. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Jacob stated that there are a lot of hunters that use a smaller caliber for caribou and they do successfully harvest the caribou.
BOG Oppose	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
BOG Oppose	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours Wes made a motion to support 79, seconded by Frank. Wes stated that the documentation is an added burden on trappers when they have to document the weather. Matilda also stated that the extra documentation for the mechanical issues that may arise. Frank mentioned that having to check the traps everyday you would leave behind human scent that would cause the animals to stay away from the traps. Morris stated that it would not allow enough time for animals to go to the traps. Wes stated that this would defeat the trapping method. Motion failed.
BOG No Action	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more Jacob stated that we don't have cities over 1,000 and Frank said that there are city ordinances that deal with this.
BOG Support	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Wes made a motion to support 81, seconded by Jacob. Wes said that this is clarifying what underwater means. Motion passed.



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BOG No Action	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Jacob made a motion to request that this be moved to the Region V BOG meeting, seconded by Wes. Wes requested that this be deferred to the Region V BOG meeting and that this proposal is directly related to Region V issue where it would be the appropriate place for this to be discussed. Motion passed
BOG Oppose	103 0	7	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information Wes made a motion to support 103, 104, and 105 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said he is opposed to all three proposals because they add undue reporting requirements and extra regulations to subsistence hunters. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	104 0	7	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
BOG Oppose	105 0	7	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
BOG No Action	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 This is out of our area.
BOG Support	131 7	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Wes made a motion support 131, seconded by Morris. Wes said he thinks this works well the way it is. Motion passed.
BOG No Action	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Jacob said that we don't hunt them.
BOG No Action	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants Jacob said that we don't use them but other communities do and utilize their feathers for their spears and eat them.
BOG Support	135 7	0	Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder. Jacob made a motion to support 135, seconded by Frank. Wes said the effect is outside our area but we are supporting the idea of increasing the harvest of brown bears from our region. Jacob said that the increase harvest of bears would help reduce the predation on caribou. Motion passed.

Wes made a motion to submit a proposal to the BOG to change the moose hunt in RM 841 to close September 20th with the ability to have an EO when the quota harvest is projected to be reached, seconded by Frank. Wes said the reason for submitting this is to follow what the department practice has been for the past four years and we know that we will continue to ask for extension for the hunt. Motion passed 7-0.



Minutes Recorded By: James L. Smith
Minutes Approved By: Wesley W. Wren
Minutes Approved By: Chad K. Ketchum
Date: 11/23/15

Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

No actions have been taken but a letter of support for WP 16-37 will be written to the Federal Subsistence Board as long as the regulations mirror the State's current regulation.



Southern Norton Sound AC
2/8/2016
Telephonic Meeting

- I. Call to Order at 11:04 am by Wade Ryan
- II. Roll Call: Wade Ryan, Jacob Ivanoff, Wes Jones, Matilda Hardy, Frank Katchatag, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr., Allen Atchak, Milton Cheemuk
Members Present: Matilda Hardy (Shaktoolik), Wade Ryan (Unalakleet), Jacob Ivanoff (Unalakleet), and Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Allen Atchak (Stebbins), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk)
Members Absent: Peter Martin Sr (Stebbins), Milton Cheemuk (St. Michael), Frank Katchatag (Unalakleet)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Matilda Hardy to approve the agenda, seconded by Morris Nassuk. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/28/15, Wes moved to approve previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Matilda. Motion passed.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Letty Hughes, Bill Dunker Carmen Daggett, and Tony Gorn
- VI. Guests Present: Charlie Lean (NNSAC)
- VII. Old Business:
Review of Board of Fish proposals
Wes gave an overview of the proposals that affected the Norton Sound Region. He mentioned that there is now a crab pot limit of 20 for the winter crab fisheries in the Norton Sound area. Proposals 127 and 128 passed and the boundaries are now extended. Proposals 129 through 134 passed.
- VIII. New Business:
Review ACR 19 Modifying caribou hunting regulations in Unit 22.
Charlie Lean gave an overview of ACR 19 and stated that NNSAC supported this ACR. He stated that he created this ACR due to the amount of hunters accidentally shooting young males and not harvesting the caribou due to the fears of getting a citation. With the change in regulations this allows the hunters to harvest any sex of caribou when given the opportunity.
Morris Nassuk mentioned that he was unaware of this change in regulations and is concerned about having tags.
Charlie Lean told Morris that this new proposal doesn't put any quotas on male or female but allows a harvest of 5 caribou a day and up to 20 caribou per year. We did say at the NNSAC meeting that we expected to see 1/3 cows shot.
Wade Ryan inquires what the current regulations are.
Tony Gorn explained the Unit 22A and B regulations.
Wes Jones requested the department's position.
Tony Gorn stated that their recommendations are in draft. The department agrees with the spirit of Charlie's proposal. He thinks the department is going to have different dates for cow harvests. He can see the Department recommending March 31st as the closure date for cows.



The proposal doesn't address administration. There are a lot of benefits for a registration permit; it isn't a big deal it is just the piece of paper you pick up before you go hunting.

Morris Nassuk inquiries about the \$50 fine without reporting.

Tony Gorn mentioned that fine could be at the digression to the biologist. We have no plan at all for fining people if they don't turn in their hunt report card, the future of caribou hunting you are going to see an enhanced educational effort to get people to report their harvests, and we don't plan on fining hunters.

Morris Nassuk inquired about the similarity of dates.

Tony Gorn stated that the Department supports the spirit of Charlie's proposal, the one concern is about cow hunts.

Charlie Lean stated that NNSAC discussed the cow hunt and that it made sense to not hunt pregnant cows. We decided we weren't going to get really excited. There is a logical issues and we shouldn't be targeting cows especially pregnant ones. We would probably accept that amendment to the proposal but we didn't put it in.

Morris Nassuk stated that he thinks that we shouldn't be shooting pregnant cows.

Charlie Lean explains that the state is going to put that in, we will meet with AC members and we had a few people speak in support of that, so I think our committee will be in support of adding that.

Wes Jones made the motion for the ACR 19. Seconded by Morris Nassuk.

Wes stated that he has a few points; 1) Hearing Unalakleet this is a good proposal it addresses concerns of hunters after the huge change in regulation last year. One of the important points, we don't like a yearly bag limit but we would rather have that and we don't want to reduce the daily bag limit to make the trips economical.

2.) He feels that other people would be in favor of cow's closures in the late spring, I don't have dates to suggest, but we will let the board and the department to decide the dates.

Wade stated that he think this proposal is good and deal with mistaken identity with hunters.

Morris Nassuk agrees with Wes's points.

Jacob agreed with Tony's date of April 1st, and said that most of the hunters are done hunting by that time.

Motion to adopt ACR 19: 6 support ACR 19, none opposed.

Tony Gorn: The information that was given is from the Nome office and is my best guess on the best information that I have. Headquarters and subsistence division is going re-do this. The Nome office is supportive in the spirit of Charlie's proposal.

Morris Nassuk is the primary for statewide BOG and Jacob Ivanoff is the alternate.

Jacob is the primary for the Area M, and Wade is the alternate.

Adjournment: 11:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jacob Ivanoff
Minutes Approved By: Wesley Williams
Minutes Approved By: Wesley Williams
Minutes Approved By: Wesley Williams

Date: 3/3/16



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

December 10, 2015 / 2:30pm

Call to Order

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

Roll Call & Quorum

SHAC members present were -

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty – Stony River

Doug Carney & Terrance Morgan- Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent -Fred Bobby - Lime Village

Quorum is established – 5 needed.

Others Attending

Nissa Pilcher -ADF&G Boards Support

Josh Peirce -ADF&G Biologist

Susan Hubbard-Sleetmute resident

Nissa Pilcher -

Nissa explains how minutes must be approved when they are submitted.

Someone one the committee needs to be designated to approve the minutes for accuracy after they are written.

The committee made a motion and voted to designate Doug Carney as the person to approve SHAC minutes.

Chairman

Doug Carney asks members if there were any additions to the agenda.

Approval of agenda was given.

Chairman said that minutes of Dec 16, 2014 were lengthy and asked for vote on deferring reading and approval of minutes till next SHAC meeting – members concurred.

Chairman explains how proposals are used at BOF & BOG meetings –

Boards can generate their own proposals using amendments to other proposals, information gathered at Board meetings and from comments on proposals.



In the comments SHAC makes today for these board meetings, we can offer amendments to any of the proposals that are to go before the Board, including our own.

I'm going to turn the meeting over to Barb Carlson so she can go over the proposal that she put before BOF last year. We'll also go over other proposals that have to do with king salmon for the next BOF meeting.

After Barb is done with BOF proposals, I will go over BOG proposals with you, so we can make comments of approval or disapproval on them.

Barb Carlson – BOF Proposals

At the last meeting I was given approval by SHAC to make proposals as needed after going to the March BOF meeting. Since that time I have gone to many meetings concerning the shortage of Chinooks. This included BOF meetings, BOF subcommittee meetings, and salmon working group, (KSMWG), meetings.

I have spent much time with ADF&G subsistence, which helped in the writing and formatting the 3 proposals I came up with for our committee. **These are proposals 94, 96, & 97.**

I decided it would be better to keep each component of SHAC's plans separated into their own proposals to meet BOF desire for only one singular idea or regulatory change per proposal.

This is also preferred by BOF for purposes of selecting components of any proposal they want to use to create a proposal of its own.

There is also BOF proposal **222**, which is similar to SHAC's 97, in that it deals with permits.

Proposal 93, by KNA is similar to SHAC's 94, in that it deals with in-river goals.

There are not a lot of proposals that concern us, but the few we will deal with are in regard to King salmon.

David Bobby left at 3:25 during discussion of proposal 96.

Charlie Gusty had left by 3:45, so did not vote on proposal 97 comments.

BOF proposal discussion is included in the proposal comment form.

Doug Carney – BOG Proposals

(At this point Josh Peirce made SHAC aware he was online.

Josh pointed out several proposals he thought SHAC might want to consider, which it did.)

Proposals discussed were 5, 50, 69-74, 77-87.

BOG proposal discussion is included in comment form.

SHAC moved & approved Barb Carlson to represent SHAC at the January, 2016 BOF meeting .

SHAC adjourned at 5:15p.m.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
O	0	5	On small birds there is little meat except for breast & legs, (spruce chicken), the rest is often used by trappers for bait
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
O	0	5	Keeping sex organs on is easy / For a single sex hunt it is the most useful & cost effective way./ DNA? – cost & time issues make it unworkable
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
O	0	5	Dogs on a hunt hurt nothing. Reasons given in proposal make no sense
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
O	0	5	Silly – enforcement would be impossible & largely the opinion or hunch of an officer
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
O	0	5	Silly – enforcement would be impossible & largely the opinion or hunch of an officer
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
O	0	5	Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
O	0	5	Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
O	0	5	Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
O	0	5	Currently can & do use artificial light on land & water. For beaver, otter, or any other furbearer it is a useful tool
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
S	5	0	This would invite excessive interference on any trap line. When traps are checked, scent of checker in the set area & on trap. Totally destructive to any trapping effort.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
O	0	5	Traps/ sets checked or disturbed too often don't catch well. Paperwork? – no thanks!
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1000 or more	
O	0	5	Local control by each city might be needed, but not Top-Down universal regs on this issue.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
O	0	5	Language makes intent unclear.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG S	82 5	0	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag This is a reasonable , logical fix for unnecessary tickets written
BOG O	83 0	5	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag Harvest tickets are the main tool indicating hunting pressure and game harvest. Having it only online won't work for many parts of the state.
BOG S	84 5	0	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits Officers should only be able to check individuals when they are actually engaged in hunting, trapping or transporting meat or animals during or after the effort.
BOG O	85 0	5	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Not statewide. Should be addressed at appropriate Regional meeting
BOG O	86 0	5	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep Not statewide. Should be addressed at appropriate Regional meeting
BOG O	87 0	5	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience. Methods & means is within BOG powers. Off road vehicles can be and have been intrusive, run off animals, destructive to habitat – tundra. Should be decided case by case. Some areas need this, (salmon streams, tundra rural areas where most effort is on foot)

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12-12-2015

Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

December 8, 2015

Tyonek Tribal Center

On December 8, 2015 at the Tyonek Tribal Center, Chair Alex Pfoff called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Roll Call:

Member	Present	Absent
Alex Pfoff, Chair	X	
Gwendolyn Chickalusion, Vice Chair	X	
Elizabeth J. Standifer, Secretary (New)	X	
Norma Chickalusion	X	
Donald Standifer, Jr.	X	
Theodore Chad Chickalusion	X	
Janelle Verduce	X	
Larry Heilman		X
Randy Standifer, Sr.		X
Ben Caswell, Alternate	X	
Lindsay Bismark, Alternate		X

Nominations Open for Election – 5 Seats Open – Seats will expire 06/18

Alex Pfoff nominated Ben Caswell. Ben Caswell accepted.

Janelle Verduce nominated Elizabeth J Standifer. Elizabeth J Standifer accepted.

Gwendolyn Chickalusion nominated Norma Chickalusion. Norma Chickalusion accepted.

Gwendolyn Chickalusion nominated Janelle Verduce. Janelle Verduce accepted.

Donald Standifer, Jr. nominated Lindsay Bismark. Lindsay Bismark accepted prior to meeting.

Nominations Closed.

Voting Results:

Elizabeth J Standifer, Secretary

Ben Caswell, Alternate

Lindsay Bismark, Alternate

Action Items BOG proposal discussion

i. Proposal 111 _____

1 Favor, 7 Opposed to Proposal 111

OPPOSE

ii. Proposal 110

All **Oppose** Proposal 110

Proposal 136

Discussion: Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee would have supported this proposal but would rather like to see 2 hunts as well as holding the same dates as Tier II.

All **Oppose** Proposal 136 as it currently is.

Other Business

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD)

Gwendolyn Chickalusion gave a verbal update of TTCD past and future projects.

Fish passages, invasive species, Robert's Creek Culvert Replacement opened up 11mi of fish passage, two (2) pike derby's held – 85 pike caught. Upcoming plans include expanding efforts to catch pike.

Adjournment

Elizabeth J Standifer moved to adjourn, Gwendolyn Chickalusion seconded. Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

MOTION to adjourn PASSES

Minutes recorded by: Elizabeth Standifer

Minutes Approved by: Alex Pfoff

Date: 1/30/2016

UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

16 December 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

5:37pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Kelty

Tim Mahoney

Mike Holman

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Roger Rowland

Jeff Hancock (Alternate)

ABSENT:

Steven Gregory

Margaret Kochuten

Don Goodfellow

GUESTS PRESENT:

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G Unalaska Office Area Management Biologist; Justin Leon, ADF&G

Additional guests appeared telephonically: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADF&G Board Support; Dan Martin, Fleet Manager Icicle Seafoods; Brent Paine, Executive Director United Catcher Boats; Matt Keyse, ADF&G Kodiak Commercial Fish; Donn Tracy, ADF&G Kodiak Sport Fish; Dave Crowley, ADF&G King Salmon

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Frank Kelty: added Board of Fish & Game survey to New Business.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda was reviewed and adopted with addition.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

(Fisheries discussion p. 2-4 excerpted)

Board of Game Proposals 95-98 for the Statewide Game Regulations meeting March 18- 28, 2016 Fairbanks, Alaska. Requested by, Committee member Mike Holman.

- Proposal 96/97: Both proposals addressed establishing a point system for drawing hunts. Discussion: Dave Crowley, ADF&G staff, reported that point systems have come up in the past and ADF&G was against proposals because they're expensive system to operate. Also, associated costs would be passed on to hunters and ADF&G staff could have less funding for field time. Mike Holman contested, reasoning that costs would not be prohibitive and noted that hunt entries are only \$5, and tripling or quadrupling costs would probably not deter hunters. Melissa Good mentioned that a

point system might be good but perhaps now is not the time with the State fiscal situation. Roger Rowland asked about preferences for residents and Dave Crowley said some hunts were resident-only. Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Holman. Motion passed 5-3.

- Proposal 98: This proposal would require permit hunt conditions and procedures for a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for non-residents and non-resident permits. Discussion on how complicated this proposal would be to implement? Dave Crowley, ADF&G staff, stated that non-resident permit purchases currently account for about 75% of license fees; so, limiting non-resident participation would reduce funding, through fees, to the State. Motion to support by Good, seconded by Rowland. Motion failed 0-8.

Board Survey

The Board of Fisheries and Board of Game have an online survey regarding potential changes to Board process due to the State of Alaska budget crisis. Primary issue of concern is that proposal process might be moved to 5-year cycle rather than current 3. Members who had not already done so were urged to complete survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

NEXT MEETING:

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADFG Board Support, briefed committee on election/term problems which need to be corrected at next meeting. Next meeting tentatively set for some time in April 2016.

ADJOURNMENT 8:17 PM



1/18/2016

Frank Kelty, Chairman Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date Approved



**Upper Kobuk Kobuk AC Meeting
12/11/15
Ambler School
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717**

- I. Call to Order: 11:48 am by Marvin Joe Cleveland
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marvin Joe Cleveland (Chair-Ambler), Louie Commack (Ambler Alternate), James Commack (alternate Shungnak), Billy Custer (telephonic), and Frank Downey (Ambler)
Members Absent: Theodore Tickett Sr. (Shungnak), Glenn Douglas (Shungnak), Murphy Custer (Kobuk), and John Horner Sr. (Kobuk)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add Sheep Working Group
Add Elections
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/28/15
 - a. Frank Downey: Inquired about the status of having the moose season open up early because during the summer around July people run out of caribou and need another source of meat.
Carmen Daggett: Suggested filling out a board of game proposal form by the deadline.
- V. Motioned to accept minutes Louie Commack
James Commack: Seconded
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation) and Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)
- VII. Guests Present: Harry Douglas, James Commack, Louie Commack, Sidney Cleveland, Calvin Williams, Gale Tickett, Alvin Williams, Ernest G. Lee, Roy Ramoth, Brian Jones.

Federal Staff: Ken Adkisson (NPS) and Marci Johnson (NPS)
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito: Explains the problems with shadows and not getting an accurate count of caribou because of shadows in the photographs. Explained concerns over rain on snow events.
 - b. Louie Commack: Expressed concern for people in Noatak and extending the CUA.
- IX. New Business:
 - A. Elections: Shield Downey (Interim President-3 year term), Louie Commack (Two year term), Bryan Jones (1 year alternate), Alvin Williams (1 year term). Elections were conducted on paper ballots and calculated by Carmen Daggett and Sidney Cleveland and recorded on voting record. Elected AC members volunteered for their length of terms.
Joe Cleveland: Explains there have been caribou over by Hughes.
Harry Douglas: Wants to have fish and Game look into migratory patterns of caribou in response to the Ambler Mining district.



Sidney Cleveland: expresses concern over adding the new underground mine, it is like adding another net for the caribou.

Gale says that climate change is an issue.

Louie Commack: Sport hunters use planes to scout and then they move around.

Bryan Jones: Explains that there are non-licensed guides taking people out.

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Shield Downey: If this is not already legal subsistence gear it should be that is the way to do it is rod and reel cause they will be getting in trouble now. If you don't have a net then you use a rod and reel. Louie: All my life I use rod and reel. Motioned Seconded: by James Commack. Harry Douglas: suggests a local preference.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG Support	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
	5	0	Moved by Louie seconded by James Frank Downey: Expresses support for this proposal.
BOG Opposed	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
	0	5	Louie Commack: Who is buying? We can't allow that up here. Brian Jones: That is a slippery slope. You have people going out and killing bears with hides and skulls and gall bladders. Jewelry is one thing, but selling the raw materials is a problem Motioned to oppose: Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG Support	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
	5	0	Brian Jones: If you were able to get information you could get prosecuted. Motioned to support Louie Commack Seconded by Alvin
BOG Oppose	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
	0	5	James Commack: Motioned to oppose the proposals as a block Seconded by Louie
BOG Oppose	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
	0	5	Louie Commack: Wants to be able to use a .22 for swimming caribou. Wants to make amendments later if the proposals pass at the March meeting to make amendments to these proposals for caliber size. Shield: Distance matters, a smaller caliber isn't going to get there.
BOG Oppose	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
	0	5	See comments from 72, 73, 74 Opposed
BOG Oppose	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
	0	5	Louie Commack: The price of fuel and weather makes it difficult Motion to oppose Seconded by James Commack
BOG Support	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
	5	0	Motion to support: Bryan Jones Seconded Alvin Williams We aren't close to a population of 1,000 people
BOG Support	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
	5	0	Motion to support Louie Commack Seconded by Bryan Jones



From: SOA FISH & GAME KOTZ

907 442 2420

12/17/2015 10:39

#092 P.005/009

Support	5	0	Bryan Jones: Motion support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	105	0	Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit joint system Bryan Jones: Explains this is how it should be. Louie Commack: This doesn't apply to us. Bryan Jones: Explains musk ox example from Tununak. Alvin: Motioned to support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	5	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions on brown bears in units 18 and 26A Motion to support by Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG Support	132	0	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Motion to support by Alvin Seconded Bryan Jones
BOG Support	133	0	Modify the hunting season for fisher cats See comments proposal 132
BOG Oppose	89	5	Relieve the resident tag fee exemptions on brown bears in units 18 and 26A Louie: People down in Anchorage and Fairbanks, have to have tags we don't. Motioned to Oppose Bryan Seconded by Louie Shield: This is going to hurt us Bryan: This is going to make criminals out of people for doing what they do every year.

131 Reauthorize
the current
resident tag fee
exemptions

132 Modify the
hunting season
for snowy owls

133 Modify the
hunting season
for cormorant

Louie Commack: Sheep Working Group meeting report. Unit 23 sheep is closed. We need to slow sheep hunting because of decline of sheep because of the iced up mountains and they were talking about getting only full curl rams. They don't want to make the decline any more rapid than it is.

Brandon Saito: Explains effects of hunters in comparison to weather.

Bryan Jones: Expresses concern over the steep decline.

Louie Commack is elected to serve on the Sheep Working Group.

Shield Downey: Elected to represent the Upper Kobuk AC at the Statewide Board of Game meeting in March.

Louie Commack: Gave an update on the Ambler Road.

Adjournment: 2:30 pm

Minutes Approved By: Louie Commack

Minutes Approved By: Brandon Saito

Minutes Approved By: Alvin

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Date: Dec 22, 15

Date: 12/23/15

Date: 12-23-15



From: SOA FISH & GAME KOTZ

907 442 2420

12/17/2015 10:43

#092 P.006/009

Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Bryan Jones: Motion Support

James Commack: Seconded

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack Motions to support

Seconded by Bryan Jones

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack: Motions to support WP 16-50, WP 16-53, and WP 16-61 as a block

Seconded: By Alvin Williams

Motion carries

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

See comments WP 16-50

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments: Motion to oppose Bryan Jones

Seconded by Alvin Williams

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

See comments WP 16-50

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Public Comments or Concerns:

See comments WP 16-50

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Approved By: Louie Commack

Minutes Approved By: Alvin Williams

Minutes Approved By: Alvin Williams

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Date: Dec 22, 15

Date: 12/22/15

Date: 12/22/15

**Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee
2/12/16 Minutes (Excerpted for BOG Statewide 2016)**

I. Call to Order: Time by TM 5:01

I. Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) / Haines seat	P
Jamie King (JK) / Haines seat	P
John Hagen (JH) / Officer Haines	P
Darren Belisie (DB) / Skagway seat	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) / Klukwan seat	P
Kip Kermoian (KK) / Haines seat	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) / Skagway seat	T
Derek Poinsette (DP) / Haines seat	P
Ryan Cook (RC) / Officer Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro(WP) / Haines	p
Randy Jackson (RJ) Haines	p

Members Present:11

Members Absent: 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- II. Approval of Agenda: RJ Approve, 2nd by TM with addition of letter.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: JH moved to approve with amendments, date, Letter and Vote.
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Rich Chapel, ADFG

V. Guests Present:

List of User Groups Present: See Attached Sign In Sheet (JH)
Rich Chapell, ADFG, Jones Hotch, Chilkat Indian Village, Emily Files KHNS, Karen Garcia Chilkat Valley News, Charlie Dewitt Haines Sportsman's Association

VI. Old Business:

- a) Tier 3 designation discussion, questions/concerns list for the DEC

The reason for the deviation from the original plan of a decision of letter of support for Tier 3 were explained to the attended members of the public by TM. The call was put for the audience to present questions they had on Tier 3 designation and what it means to them.

If tier 3 happens is it something that never changes?

Does this designation apply to all of the tributaries of the Chilkat?

Are there are provisions for terrestrial sewage treatment in this designation?

How many other rivers are designated Tier 3?

I would like to get a clarification on what is industrial wastewater discharge.

Would a logging truck on a rainy day be an issue if it splashes into the river? Would that be discharge?

Can Chilkat Indian Village withdraw this request?

Can "it" shut me down for just doing my existing business? (The inquisitor explained they have an existing gravel business on the Chilkat and is already under DEC permitting and was expanding to a logging operation.)

Is there a process to amend work with the DEC on this process now, to help define the regulations surrounding this?

A lot of the [Haines] highway runs close to the river. Will there be issues with sanding salting on the highway?

If some one has a fish camp on the river will that be grandfathered in?

Will someone be able to start a new fish camp on the river?

What about fish waste, will someone be able to dispose of that in the river?

What counts as grandfathered activities?

Is logging even allowed in a Tier 3 watershed?

Can septic systems or building pads be installed?

Will 2 cycle motors be allowed in the river?

If Klukwan wanted to pave a road would that be allowed?

What is the bottom line on how much you can deteriorate the water?

Does it mean I can't use my 2 stroke engine?

Can we even use the river?

Can you upgrade to a 4 stroke?

Will you go to jail if your cabin floor collapses?

Was there a specific date for town hall.

Who would decide on this designation? I don't want to go to bed one night and wake up and I cannot use the river.

Will there be baseline studies for multiple years to establish a baseline on the water quality?

Who will be paying for testing?

What specific land use is he referring to when he refers to land use may be effected?

What are the boundaries for this designated river?

Does it go all the way to Pyramid island? Glacier Point?

Who gets to decide the use of the lands besides DEC?

Who would enforce tier 3?

Would it just effect those that just need to apply for a permit?

I would like to ask DEC for examples of what has been shut down because of Tier 3, logging mining 2 stroke motors in other Tier 3 systems. We need some examples.

b) Requests to F&G for goat hunt action

KK-motion to get detailed information Haines specific data. RJ 2nd KK Withdraws the motion.

RC – motion to implement goat-hunting quiz. DP 2nd. Unanimous Passed 11-1

RJ- did we take ask for action?

b) Skagway trapping letter

TM. Read letter to Ms. Leach and Attorney Agenda as amended by DP.

RJ-moves to support this letter. DP 2nd carried unanimously

VII. New Business:

c) BOG proposals

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES March 8–12, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	6	Modification of definition of moose antler.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSE- Biologically this is not a problem. This is very rarely cited. By opposing this, we encourage discretion in moose hunting. Our committee believes that this would make the moose hunting more complicated.
BOG	7	Clarify definition of antler point.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	10	OPPOSED – Opposition believes that rule clarification is unnecessary. Supporter comments – Sole supporter agrees with the proposal that the rule language is unclear or redundant and should be removed.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light to taking furbearers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSE - The tone of regulations should be for the conservation of resource, not to encourage more harvesting. We believe this would be to allow shooting and harvesting animals all night long. This is not trapping this is night hunting. This would provide an unfair advantage. We are concerned that this opens the door to overharvesting of animals.
BOG	78	Remove the requirement for identification tags on all traps and snares.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	10	OPPOSE. 1 support 10 oppose. Tags good thing. They make you an ethical trapper. They make a trapper accountable for their actions and how they are setting traps. If your name is on a trap, you will be responsible for it. Here in the valley there isn't a problem. The trapping community is small but very active. If there is someone making poor decisions as a trapper, we likely know whom they are and can reach out to that trapper and work with them. Supporting comments - A Trooper may destroy set to check the tag on a trap or snare. Requiring tags invites abuse from people opposed to the activity of trapping.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	This would be extremely burdensome on the trapper. This goes above and beyond standard practice of trapping. We also feel that this would be overly burdensome to enforce.

c) Skagway hatchery letter of support.

TM calls for a question 9 in favor, 1 oppose 1 abstain.

Next meeting. March 18

Adjournment: WP motion to Adjourn RC 7:47 pm

Minutes Recorded By: John Hagen

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 2/12/16

11/17/2015 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM at the ADF & G office in Tok. Board members present: Leif Wilson, Jake Combs, Peter Talus, Lyle Cronk, Matt Snyder, Thor Jorgenson and Frank Entsminger. A quorum is present.

On the agenda, sheep meeting report was added and the year was changed to 2015 on approval of the last meeting's minutes.

Guests present were: Russ Landers, Zack Knaebel, Shawn Bayless, Doreen Parker, Jeff Wells, Jerry Hill, Aaron Atchley, Nate Berg and Sue Entsminger.

Minutes from 10/15/2015 had been emailed out to all. Lyle moved to approve, Peter seconded. Call to vote, passed 7-0.

Leif gave a quick overview of finalizing the minutes. The Board of Game does not want to accept draft minutes; they want them approved before going to them. It was suggested that one officer be appointed to go over the minutes and approve them however it was decided that the officer should email to all, get their replies and then approve the minutes to be sent onto Board of Game. Leif will be that officer and he will be emailing to all as suggested.

Jeff Wells spoke some on TMA harvest/population with multiple power point graphs, etc. Of the 61 permits issued there had been 20 rams killed and they are still waiting on 4 reports. The later season hunters seemed to have done better with one ram over 40" being harvested. During the survey more sheep were observed with lamb/ewe ratio of 47/100, fewer rams were seen but more legals. Lambs also looked good in the Knuzotin and Wrangell Mountains. Jeff also gave a guideline as to how the number of permits to issue is determined. ADF & G will be issuing 60 permits again for 2016 and maybe able to raise the number for 2017 if the sheep numbers stay up. As far the DMA portion is concerned, it looks like they will be increasing their number issued for this year, possibly 65/65 permits. Moose surveys of GMU12 have been moved to 2016 due to lack of snow in that area. GMU20E is just about finished and will have numbers available at the next meeting.

In covering the budget concerns of the Joint Board meetings, a few suggestions came up to get in the minutes and onto them for their next meeting 12/09/2015. Some states have committees to review all proposals prior to them being submitted for approval. Frank made a motion to limit the number of proposals any individual can put in, Lyle seconded. This would not pertain to AC's and may be a pathway to help streamline the system. Call to vote, 7 – 0, passed.

NPS update on final rule, members had a summary from Nisha to reference as well as comments from Sue Entsminger. Seems there were 60,000 – 70,000 comments from the lower 48 and NPS does not feel that any of these rules will affect subsistence users when they received emails questioning this. NPS response was baiting is a safety issue, baiting creates conditioning of bears but users in our multiple use areas have never seen where baiting has caused a safety issue.

Shawn Bayless gave an overview of USF & W proposed rules. The draft will not be turned in until the first of the year and the public will have 90 days to comment. Our local refuge will be holding a public meeting on Feb. 11th from 5 – 9 PM at the Tok School. US F & W feels that predator control is contrary

to the guidelines of the refuge. Under the methods and means for management many things are permitted such as: snaring bears, baiting bears, taking a bear during denning and same day airborne from aircraft at a bait station. Sue Entsminger stated that local AC and community members need to write to the Anchorage office of F & W to express their views.

Frank Entsminger will be attending the sheep meeting Dec. 5th and 6th, representing the local AC. Frank knows the views of the local AC in that the least amount of changes as possible and he will cover views on all proposals with an open mind and no political agenda, as specified in Nisha's checklist. Sue Entsminger, Aaron Bloomquist, Shawn Bayless and Leif Wilson will also be attending, representing their own entities.

The Board of Game proposals are lengthy and it will take one meeting just for the sheep proposals. It was decided that the December meeting would be good to cover those proposals. This would be right after some of the board has attended the sheep meeting.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Oppose	0	7	after much discussion it was decided that there was not enough info to support.
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
Oppose	0	7	General hunt definition, try and get some of the hunts out of subsistence. This could change the A & S, what about Tier I and II, non-residents are allowed in registration area which is also a Tier I in the Forty Mile Caribou. Not enough info to support.
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
TNA			Possible amendment; Change so that Board of Game proposals must be brought forth by at least 2 members. No Motion.
BOG	20	Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife	
TNA			Pertains to info about caribou herd, when the offices get visitors or calls wanting to know where the caribou are located.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Support	7	0	
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
TNA			Trapping the highway right of way corridor, need permission of the land owner behind the right of way that is currently no specified in the regulations. Athna land, private land owners, etc. some roads, the ownership is to the center line, others stop at the utility/state right of way. Should leave it to the attorneys
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	7	



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	7	
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	7	0	Members always thought both pilot and hunter on the ground would be charged, Russ Landers stated the sentence is being added for clarification.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Oppose	0	7	Not as much a conservation issue as a social issue. This would keep kills out of site and ¼ mile from any state maintained highway. Could be signs used in close proximity of towns or cities. How would this affect the Taylor Highway which is non-maintained in the winter? Seems kind of open ended and needs more clarification. AC suggests if the Board of Game passes this proposal that local AC recommends that GMU12 and GMU20E be exempt.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	This is an unreasonable proposal.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	7	City ordinances should cover, not a statewide issue.
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Oppose	0	7	Comment: can't even believe the AOC submitted this and no way should Board of Game pass this.
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
Support	7	0	
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
TNA			Need to define what they mean by subsistence, don't know enough to support.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 16th, 7PM at the ADF & G conference room in Tok. It was brought up that December would also be elections for Jake, Frank and Peter's seats. Sue E. also brought up that the only village that is represented is Northway and maybe a letter needs to go to the council offices to see about a member from each coming on the local AC. Leif said that Nisha had tried a few years ago but he would mention to try again. In the past there was Kenny Thomas from Tanacross, Chuck Miller from Dot Lake and Patricia Young for Tetlin. Leif also said that Melissa Erickson had expressed interest in the local AC.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37PM.

12/16/2015 Upper Tanana/Forty Mile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM at the Tok Fish & Game Office conference room. Board members present included: Leif Wilson, Lyle Cronk, Jake Combs, Matt Snyder and Thor Jorgenson. A quorum is present.

Agenda was approved with the addition of Proposal 138 that didn't make it in the proposal book.

Guests attending were: Teresa Sager-Albaugh, Barb Pine, Bob Gingue, Jeff Wells and Zack Knaebel.

Jeff Wells gave update on 20E moose. Referring to power point charts the different areas and dates of survey were displayed in different colors and showed the bull/cow ratio is up. Last month's moose survey was about the same as last year with the majority of the moose harvest being in 20E. In checking collared moose, where they are in the fall and where they are in November, some were outside the survey area and a few in the upper West Fork. There were good conditions for the survey and the bull/cow ratio was similar to last year. ADF & G intends to keep an eye on harvest increases in 20E and keep comparing the numbers. Bull/cow ration has been up and down but is stable.

ADF & G will be having a moose workshop in Anchorage in a state-wide effort for all biologists to compare notes and techniques of gathering data for goals and objectives – to protect and maintain the population. Question came up about GMU12 but Tetlin Wildlife Refuge has not put out this sort of info and not sure how close projection may be since no survey done yet. The current goal to maximize opportunity may be over conservative, 15/100 to 40/100 with the most common being 30/100 in our area. Jeff asks that members be thinking of ways to meet the objective, like raising antler restrictions could curb the hunting pressure along the Taylor Highway. Committee could consider proposal to Board of Game if the ratio gets too far below 30/100. This item can be discussed more at the next meeting after the moose workshop.

Approval of meeting minutes from 11/17/2015. Lyle made motion to approve with Matt seconding. Passed 5 – 0.

Sheep working group meeting was discussed. Our delegate Frank Entsminger was able to attend but was not available for tonight's meeting. Leif was there as well as Teresa Sager-Albaugh. Next working group meeting is scheduled for Jan. 1 and 2 in Fairbanks. Hopes of things moving better at the next meeting was brought up so no issues were discussed except should there be a working group or not. Some feel that the Advisory Committees and Board of Game should be handling all this. There was definite animosity towards a working group and all need to try to work out the glitches before the working group can move forward. Number one concern for all was conservation and sustainability of the sheep population. Teresa said she heard that the facilitator can't make those dates and that the meeting would be moved to January 30 and 31. With 40 people making up the working group, it may be hard to get dates that suit everyone to attend.

Board of Game proposals, we need to comment on prior to their next meeting in March. Does the local committee want to wait to see the results of the sheep working group or get comments in now, it was

decided that the committee would move on with the proposals with the stance of the least amount of changes to the regulations and the Board of Game could table some of the proposals to give the working group time to come up with suggestions.

Proposal 207) Has already been passed into legislation, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.

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BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	32	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts	
Oppose	0	5	
BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	



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Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	39		Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	40		Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	41		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	42		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	43		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	47		Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5
Support	4	0	Issues discussed was that it opens the season even earlier, what is the definition of a child, youth needing to go through the hunter safety program but can get harvest ticket without the program at 10 years old and what increase will be to the harvest and the effect on the numbers. Taylor highway youth caribou hunt was a great success with many letters of support coming into ADF & G. Thor moved to amend his motion to 14 year olds and applies to general harvest area only with limited draw state-wide of 5 per GMU. 1 ABSTAIN
BOG	48		Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide
Oppose	0	5	An issue discussed included normal guides vs. federal concession guides who already have a set limit of per year but wants no draw as non-residents on state lands, no to making residents choose draw or general hunt and definitely no to hunt dates by last name. **Support would be given to #2 preferred method over total draw with dates Aug. 10 th – 20 th , 7 – 10 days vs. 21 days and #3 to address federal lands also with draw and limit set by state and feds.
BOG	138		Change nonresident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permit hunts
Oppose	0	5	

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Vanessa Thompson
 Minutes Approved By: Entire AC
 Date: 2/18/2016



**Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 4 and 28, 2016
Wrangell, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: Time 7 PM by Chris Guggenbickler
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Eleven: Chris Guggenbickler (Chair), Brennon Eagle (Vice-Chair), David Rak (Secretary), Marlin Benedict, Bill Knecht, Brian Merritt, Alan Reeves, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Jason Rooney. Mike Bauer (Alternate).
Members Absent: Six: Tom Sims, Janice Churchill, John Yeager, Tony Guggenbickler, Otto Florschutz, Scott McAuliffe (Alternate).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Wrangell AST Fred Burk
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Wrangell AC Elections
The Wrangell AC did not hold election in 2015. To resolve that issue members were elected for both two and three year terms. Two alternate members were appointed by the Chair for one year terms. Wrangell AC Officers were also elected for a one-year term.
- | Three Year Terms | Two Year Terms | One Year Alternate | Officers for One Year |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tom Sims | Rob Rooney | Janice Churchill | Chris Guggenbickler - Chair |
| Brennon Eagle | John Yeager | Brett Stillwaugh | Brennon Eagle - Vice-Chair |
| Jason Rooney | Winston Davies | | David Rak – Secretary |
| Otto Florschutz | David Rak | | |
| Scott McAuliffe | Mike Bauer | | |

Other New Business: Chris Guggenbickler reported to the Committee on the actions, personnel changes, and activities of the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association at Klawock, Burnett Inlet, Shrimp Bay, Kendrick Bay, McClain Bay and Earl West Cove.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
OPPOSE	0	11	The Wrangell AC position on this proposal is similar to its position on the wounding of black bears. A wounding that results in evidence of blood is a taking; a kill is not required. If game is wounded, by evidence of blood, it is a taking, the tag should be cut, and the animal counted as part of the hunter's bag limit. A taking includes a substantial attempt to hunt an animal. Hunters need to carefully consider all aspects of a clean kill and retrieval prior to taking a shot.
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Oppose	0	11	The Wrangell AC supports the salvage of edible meat from breasts, thighs and legs from game birds, but the inclusion of wing and back meat along with gizzards and hearts as edible meat required to be salvaged from ducks and other game birds is not acceptable. The hunter may salvage those additional items if they choose, but not eating the wings, back, gizzard heart or other parts of the bird should not be a violation.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
Support	11	0	This proposal was submitted to the Board by the Wrangell AC and we support it. Modifying the definition of a spike-fork moose antler to not consider hidden points would eliminate careful hunters from being cited for a violation of moose antler points they could not see. The points that originate from the base of the moose antler (burl points) should not count as a tine. These base points are often difficult, to near impossible, for the hunter to see as they are hidden in the moose's hair or ears. This is not a problem unique to SEAK and thus needed to address in a State wide proposal/regulation.
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	1	10	A crossbow is not a common archery item/equipment, and a cross bow with a scope is not a primitive weapon, as it can harvest game at 100 yards it is more like a rifle. A restricted weapons hunt traditionally provides a more challenging hunt opportunity, and a crossbow would not fit that definition. A crossbow is not the same fair take opportunity as traditional archery or compound bow, as it takes less skill to use. A crossbow can be used in a rifle hunt. The proposal would change the allocation of certain game from rifle to restricted-weapons hunts as the success with crossbows increases the take of those animals.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	11	The current regulation works well and no change is needed. There is a need to maintain evidence of sex for a reasonable level of enforcement.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
Oppose	0	11	A mulligan bag limit should not be provided for because the regulation would not be easily and clearly defined. The Wrangell AC favors regulation with a clear line for ease of enforcement, so that hunters know when they would cross that line. The mulligan bag limit would be a gray line that could be crossed or not. And it would be difficult for enforcement.
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
Oppose	0	11	Bears should be treated the same as all other game. When there is a salvage requirement for bear meat, the edible meat should be removed before the trophy parts of the bear. The AC opposes the proposal because it is not always required to salvage bear meat, especially brown bears in some seasons.
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
Support	11	0	Felt soles on boots for wading in streams are superior for traction on slippery rocks. They promote safety by minimizing slips and falls into cold swift water. There are no equally safe alternatives for traction. The need to thwart/eliminate the spread of invasive plants and animals is recognized. This could be done with a required period of quarantine or a disinfectant/chlorine bleach dip/wash for the boots. Also the current prohibition of felt soles fails to address boot and shoe laces as a carrier for invasive plants and animals.
BOG	68		Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
Support	11	0	The use of FLIR devices in sport hunting is contrary to the principles of fair chase in the taking of game. Artificial light electronically enhanced night vision devices are currently banned on the taking of game. They give a hunter an unfair advantage. The Wrangell AC favors the elimination of FLIR use with this Board cycle.
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0	11	It is a long and time honored tradition to hunt waterfowl and upland birds with the use of a dog for retrieving. Hikers and campers also bring dogs into wildlands. The transmission of diseases to Alaska wildlife populations by retrieving and companion dogs is not a high risk.
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
Support	11	0	The Wrangell Ac agrees with the intent of the existing regulation and supports the effort to clean up its wording for same-day airborne prohibitions for hunting big game. That prohibition should extend to others the hunter has come into contact with. All involved in the hunt effort would have the same waiting period after being airborne. The proposal would be a help to enforcement efforts.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	2	9	It is recognized that the use of a small caliber weapon could lead to wounding and loss of big game. This proposal is a step in the right direction, but the Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation. If a hunter was deer hunting in SEAK with a 223 rifle during moose season, and found a legal moose, they would like the opportunity to try and take the moose with a well-placed shot without violating the law.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	2	9	Same as proposal 72. The Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	2	9	Same as Proposal 72. The Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Oppose	4	7	The requirement for ID tags is a cumbersome time consuming task for trappers but it greatly aids in enforcement and accountability. It is quick and easy for AST to identify the trapper. It would be best to have the trapper's ID number, not their name, on the tag. The wire wrap is great to use.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	11	If this regulation change was made for GMU 1C it would be president setting for the remainder of SE AK. Requiring a trapper to check traps every 24 hours could result in dangerous, and perhaps fatal situations, as trappers would be required to boat in poor weather to check their traps in SE Alaska. This is also unrealistic, as well as dangerous for weekend trappers. There is a great amount of peer pressure for trappers to check their traps and the change in regulations is not necessary.

Adjournment: Approximately 10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak _____

Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler _____

Date: __03/03/2016_____

**Yukon Flats Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks
December 14, 2015**

- I. Call to Order: 2:25 pm by Chairman, Larry Williams
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Gerald John (Arctic Village) Wilma Pitka & Rhonda Pitka (Beaver); Nick Henry & Jeffrey Wright (Chalkyitsik); Charles John & Jack Boyle Jr (Circle); Andrew Firmin & Walter Peter (Fort Yukon); Jessica Kozenifoff (Stevens Village); Larry Williams Sr. & Christian Tritt Jr. (Venetie)

Members Absent: Lance Whitwell (Arctic Village), Nicholas Baalam (Birch Creek), 1 Stevens Village seat
*J. Kozenikoff filled in for Roberto Burgess and Glen Simon Jr (Stevens Village) who both missed their flight into FAI. She was already in FAI for another reason.

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 2/11/2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Beth Lenart & Jason Caikoski (DWC); Seth Wilson (SUBS); Christy Gleason [Sabrina Garcia via teleconference] (DCF); Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- VI. Guests Present: Vince Mathews & Mark Bertram & Steve Berendzen (FWS); Gary Lawrence & Ben Stevens (TCC); James Kelly & Kelda Britton (CATG), Joe Matesi, Jorma Pope [via teleconference]
- VII. Old Business: Questions about proposals that were discussed at the last meeting to be brought back up and submitted to the Board of Game
- VIII. New Business:

Concerns and comments from AC Representatives

- Andrew noted he had heard a lot of chatter about the Porcupine Caribou wanton waste in Canada; that lack of enforcement and bad hunting ethics were combining into significant overharvest on the Deptster.

Action Item

Draft letter to send on this issue and send it to the International Board as well as our state representatives..

- Larry noted that he had been asked why the Porcupine River was closed to no fishing without any warning; will be updated on this later in the meeting.

DWC Staff gave brief update

Porcupine update; handout

Moose survey update; hanout

Residents of Fort Yukon helped out this year with the moose surveys; volunteer spotters arranged through CATG. If any AC member/student is interested in doing this, please let staff know.

Chair expressed concern lack of moose on flats, we have meeting after meeting on this, and even created Moose Management Plan, and we are concerned that nothing was being done. The numbers certainly aren't increasing.

Department & Beaver representatives discussed the IM program that occurred near Beaver in the near past; noted there was a grant to do some more work that was given to Beaver. Department also reminded committee that most of the flats is federal land where predator control projects are not allowed. Noted that the wolf population is low in the flats because the moose population is low, but the bear population is healthy; there are a LOT of black bears. What has been done; liberalized black and brown bear bag limits, have a brown bear baiting season, community harvest for black bears (although no one is requesting to do this).

CATG noted that they had revived the Yukon Flats Moose Management Plan, and held a meeting in April. CATG gave meeting highlights; the outcome of the meeting was that a subcommittee was formed to meet in the new year, still working out how to funding implementation of ideas that came as of a result of the meetings such as hunter checkpoints at airports.

Chair commented that we need to revisit stuff if things aren't going in the right direction and asked if any education in the classroom on moose management techniques is being done currently. FWS referenced a video produced for teachers and curriculum that was worked out and distributed, but noted that no outreach had been done lately.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
support	12	0	Didn't know you only had to salvage just the breasts from smaller birds (grouse), we eat the whole d#\$& thing!
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
support	12	0	Arctic Village concerned; had been stocking a sheep for a long time this fall and had a plane [guide] fly over and scare him off; See people fly around, even though they are not supposed to. Saw a plane crash because there is no landing spots (king creek).
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
TNA			Too many pros and cons, five years is a long time unless you are a nonresident. What if you are trying to feed a family. Too complex of an issue for the board to work out much less us.
BOG	64	Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations	
Support	12	0	



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BOG	65	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations	
oppose	1	11	<p>It is a federal requirement to salvage. If you are going to harvest a bear you should utilize it. Is bear meat edible? Don't think that the meat should be wasted if you shoot it. Bears aren't like wolves, they eat berries.</p> <p>Opposition; is bear meat even edible; brown bears are like wolves, are predators. Would you eat a wolf?</p> <p>Oppose the rest Support 1</p>
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
support	12	0	Got clarification on changes, Circle is on the road system, think it is beneficial to support it
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
oppose	0	12	Dogs can be used as a pack animal, what if you are walking a dog with a gun; then you could be ticketed!
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
support	12	0	
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support w/Am	12	0	<p>Discussion on what is considered big game; committee wasn't sure if wolf was considered big game or not; Doesn't seem to make any sense since by the time you land wolves will be a ways away. Lets stick to discussing moose or caribou. Proposal 71 is confusing, can see many ways to interpret this.</p> <p>Amendment; to make exceptions of wolves and bears</p>
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support w/Am	12	0	<p>If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one. But overall, we don't think that a small caliber is appropriate for a moose.</p> <p>Amendment; moose 30 caliber or larger</p>
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Support w/Am	12	0	<p>If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one.</p> <p>Amendment; .223 or larger for caribou</p>
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Support w/Am	12	0	<p>If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one. But overall, we don't think that a small caliber is appropriate for a moose.</p> <p>Amendment; Bear 30 caliber or larger</p>



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BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
oppose	0	12	This isn't a requirement where we trap, but wouldn't want to do it.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
oppose	0	12	In Arctic Village it is \$10 gallon fuel and \$12 for a quart of oil; it would be pretty expensive in the bush to do this
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
oppose	0	12	This does not seem like a good idea to deal with it on a statewide level like this.
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
support	12	0	Clarification on what this regulation would change and what constitutes 'hunting'
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
oppose	0	12	It is hard to get the harvest tickets out here; even when I come into Fairbanks, sometime still can't get enough of them since many members can harvest more than the 5 caribou that come on one harvest card and sometimes can't find anyone to issue them another card, which still is only 10 animals and we can harvest more than that.
BOG	130	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska	
support	12	0	

Draft BOG Proposals

- Extend lynx season for 25 B 25D; February 28. Currently 25C is march 15th. Much better date considering the breeding cycle and the weather, still have a fur buyer. Fur will deteriorate (get springy) after that. Weather is still cold so coats are still good. RAC proposal put in to align it with other animals (wolverine,e ct)

Lynx to 15 for all of 25; but would like to go to 31st to match what should have happen on FSB. Do what the FSB does, if it doesn't pass, then go to the 31st

- Increase black bar bag limit from 3 to 5 in unit 25B, aligning with 25D; housekeeping for us
- Positive C&T brown bear 25D
Currently negative finding, want to make it a positive. Finding made in 1987, cannot find any worksheets that SUBS did on this. If it isn't on paper, then we don't use it but that isn't right. A lot of new documentation/information on bear hunting. Since the regulation is more liberal, then we should revisit this since we can take more. New information on bear use in flats

Can't find the C&T worksheet that would have lead to this decision
The board should reconsider

- Potlatch moose
addition additional language
funeral moose are separate celebratory moose, adding to mortuary moose Yukon Flats
allowance for a celebration of life; reference a festival from Tanana. If there is a specific event in mind; a positive event/holiday celebration and not just when someone dies. If a proposal was drafted that had a specific description that would happen at a specific time. How often how many people, what would occur,
- Bear baiting 25D; someone from GMU 20 is writing a proposal that concerns us, this is not ok. submit new proposal that if you submit a proposal you have to be a resident of that game management unit. This is alarming. Resources are common property.
- Allow bear snaring in 25D for 5 years, or until revoked by BOG, or until population objection is met. Need to get more aggressive. Nontraditional for foot snaring, but was taught how to neck snare bears while growing up. This is making legal a traditional way of harvesting bears.
- Allowing tribal governments to establish guides.....for bears...my tribal government is opposed to guiding in any way shape or form, be it an outsider; Discussed, AC will not proceed with this.
- Same day airborne for wolves be allowed in gmu 25D to promote due to low moose density. Land and shoot.

Walter comment; a lot of our concerns are wolves & bears. We are deprived of our moose meat and of our salmon. We have to balance between state and feds.

BOF

Sabrina Garcia gave a summary of 2015 summer season

Christy Gleason gave a summary of the 2015 fall season; including discussion on the closure of the Porcupine river including why it was closed as well as what was done to notify residents.

(Fisheries discussion pages 6-7 excerpted)

Federal Wildlife Proposals

WP16-55

Put it in to match with wolf trapping seasons so if you incidentally catch one in a wolf set you aren't breaking the law

Support

WP16-56

Housekeeping; aligning state and federal regulations

Support

WP16-57

Support

WP16-58

Not that many people actively trapping in those areas, no outside people going there to trap via the road and only keeping the residents from trapping during these times.

Support

WP16-70 & WP16-71

We worked hard to get that proposal worked through and we haven't had the time to see what happens original intent was to take a brown bear incidentally, not target brown bears, don't want to have to break down camp and move if you attract brown bears.

Oppose

Adjournment: 8:30 pm