

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish

January 12–16, 2016

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*Denotes Federal Regional Advisory Committee

Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee
November 17 & December 22, 2015

November 17:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7pm by Vice-Chair Glen Watson
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Lekander, Tikiun, Roczicka, Watson, Lavalley, Kassman, Kinagak, Kohl & Johnson
Members Absent: Hunter, Carter
Quorum: 9 of 11 present – quorum established
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved unanimous w/ amendment to remove/table all issues that had late winter or spring 2016 response deadlines to future meeting.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of January 14, 2015 meeting reviewed/approved unanimous
- V. **FISH & GAME STAFF PRESENT:** Phillip Perry – GMU 18 Wildlife Biologist, Aaron Potter – Kuskokwim Area Fisheries Biologist
- VI. **GUESTS PRESENT (in person or via teleconference):** Jerry White, Gary Vanasse, Mark Leary, Dave Cannon, Barb Carlson (Chair-Stony/Holitsna AC), Alissa Joseph
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Election of expired terms: Henry Kohl & Greg Roczicka were re-elected to maintain their current seats; Jerry White and Gary Vanasse were elected to replace Rafe Johnson and Ross Boring (w/ note that member Johnson would still be serve as an alternate)
 2. Election of officers: Greg Roczicka was elected chairman, Glen Watson as vice-chair, and Jon Lavalley as secretary.
 3. Review/comment on AYK BOF proposals:

ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH JANUARY 12–17, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
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BOF	92	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to manage the king salmon subsistence fishery based on the Bethel Test Fishery.	
XX Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9		In discussion concerns were raised on whether this might be too conservative, and that capability to make this determination in-season may not be adequate. However the Committee chose to support the proposal for principle of its intent.
BOF	93	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <u>XX Table</u>	8	1	This proposal was discussed at length with observations that harvest percentages have remained relatively constant over the long term, harvestable surplus may be lost as a result, and there was lack of data or management capability to support its implementation, and much uncertainty was present on what its actual effect would be. May be a good idea in concept, but premature. Motion to Table – passed.
BOF	94	Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <u>XX Table</u>	9	0	Ref previous proposal
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <u>XX Oppose</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Tier II does not fit the customary subsistence use principle that everyone similarly situated should have equitable opportunity for harvest – regardless of how small harvest amount is – would exclude too many traditional users. Also notable is the uncertainty of run returns and variability from year to year (i.e. stronger than forecast) to which Tier II cannot be responsive. Need to be conservative, but also should have management capability to adjust opportunity in-season that would be precluded by Tier II status.
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <u>XX Oppose</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Much of discussion re-iterated concerns raised surrounding proposal 93 w/ addition of creating potential gateway for more restrictive fishing “zones” within the river. Major point also that it would do little to assist in-season management issues, but serve only as post-season report card.
BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <u>XX Table</u>	9	0	Many questions on how this permitting system would work and how it “fit” in with content/purpose of Proposal 222 developed by the BOF’s Kuskokwim Chinook panel. Most important difference noted was that it would become requirement for all salmon, and be established on a permanent basis. Also questions remain on how potential allocation would happen. Recognized that a permit system could help managers in the future. Motion to table until next meeting and address issue in conjunction with Proposal #222. – Passed unanimous.
<u>Meeting recessed at 10pm – to continue 6:30pm on December 22nd</u>			

Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting re-convened 6:45pm December 22, 2015 by Chair Roczicka with members Tikiun, Lekander, Lavalley, White and Hunter present. 6 of 11 – Quorum established.

Others present in person or via teleconference included Mark Leary, Lisa Feyereisen (Chair – Central Kusko AC), Dan Gilliken, ADFG-WC staff Phillip Perry and Brandon Frost of SOA Wildlife Troopers.

BOF	222	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	<p>Following lengthy discussion mainly surrounding potential differences between “community” vs “household” permits and reflecting on recommendations made through the BOF Kuskokwim Chinook Panel, the Committee voted to amend and support the proposal as follows:</p> <p>(b) In times of king salmon conservation and ANS concerns, ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace the “community” permit in (b)(1) with a “household” permit for king salmon that begins on June 10 w/ no end date that is based on the pattern of use described in the applicable board finding that recognizes dependence on earlier harvest/processing opportunity to achieve their ANS. - A king salmon household permit in (b)(2) that starts June 20th with no end date for users who don’t need the pattern of use as described in the applicable board findings to achieve their ANS - Permit should have names of people who are allowed to fish that permit listed on the permit/assignable to designated fisherman. - Application period would coincide with the PFD application time period. - Include a sunset clause for the regulation to expire January, 31 of 2019.
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Housekeeping proposal
BOF	99	Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.	
<u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	This opportunity has been abused of its intent by many individuals setting multiple nets in efforts to target king salmon
BOF	100	Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.	
<u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Housekeeping proposal



BOF	101	Repeal Kuskokwim Area depth specifications for commercial gillnets greater than six-inch mesh.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <u>XX NoAction</u>	6	0	No action taken on this or following 5 proposals as no members present who had vested interest in Quinhagak/Goodnews Bay commercial fishing districts; and felt the proposed changes that should be addressed by those more familiar with actual effect of potential implementation.

Other Business:

Update from Phillip Perry on GMU 18 current moose population surveys. End of Nov/beginning of Dec. this year a composition survey was completed in the Lower Kuskokwim with 623 moose observed from Tuntuliak to Kalskag. Ratios found 53 bulls to 100 cows (over half of the bulls were small spike/fork), and 70 calves per 100 cows. All this indicates a strong population showing high potential growth rate. Noted also the very low predation on calves being a positive factor.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: 8:54 P.M.



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.

**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH
JANUARY 12–16, 2016
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

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BOF	93	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<p>Author of the proposal spoke to this proposal. Members considered how run size is estimated, questioned the test fishery, radio telemetry results, upcoming sonar project. Believe that this concept is attempting to get fish for lower river as well as the headwaters, even though the department feels that in river run goals would be difficult to manage for; currently CPUE is gathered, hard to convert that to actual numbers with our current tools. Question asked about if historical had in river fish goals; used to have tributary goals. If the river isn't going to meet minimum escapement goal then lower, middle, upper residents should all be restricted equally. Chair queried FWS on if dual management was to happen then would the passing of this proposal would work; deferred to OSM and an 804 analysis. Noted that there is a lot more people in the lower river then the midd or upper. We need tools are thing that the department can choose to use or not, by passing this they will have to use the tools to use; current managers handle things one way, in another couple of years we could have other managers and they could handle things differently.</p> <p>Unanimous support in concept, but the AC likes Proposal 94s numbers and justification better.</p>
BOF	94	Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	See comments for Proposal 93; the numbers in this one we like better since it is considering what people harvested before the runs were depressed.
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			There has been little to no support for this proposal from the area.
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Concern about not meeting ANS would through river into Teir II for a section, also discussed was concern that this would designate fishing areas for people, which was then said was not the intent by the proposer. Other results of other AC voting results discussed.
BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<p>This proposal was discussed as well as proposal 222. Committee questioned what species would be required to be reported on the permit, members noted that they were not in favor of the original idea for the community harvest permit due to the inability to use these permits in smaller communities. Concern expressed in different reporting requirements in different years depending on run size, members felt this could be confusing, and were concerned that people could face punitive measures if they didn't turn their permit in. This is the first time that a permit system has been talked about for this river due to necessity and it is scary and sad but what else can you do to make sure that everyone gets an even amount of fish, some members believe that it will be difficult getting people to record and then turn in any permits.</p> <p>Proposal supported as amended, please see Proposal 222 for amendment.</p>
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Housekeeping, these are boundaries that are already being used.
BOF	99	Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	If times of conservation this size is still catching the kings. Four inch nets can still be closed in-season when needed..
BOF	100	Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Smaller mesh used to limit gilling fish and facilitate live release of non-target fish. Member participates in beach seining (elder) and was queried about what gear that her family uses and her current net fits within these guidelines, which they were. Did not want to make it illegal what was common practice in some middle river villages.



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BOF	222	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action		<p>Fish Board Generated Proposal 222 with friendly amendments: Passed Unanimously</p> <p>Except as provided in this section, fish (i.e., Pike, Whitefish “<i>spp.</i>”, Burbot, Dolly Vardon, Blackfish, Grayling, Trout, Sheefish, Lamprey, Stickleback, Smelt “<i>spp.</i>”, etc.) may be taken for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit.</p> <p>ALL salmon may only be taken by a HARVEST TICKET. APPLICATION PERIOD FOR HARVEST TICKET WILL BE OPEN FOR A MINIMUM OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS (B3 Board Proposal). There are two types of Harvest Tickets to apply for. Each household may only apply for either a Type 1 or Type 2 and may not apply for both types within a calendar year.</p> <p>(Type 1) A Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets may be issued to households who AFFIRMS a communal subsistence pattern of use of king salmon as described in the applicable Board finding;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 10.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>(Type 2) A Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket may be issued;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 20.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>Rationale; See Red Font Section Below</p>

Rationale;

The CKAC felt strongly that we wanted to eliminate as much paperwork as possible for the individual/families and the state, make the harvest ticket simple and easy to understand. Hence on the ticket report which is required to be sent in at the end of the fishing season. We recommend that there should be 3 boxes to check that would enable the annual automatic rollover of the harvest ticket. One box



would indicate that the fisher (household) would like to re-enroll for the upcoming year in the same Type of harvest ticket; another box would say that the fisher would like to change the type of harvest ticket (Type one to Type two or vice versa); and, finally the last box if check would indicate the fisher's choice is not to reapply for a harvest ticket the upcoming year. Essentially a household would only have to apply for the initial harvest ticket, and then they would receive their new Type 1 or Type 2 ticket in the mail annually similar to how we receive our fishing calendars.

Type 1 ticket holders would be able to utilize processing ways outside the "C & T" for all fish species other than Chinook salmon.

It would be easier to know we are required to carry a harvest ticket every year (Calendar in house and small paper in pocket like a license), then to have to apply every January and wait until May to find out if it was necessary to have applied for a ticket. By having a harvest ticket requirement annually, the only thing that would change annually would be the number associated with allotted "Catches". The number of catches could be unlimited in times of a vast surplus or set to a certain number in times of conservation, per species (depending on forecast and number of tickets etc).

The harvest ticket would replace the "calendar". We included all salmon species as that is what is included on our calendar. There would have to probably be a couple years overlap with the post season survey in order to test the reliability of the harvest ticket subsistence total. However, in the future, the harvest ticket could potentially eliminate the need for any or all post season surveys (moneys savings for the state).

The reasoning behind two different starting dates for Type 1 and Type 2 (KRSMWG Amendments), was the amount of time/days required to preserve your catch using C & T methods. Those who put fish into smoke houses (Board findings for C & T) need more time to adequately preserve their fish, compared to those fishers who utilize the "freezer", where it only requires one day in order to complete the processing of the fish.

By starting the season closed, we would be following what our elders and the biologists believe that in order to preserve bio-diversity and a strong stock, the first fish need to pass through our river unmolested. This is critically important to maintaining population diversity for stabilizing ecosystem services, thus securing the livelihoods that depend on them. The State has demonstrated the "front-end loaded" concept of our fishery with their telemetry projects in 2014 and 2015.

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Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks			
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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



- 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.



CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE



CKAC Meeting 12/8-9/2015

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(Type 2) A Salmon *Household* Fishing Harvest Ticket may be issued;

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(ii) Annual Salmon *Household* Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.

Rationale:

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Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 5-6th, 2015

Bethel Long House

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 Kusaia (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 Kusaia. 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.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	102	Change gillnet mesh size from six inches or smaller to five and three-quarters inches or smaller in District 4 of the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Stan: What is the fish and Game status? Concern is expressed over the subsistence versus commercial proposal. Annie Cleveland: Supports 5.75 mesh use in Quinhagak. John Philip: Explains 8 inch mess size switch 6" we caught lots of king salmon during that time. We have seen a reduction in the size of the jack salmon. Fish and Game neutral on this proposal. They sort of back the proposal. This is for the Quinhagak area only on Kanektok. Annie C. supports the proposal. Peter J. made a motion to support the proposals, seconded by Tommy K. , All in favor of the proposal. Anne C. said that many fishermen come from the Bethel Area and the surrounding villages. Charlie Spud – noted that 4 inch mesh is for whitefish. The 5 ¾ inch will get female king salmon.
BOF	103	Amend the Kuskokwim Area District 4 Salmon Management Plan to include District 5.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	No Action		Peter Julius: I don't have a problem with management plan. Peter J. supports the Proposal 103. Charlie Spud asked if the Goodnews Fisheries affects the Quinhagak commercial fisheries. Anne made a motion to accept and support the proposal. Motion failed because of no second.
BOF	104	Increase the commercial fishing area in District 5 of the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Annie Cleveland: Motion to support, seconded by David Carl, Fish and Game does not support this proposal. Anne Cleveland made a motion to support the proposal David Carl seconded and it is supported. Charlies Spud asked F&G if there is a check out station at Quinhagak for the Sports fishermen. There is no check out station. The reason being we don't know what the Sport fishermen are taking out of the villages.
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	11	0	This one is for the sport fisherman in Quinhagak. Peter Julius makes a motion to accept proposal 105, seconded by Paul Sunny. Motion passed all in favor.
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	11	0	Paul Sunny: Make motion to support, Seconded by Annie Cleveland. Proposal 106 - F&G opposed to the proposal. Paul Sunny made a motion to support, seconded by Anne Cleveland, all in favor, motion passed.



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.

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchak
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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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- **Comment on Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim BOF Proposals**
 - *Comments due December 28, 2015*

BOF	107	Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	There are already measures in place for conservation of king salmon. A question if the closures would also apply to subsistence fishing. This would be regardless of the size of the run. Jobs are scarce and hard to find in the villages. The area is very impoverished, we must oppose this. This doesn't use a biological basis for management. The fishery help a lot of the youth in the area.
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	1	The committee heard the report on this proposal and Prop 109 at one time. By lowering the trigger will be good for us. It will give a chance to fish during the summer. We have seen a great abundance of summer chum. This allows stocking for winter use needs.
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Reference comments on Proposal 108.
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	Prefer that we remain status quo and do not delay the fishing times. 100,000 fish would mean waiting a bit longer. ADF&G has EO authority to use if needed.
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	This would do away with the number of fish and use percentages.
BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	1	Question why drift gillnet is prohibited in the upper river area. They were removed to prevent gear conflict in the future. .
BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	Have been drifting for salmon for many years and oppose this proposal. This may affect our subsistence fishing.



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BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	This would require a subsistence permit in District 5. Moved to take no action approved unanimously.
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	A concern of the king salmon returning being smaller was expressed.
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Appreciate the quicker release proposed. The committee thought there was a similar proposal that already passed.
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	Want to keep beach seine for commercial and not subsistence use.
BOF	118	Establish specifications for a beach seine used for subsistence fishing in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Never seen anyone on the Lower Yukon using beach seine for subsistence fishing. There are fishermen talking about getting seine gear so it may increase on the lower Yukon.
BOF	119	Require live release of king salmon from subsistence beach seines during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Like the requirement to release the king salmon.
BOF	120	Allow subsistence fall chum salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall chum salmon commercial fishery is opened.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	6	Staying open 7 days per week during commercial fishery. This may allow subsistence users to get fish. Fish we're trying to protect in lower Yukon go through windows. The fish are still moving up the river and seems like there would be less escapement if the fishery were opened to 7 days per week.
BOF	122	Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard.	



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Will give the subsistence user a bit more room to fish.
BOF	123	Further define commercial beach seine specifications for summer chum salmon in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Aligns with Proposal 118.
BOF	125	Establish gillnet gear provisions to allow a directed pink salmon commercial fishery in districts 1–3 of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	The committee expressed concern of the size of the net may impact other commercial fisheries and not clear on the reasoning of Kwikpak for this proposal. Question if subsistence gear would be different, should this pass. They would most likely be separate not concurrent. It appears that Kwikpak may be interested in developing a market for pink salmon. Prices have been way down on pink salmon. There has been some pink salmon sold. This may allow some opportunity for developing a fishery in District 1 – 3 and put a bit of money in their pockets. There is some pink salmon incidentally caught during the summer chum salmon fishery. There are quite a few pinks out there.
BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Question about what is the difference between the purse seine and beach seine and the boat size. There is nothing specific about the size of the boat. They used 24 foot skiffs this summer in the test fishery. A question if another permit would be required. Department stated it would not if you have a permit that allows you to fish in the lower river, this would simply add another gear type. Sounds like the harvest was good, but it took two boats and a lot of crew to handle it. There are fishermen interested in trying this.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	This would allow a fishing opportunity in that area. There are more set net fishermen than drifters.
BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	This would allow a fishing opportunity along those coastal areas.



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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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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*
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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



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
11/18/15
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, Elizabeth Neipert. Alternates: Paul Dudgeon, Don Quarberg, Jack Windsor.

Members Absent: Regular Members: Vern Aiton, Don Bunselmeier, Jacob White. Alternates: Mike Rogers.

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 October 28th meeting are not yet available and will be reviewed at the December meeting.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker (DSF), Darren Brunning (DWC). Doreen Parker-McNeil (DWC)

VI. Guests Present: Catherine Hadley - Delta Wind, Jim Cummings - Golden Eagle Air, Kim Jocum - Donnelly Training Area Natural Resources, John Haddix - Fort Wainwright Natural Resources, LTC William Prayner - US Army, Fort Wainwright.

VII. Old Business: Select an alternate for the BOG Sheep Working Group. Ross Baker was selected as alternate. Jacob White is the primary representative.

VIII. New Business:

Biologist Reports:

Darren Brunning reported that DWC is in the middle of flying moose surveys.

Brandy Baker announced that a new ADF&G cabin was built this past summer at Donna Lake and it can now be reserved. Donna Lake was also sampled this year to determine the status of fish populations since it is expected that harvest will increase as people begin using the new cabin. Chet Lake and Dick's pond were both sampled this summer and the Arctic char in both lakes were undersized. She said ADF&G will be stocking rainbow trout next season instead of char. Mark Lake was sampled and has a good population of rainbow trout.



There was a request to stock Midway Lake near Tetlin. ADF&G conducted a bathymetric survey of the lake and found the deepest was 24'. Dissolved oxygen will be sampled in the lake this coming March and if the Department feels the lake could support fish it will be stocked in 2017.

The ADF&G hatchery in Fairbanks will no longer stock grayling due to State budget cuts.

The Department did a bathymetric survey of Volkmar Lake this summer. Greatest depth was 34'.

The Department helped a UAF funded project to collect northern pike from Healy Lake this summer for a contaminants study. Thirty pike were collected. The village is concerned that the military may have dumped contaminants into the lake that could be bio-accumulating in pike which are their primary fish subsistence species. The results of an earlier contaminants study on whitefish have not been released.

Brandy also passed around a few maps showing grayling locations from the Goodpasture River grayling study. She also said there were 19,500 cohos counted in the Delta Clearwater River this fall which compares to an approximately 5,000 fish average the last several years.

Hunting on Fort Wainwright: John Haddix and LTC William Prayner gave a thorough presentation on the results of the 2015 moose hunting season on Ft Wainwright lands. They discussed the Army's response to concerns from the Delta community that were expressed at an AC meeting last spring about access, training closures, and notification of training closures. They presented handouts and fielded questions from the AC and the audience. The Army's response to community concerns were much better addressed this past season and their presentation was well received.

Board Proposals: The AC discussed BOF proposals and voted on several.

Proposal Number	Yes Votes	No Votes	Abstentions	Comments
BOF 135	0	9	1	No biological reason to support proposal based on input from ADF&G
BOF 136	0	9	1	No need to complicate the regs if 2 lines are the norm
BOF 137	0	9	1	No biological reason to support proposal based on input from ADF&G. Lake trout numbers are still below the desired level.
BOF 139	8	1	0	
BOF 140	8	0	2	
BOF 204	9	0	1	
BOF 205	9	0	1	

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	135	Prohibit the use of set lines in Grizzly and Jack lakes.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No biological reason to support the change. Based on ADF&G input.
BOF	136	Allow only one fishing line per angler during the Fielding Lake winter fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No need to complicate regs if 2 rods is the norm.
BOF	137	Allow the use of bait during the winter fishery on Fielding Lake.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No biological reason to support the change. Based on ADF&G input LT #s are still below desired level.
BOF	138	Allow retention of Arctic grayling on the Chena River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	139	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9	1	0 abstain. Support.
BOF	140	Repeal Yukon River Area rainbow trout regulations.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	2 abstain. Support.



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
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9		1 abstain
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9		1 abstain

Old Business:

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



Notes taken at the Fairbanks AC Fisheries Subcommittee Meeting that occurred on 10/29/2015. There were 4 AC Members in attendance. The results of this meeting were discussed at the 11/11 & 12/9, of which the minutes are attached to this document.

ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH JANUARY 12–17, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOF	100	Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	Currently there are no restrictions, unlimited size could target Kings.
BOF	105	Modify gear specifications to reduce king salmon harvest in the Kanektok and Arolik rivers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	The committee felt this was an anti---sport fishing proposal, unworkable, and unnecessary.
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	We believed this would increase the potential for King mortality with earlier fishing pressure.
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	See comments to 108
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	Upriver subsistence fisheries have been restricted if the department's projects are high and a commercial fishery occurs in lower river.
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	
BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	It was noted there is likely a 10% mortality on incidentally caught Kings.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	This proposal greatly expands an area open to commercial fishing to target a mixed stock and is inconsistent with 5 AAC 39.220, the BOF policy for the management of mixed stocks.
BOF	137	Allow the use of bait during the winter fishery on Fielding Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	Support with clarification of typo by the proposer. The use of setlines is prohibited. April... Limited use of bait on one line was believed sustainable.
BOF	138	Allow retention of Arctic grayling on the Chena River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	Support with amendment clarifying 1 fish bag limit and substituting “Badger” for “Piledriver.”
BOF	143	Reduce the bag and possession limit of northern pike in the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	The author, Marv, cited downward trend of pike population and high winter harvest. Klaus noted harvest was in sustainable range, and Pike have naturally fluctuating populations. After significant discussion, the subsistence area would start one mile above the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek, and the legal daily bag limit would be 10 fish under 30”.
BOF	144	Allow the use of five and one-half inch mesh gillnets across an entire channel in portions of the Koyukuk River for the purpose of targeting northern pike.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4	

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
11.11.15 Meeting Minutes
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

- I. Call to Order: 18:45 by the chair
II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X	X	X			X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X	X		
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Lyle Shelnut	
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimous for October and April 2015
V. Correspondence: None
VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Don Young, Tony Hollis, Klaus Wuttig, Tim Viavant
VII. Guests: Dave Bump (AWT), Reed Morisky (BoF), Orville Huntington (BoF), John Haddix, LTC Praynor, LTC Bonan, Marvin Hassebroek, Ethan Birkholz, Mark (ABH&A), Glen Holt, Becky (didn't catch last name).
VIII. Comments

Chair: Update the AC on the Eastern Interior RAC meeting and F&WS wanting to impose NPS like restrictions.

AC Member Comments: Valerie spoke to the need to have game subcommittee meetings to address BoG proposals for this year. Mike Tinker voiced concerns with the BoGs negative attitude towards the ACs.

Public Comments: None



IX. F&G Staff Reports: Don Young gave an update on Delta caribou and 20A moose as well as ruffed grouse. Tony Hollis gave an update on 20B moose and 20A and White Mountains sheep. Tim Viavant updated on Yukon King salmon escapements. Pranor and Haddix gave an update on access to military lands.

X. Old Business: Discussion of interim approval of minutes. Moved and passed unanimously to retain the minute committee and publish a notice of meeting automatically after every meeting.

XI. New Business:

BoF proposal 143 regarding Minto pike. The author, Marv Hassebroek spoke to his proposal and how it was designed to help with concerns with the Pike population and size decline over the years. Klaus stated the department did not have a biological concern. Moved and seconded to amend proposal to release fish over 30" and close an area within a mile of the mouth of Goldstream Creek. The AC voted 10-3 in support. Those in support spoke to size and population concerns.

BoF proposal 136 & 137 regarding Fielding Lake trout. The author, Ethan Birkholz spoke to his proposals. He spoke to the typos in the book for 137 and how no bait effectively eliminates any opportunity for Burbot. Wishes for set lines to continue to be prohibited but for season and methods and means to change to allow harvest of lake trout within objectives and also allow Burbot fishing. The AC supported this proposal 13-0.

XII. Adjourn: 22:30

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
12.09.15 Meeting Minutes
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chair at 18:42

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X	X	X			X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X	X		X
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Lyle Shelnut	
Present	X	X	X				X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused				X	X	X		

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous with addition of further discussion of board support budget.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: November 11, 2015 approved unanimously.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Tim Viavant, Tony Hollis, Don Young.

VII. Guests: Glen Holt, Marvin Hassebroek, Mark Richards (ABH&A), Lori Richards, Lucas Denim (UAF), Trooper Hildebrandt, Reb Simpson (UAF).

VIII. Comments

Chair Comments: Yukon Salmon Treaty meeting coming up this weekend.

AC Member Comments:

Mike Kramer, spoke to the battle over the location of the upper cook inlet BoF meeting.

Public Comments: Marvin Hasseboek asked for clarification as to the AC's amendment to his proposal 143.



IX. F&G Staff Reports:

Don Young, moose surveys in 20A and 20B, good conditions this year. Generally alternate years of where the intensive survey is done. Available of pilots was limited this year. In 20A, completed 15% of the survey areas. 37.4/100 calf cow ratio and 29.6/100 bull cow ratio on the observed. 29.4 bull/cow and 37.4/100 calf cow on the model. Bull/cow ratio has come down a little and right out 30/100 goal. Recruitment has been down the last three years. Calf/cow ratios are up. 12,300 current population estimate, 2013 was 10,100 but may have been a poor estimate.

Tony Hollis, 20B moose. Surveyed 100 of 1628 units, 6%. Bull/cow ratio may be down slightly. Low intensity survey, may be less accurate. Population estimate likely to take till January. 35 cows taken in the Minto hunt.

Nothing from Sport Fish.

X. Old Business:

XI. New Business:

Correct the minutes the quorumless meeting on December 1, 2015 to reflect Warren was not present but excused but Jeff was and that Lee was excused. Passed unanimously.

Update on sheep working group by Mike Kramer. Meeting started late due to facilitator being delayed. Small group breakouts. At the end of the day Sunday tasked with reporting back to the groups what was accomplished, but it seemed like not much was accomplished. All agreed that conservation of Sheep was important and that another meeting would be held in Fairbanks. No specifics, no biology, no regulation. BoG Chair Spraker stated the board would give great weight to the working group's recommendations.

Al Barrette also updated on sheep working group. Facilitator needed time to come up to speed on the process for management and regulations in Alaska. Many participants complained about a lack of faith in the Board, and breakout sessions brought out top concerns were board generated proposals and a lack of transparency.

Mark Richards also updated on the sheep working group. Lots of repeat 207 comments.

Selection of Mike's replacement for January meeting. Kirk Schwalm nominated and passed unanimously.

Comments on AYK BoF proposals:

Proposal 100, size limits for beach seines on the Kusko. The subcommittee supported.

Proposal 105, limits on the size of fly gear to discourage hooking King Salmon. The subcommittee opposed as an anti sport proposal, unworkable, and unneeded.

Proposal 107, halts commercial summer chum fishing. The subcommittee recommended TNA.

Proposal 108, reduce triggers for commercial chum. The subcommittee opposed as it may increase



King mortality.

Proposal 109, would lower triggers and projections. The subcommittee opposed as it may impact King harvest. The full AC opposed 0-9.

Proposal 110, would increase fall chum projection from 500,000 to 600,00 before the com fishery opened. The subcommittee opposed. The full AC supported 9-0.

Proposal 111, would eliminate harvest levels and use percentages. The subcommittee opposed. The full AC opposed 0-9.

Proposal 112, allow any legal comm gear for subsistence. The subcommittee supported.

Proposal 113, to ban drift gillnets on the Yukon. The subcommittee supported.

Proposal 115, allow retention of <25" kings in fish wheels. The subcommittee supported.

Proposal 120, allow subsistence chum fishing 7 days a week when a comm fishery is opened. The subcommittee recommended TNA.

Proposal 126, allow purse seines on the Yukon. The subcommittee opposed due to 10% mortality on incidental caught Kings in purse seines based on studies from Columbia River.

Proposal 127, expands the definition of the mouth of the Yukon. The subcommittee opposed as inconsistent for the BoF policy on management of mixed stocks, 5 AAC 39.220. Would add 18 miles of open area to an existing area of 100 miles. Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 135, NPS proposal to ban Burbot fishing with set lines on state owned lakes surrounded by Wrangell St. Elias Park. The subcommittee opposed.

Proposal 138, FAC proposal to allow retention of 1 small grayling in the lower Chena river. The subcommittee supported with amendment to reflect Badger slough rather than Piledriver slough and one fish bag limit. The full AC supported 9-0.

Proposal 144, The full AC opposed 9-0.

Moved and passed unanimously to approve these minutes that were recorded live.

XII. Adjourn: 20:30

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm
Minutes reviewed at the conclusion of the meeting by
Chair and approved



Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Via Teleconference
Saturday, December 12, 2015

- I. Call to Order: 12:25 by Ken Chase (Chair)
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Ken Chase (Chair) & Cliff Hickson; Anvik
Marlene Madros; Shageluk
Kathy Chase, Holy Cross
Bruce Werba, Undesignated

Members Absent: Harry Maillelle & William Painter; Grayling and Arnold Hamilton, Shageluk

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Approval of Agenda: This meeting is to take the place of a face-to-face meeting that was to occur earlier this week in Grayling. A reduced agenda was discussed and accepted. The only topics to be covered will be approval of all past minutes, chair report, and discussion of AYK BOF Proposals.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 11/2/15; 12/17/14; 11/5/14; 4/6/15; 1/28/14 all approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Christina Gleason & Sabrina Garcia (DCF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- VI. Guests Present: Joy Hamilton & Jewel Workman (Shageluk) Ben Benjamin (Holy Cross)
- VII. Old Business: not discussed at this teleconference
- VIII. New Business:
Chair Report;
Returned from Galena to attend visitation for Sidney Huntington who passed away a couple days earlier; very respected man in regards to resources. He sat on BOG for many years, advocacy for children getting involved in resource management. Chair noted that they both attended the recent RAC in Galena and Mr. Huntington testified that "it is in the hands of you people" meaning we all need to be involved in the management in our resources on every level. This is exactly what we are trying to do this with our committee.
Chair noted that he wasn't pleased on the RAC's actions especially on BOF's proposal 125; people on the council from our areas voted against it and concerned with this; anything that will get pinks out of the river is a good thing they destroy chum redds. The nomination period for the RAC is coming up so if anyone wants to get on the council it is always good to have crossover from the council to this committee.
Chair also commented on the winter lamprey fishery, concerned, taking them but we don't know anything about them. Department has told me they won't take any more but concerned



Committee noted that they would like to do something to serve as a remembrance for Gabe [founding AC member that passed away in the spring, had served on the committee for decades] in something. It was suggested at the next face to face meeting, which should be in Grayling which was where he lived, we should have prior arrangements with host community so we can bring in food or something similar and have a thank you to the community and recognize Gabe; he was very instrumental on the GASH board and was a man that knew things.



ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH

JANUARY 12–17, 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
BOF	107	Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	<p>Members noted that the buyers are mostly in 1 2, no buyers in 3,4,5. D4 has a terminal harvest roe fishery that could be enacted if we have a market in the future which the passing of this proposal would put in jeopardy.</p> <p>Committee said that while we don't even get a chance to get kings up here, a vote to close the CF down it would be disastrous to some folks down river since it is the only way they make money. Committee would be interested in any alternatives to explore to reduce the kings caught during the chum directed fishery. While the number of kings caught incidentally is a bit disheartening, it doesn't seem like a good idea to close the whole river off to make a point.</p>
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	<p>First pulse is always the better one.</p> <p>Members noted that they use dip nets in the Anvik River but would not try to use them in the Yukon, and that they would like to see the triggers lowered for the Anvik river. We like Proposal 109s numbers better.</p>
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	<p>First pulse is always the better one. Members noted that they use dip nets in the Anvik River but would not try to use them in the Yukon, and that they would like to see the triggers lowered for the Anvik river.</p>
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4*	<p>We don't think too much of this proposal</p> <p>*Member had to step out; lacking quorum now</p>
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			<p>Members affirmed that this change would only effect commercial king fishing. It's not hurting anything, why take them out. If we take them out then have to go through the process to get them back again if we want them back; just leave it alone.</p>



BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4*	0	Sounds fair but there are so many different gill net sizes you would need to bring a tape measure with you. Discussion of the impacts of the passage of this proposal as well as the gear types involved. Will keep everyone honest. Bottom line, subsistence is supposed to have priority over commercial.
BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5*	<p>This is a slap in the face; This is the MAIN way we get our subsistence fish.</p> <p>*Marlene is back</p>
BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			The spread of this idea is scary and we want the board to know we don't like this, but it isn't in our area so we will leave it for the local ACs in D5
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	This is a double edged sword. They screw genetics, but they also add to overall escapement and this would change the overall escapement. Either leave it open or close it; this creates a loophole and it could be difficult for enforcement
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	<p>We can't afford to do that [sit on a fish wheel whenever its running]! We get more fish down here then they do up river and that is why we use live boxes instead of chutes. If the board amended it to be checked every 4 hours from every 6 hours as it is currently, would support that. Member commented it might be financially difficult even then, in reference to burring boat fuel to check wheels.</p> <p>(committee did not vote on amending the proposal, but simply opposed it)</p>
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	We have been beach seining in Anvik for last 15 years, Anvik has its own terminal fishery and our run isn't detracting from the Yukon run
BOF	118	Establish specifications for a beach seine used for subsistence fishing in the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			We support beach seines. Converted fathoms to feet; 900 feet. That is a really big sein. And is in excess of what we use, if this is the case then why call it a beach seine, call it a purse seine, which what it would be.



BOF	119	Require live release of king salmon from subsistence beach seines during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	We did this in the Anvik last year so this is a good proposal. Leave it as is, say if you catch a beaver then you have to let them go. Clarified that this would only be in times of shortage, would like the keep them not in times of conservation.
BOF	120	Allow subsistence fall chum salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall chum salmon commercial fishery is opened.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	The department has this option already, and it removes flexibility from the department which we don't want to do.
BOF	121	Expand the area of allowable subsistence drift gillnet fishing for chum salmon in Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4*	0	<p>This is something we have been wanting in this area, but as conversation continued, the committee decided that after summer before fall wouldn't do any good because there is no fish in the river. Summer chum this time of year are all spun out and not edible. We don't need it. Don't like dates, don't like the restrictions.</p> <p>*Members battery died on phone, will call back when he finds another</p>
BOF	122	Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4*	0	Discussion of current subsistence practices. Some guys in the old days used to fish with a shackle. Support, simplify the regs. Support
BOF	123	Further define commercial beach seine specifications for summer chum salmon in the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			See comments for 118
BOF	124	Allow for six-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in the commercial salmon fishery in Yukon River District 6 by emergency order.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Comment
BOF	125	Establish gillnet gear provisions to allow a directed pink salmon commercial fishery in districts 1–3 of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4*	0	Don't eat humpies (pinks) don't have any problem with pink harvesting if it is not interfering with the chums or kings. Some years our rivers are overrun with pinks, and was told by Joe Reddington Sr that they kill off the egg beds (redds) of the other fish. They run thick and if someone can make use of them then I support it.



BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	4*	We didn't like this last time it came up, even though the proposals are slightly different we still do not support it.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5*	Don't know if we want to get involved in that one. Seems like allowing greater piece of pie for those com fishermen and doesn't give us any advantages. Expanding commercial fishing in these times doesn't seem like a good idea. *Member was able to call back in
BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	Don't know if we want to get involved in that one. Seems like allowing greater piece of pie for those com fishermen and doesn't give us any advantages. Expanding commercial fishing in these times doesn't seem like a good idea.

The committee discussed finalizing minutes for submittal to the boards. Chairman is approved by committee to sign off on minutes for submission to boards.

The next meeting to be in Grayling in February. Hopefully we can ride snow machines; it would help keep the cost of the meetings down and save the state some money. Date for the meeting is TBA.

Old Business: none
Adjournment: 3:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Cliff Hickson
Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase
Date: _____



**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	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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	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.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	104		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
Opposed	0	5	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	105		Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence
Opposed	0	5	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	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23
Support	5	0	Very low numbers are taken and no reason to not reauthorize.
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	5	0	Fully support the continuation of this exemption, encourage bear harvest.
BOG	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
Support	5	0	People continue to hunt snowy owls on occasion and the seasons proposed will accommodate this.
BOG	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants
Support	5	0	No reason not to allow for continuation of this where people hunt them.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Signature]

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

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.

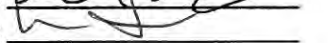
WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Adjournment: 9:18 pm

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 11/20/15



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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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	
	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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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
			<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	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Opposed	0	6	<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	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Opposed	0	6	See comments proposal 72
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Opposed	0	6	See comments proposal 72.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Opposed	0	6	<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 Support	80 6 0	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more 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 Support	81 6 0	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares 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 Opposed	85 6 0	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou 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 Opposed	104 0 6	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report State opposes Larry Westlake: Move to oppose Seconded by Wilbur
BOG Opposed	105 0 6	Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system. Department opposes. William Zibell: Motions to oppose Larry Westlake: Seconds
BOG Support	127 6 0	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 Larry Westlake Moves to support Seconded by Glenn Miller
BOG Support	131 6 0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Glenn Miller: motion to support 131 Lonnie: Seconded
BOG Support	132 6 0	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Lonnie: Moved to support Seconded by Bill Zibell
BOG Support	133 6 0	Modify the hunting season for cormorants 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.



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.



ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, JANUARY 12–17, 2016, ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	92	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to manage the king salmon subsistence fishery based on the Bethel Test Fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Greg Rocizka: Explains it was a place holder and written in a way that we might actually withdraw it now, I recommend the AC take no action on this proposal. Half of the run doesn't get there until late June or early July. I have a problem with the language; we will be waiting till the late part of June.</p> <p>Charlie Brown: Explains that the way we fish we wait for kings, before we fish for other species of fish. Several comments were mentioned, one was that who honestly really knows when 50% of the king fish run has gone by..., and also it is different depending what part of the river you subsist, upriver is different from downriver. Charlie commented that the other fish species do run at the same time as the kings do. Proposal # 92 died, no action was taken.</p>
BOF	93	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Motioned by Earl Sameuelson, motioned died to lack of a second, no action. Proposal #93 was moved to the floor, but since no one seconded his motion this proposal also died.</p>
BOF	94	Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl Samuelson , Napaskiak, moved to adopt Proposal 94# , he was seconded by Willie Phillip, Tuluksak. A question brought up: on the Stony/Holitna, they would like ANS for chinook. Earl Samuelson was not in favor due to the fact that the numbers (?) were too high, John W. Andrew said if we adopt we would have later openings for the fish. Chariton Epchook, Kwethluk, said even if we are against this our wives will not be happy. Question called by Phillip Peter, vote was 13 against the proposal. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Greg explains Tier II and ONC's general opposition to Tier II permits. Explains the tier II system that makes a lottery people a lot of people maxing out of the number of points. Doesn't take into a count the sharing of salmon. Earl Samuelson moved to have discussion only on this proposal, he was seconded by John W. Andrew. Earl commented that he was against the proposal, Aaron discussed the pros and cons of this proposal. Most feel that the proposal would give few people the opportunity to receive 'kings'. Question was called by Jackson Williams, vote was zero for, 13 against. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl Samuelson moved to adopt, he was seconded by Willie Phillip. Earl wanted further information from ADFG, the reply was that they were not in favor of the proposal. Question called by Jackson Williams, voice vote was 0 yeas, 13 against.</p>



BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>A household permit for the entire Kuskokwim, does not allow users that have not used them before because they have not had the means to do so. We are against having a permitting system. There are many families that fish for more than one family. Greg: We are opposed to having permits all of the time. We are only interested in having a permit system when there is a conservation concern, it allows some use of the harvestable surplus instead of not allowing use of the fish. Earl Samuelson made motion to adopt # 97, seconded by 'Charlie' Brown. Question/comments: may be like moose hunting permits. Many do not have jobs in the villages, Aaron's reply was that it would only be for chinooks. Chariton Epchook commented 'if we miss the chinook run, then what? No chinooks'. Martin Nicolai, Kwethluk, asked the board to reject this proposal. Question was called, Earl S. made motion to vote, results were zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	222	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Jackson: Inquires about having the permit system removed when the conservation concern is removed. Earl: Explains how the system works, explains how the elder fisher program, the elder program can work during time John W. Andrew commented that Kwethluk Joint Group voted to go against Proposal # 222. They did not want the permit system for harvesting King Salmon subsistence use, it may not be good in the long run, once you get into the "permit system", it is not easy to get out of it.. Jackson Williams said people in Akiak and most of Bethel do not want the permit system. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk, If we go into the permit system we will be using 'white man' methods and rules.... We all know the Kings are low in numbers, we can stand together to oppose this. Jacob Black, Napakiak, When I heard about this permit system, I've used all the other fishing permit system. Looking back...if the proposal is adopted will it be a permanent system once adopted? We are all working on things for the generations to come. We are working for the younger folk's future. I am not in favor this – Proposal # 222. Proposal 222: Kwethluk and Akiak are opposed to the proposal 222 the permit system. Motion was made to adopt # 222 by 'Earl' Samuelson, and seconded by Jackson Williams. Charlie said he learned a lot from doing a test fisheries job, starting back in '83, '84, how the fish runs work and some patterns he observed. Henry Parks, said many back home aren't aware of this proposal and it's ill effects if voted yes. Vote was zero yeas, and 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl: Motioned, seconded by John Wassillie, James Charles: Explains he liked the old line. Earl: Suggested using landmarks, and state requests suggestions for the landmark names. Earl Samuelson moved to discuss Proposal #98, seconded by John Wassillie. Aaron, Bethel, talked about the descriptions of and the fishing districts subsections using GPA readings. Chariton said he was against the proposal. Jackson Williams, "not my style to fish in other areas, he moved to leave May open for fishing. He misses having chee fish, which are the second to swim upriver. Earl S. asked if land markers can be used because not everyone owns GPS's at home, James asked about the federal and the state lines near Tuntutuliak. Question called for by Charlie Brown, vote was zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>



BOF	99	Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	Earl: Explains there are multiple families sometimes 2-3 families in a house and how this would only allow them to have one net, how this might create a problem. Earl Samuelson made a motion to adopt Proposal # 99 (2nd?) Charlie Brown's comment was that in Eek they are unable to use set net dues to the strong river currents there. Henry Tikiun said in the Tundra area (Akula), set nets are expensive and for that reason they are not used, however; five inch nets are used for white fish. Chariton E. – when we have overfished using the 4” nets, where are we then? Keep the future generations in mind, we have to save fish for the future too. Martin N. –maybe we are overharvesting the small fish using four inch fish gear. Question called by Jackson Williams, vote: zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.
BOF	100	Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	11	Earl explains that it is important for regulation; it is probably not worth the effort. Proposal # 100 – Lawful gear & gear specification, Earl Samuelson made a motion to discuss the proposal. F&G comment was that they wanted to introduce this to the Kuskokwim River. Question called by Jackson Williams, proposal did not pass. Two yeas, 11 nays.
BOF	101	Repeal Kuskokwim Area depth specifications for commercial gillnets greater than six-inch mesh.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9	4	Martin Nicolai commented that these are in use and have been used for a long time, for commercial purposes only. Question called by Earl Samuelson, vote was 9 yeas, 4 nays. Proposal passed.
BOF	102	Change gillnet mesh size from six inches or smaller to five and three-quarters inches or smaller in District 4 of the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	13	0	Gillnet Specifications/ Operations, change from 6 “ to 5 and three quarters inch in District 4. Moved to discuss proposal. John W. Andrew moved to be in favor, he was seconded by Charlie Brown. Vote was 13 yeas, zero nays, proposal passed.
BOF	103	Amend the Kuskokwim Area District 4 Salmon Management Plan to include District 5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	1	Jackson Williams made move to adopt proposal, he was seconded by John Wassillie. Charlie Brown's comment was that the two may not be the same, meaning they have different tides, rivers, etc. Henry Tikiun's comment was that maybe because when one district opens, then fishermen from the other district come over to fish and vice versa. Question called by (?) Vote was 12 yeas, 1 nay, proposal passed.
BOF	104	Increase the commercial fishing area in District 5 of the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	5	Jackson Williams made a motion to adopt proposal, seconded by Earl Samuelson. ADF&G's comment was that they were against this proposal. Question called by John W. Andrew, roll call vote was 8 yeas, 5 nays, proposal passed.



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.



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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. Chelton Date: 12-22-15Minutes Approved By: Sandra Nicori Date: 12-18-15Minutes Approved By: John W. Andrew Date: 12-18-15

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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

Establish quorum – 7 members present constitutes a quorum.

Introduction of Guests

- **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 puss'd 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

- **Comment on Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim BOF Proposals**

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BOF	107	Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	This proposal comes up every year from upriver fishermen. They are saying they don't want any harvest. Summer chum fishery supplies livelihood and are using dipnet or beach seines in order to allow release of Chinook salmon. This proposal would hurt lower river fishermen. We are already on a conservation protection program now in Y1 and Y2. We go to extremes for escapement of kings to allow pulse runs to make fish upriver. We have enough restrictions as to how commercial fishing is. We have switched gears where we catch and release for only summer chum with minimal damage to kings caught in the dipnet.
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Take no action.
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Support due to the buffer is not needed.
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	The committee opposes due to inaccurate fish counts at the sonar at Pilot Station. There are a substantial number of fall chum going up the river. There was discussion of what impact would occur, if this passed.
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	The committee agrees with the reasons expressed in the proposal.
BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	This appears to try to reduce commercial fishing on the Lower Yukon. Seems that most proposals tend to be targeting the Lower River commercial interest. We are doing our best to conserve fish by sacrificing our traditional harvest of kings. We are in no way trying to have superiority. Y1 and Y2 are the most restricted fishery on the river. In the past subsistence had priority over anything.
BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	This is the only feasible method of harvest in the lower river. There are not any good set net sites. We have a wide river and that is how we live.
BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Take no action due to District 5 issue.
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	The committee had some discussion about allowing retention Yukon River wide, but we are in a stage of conserving king salmon and allowing escapement.
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm to begin again on November 17th at 9:00 am. Meeting reconvened at 9:30 am. Members Present: Paul Beans, Peter Tyson, Bill Alstrom, Stan Sheppard, June Yupanik, Vassily Sergie, Evan Polty. Public Present: Martin Alexie, Isaac Prince, Matthew Thompson			
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	The committee expressed concern of lack of enforcement in these areas. We just have to hope that all the users keep the conservation of the fish in mind as they take fish. There was some confusion, but once members understood better what was trying to be accomplished they agreed.
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	There are some subsistence beach seiner's in Y1 and Y2. The Board of Fisheries just passed regulation authorizing the use of beach seines during the last meeting cycle and although it's not very popular, it is an effective tool for catching fish. Kings that are caught in there don't leave the water and are released. This is pretty new on the Yukon. Dipnetting is also hard work – the young people primarily utilize it, as you need a strong back to manage the nets. This seems to attempt to put another burden of conservation on the lower river.
BOF	118	Establish specifications for a beach seine used for subsistence fishing in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	2	The gear specifications would align with the commercial set net gear which may help defray costs to some fishers. Concern of the weight of a net that long was discussed. 50 fathom of beach seine is a lot of net in the water. The committee believes this may be a maximum and most people will use less in this fishery. This may provide benefit for younger people coming up.
BOF	119	Require live release of king salmon from subsistence beach seines during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area.	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	This is a conservation effort the committee supports.
BOF	120	Allow subsistence fall chum salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall chum salmon commercial fishery is opened.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	ADFG has the ability to use Emergency Orders to manage the subsistence fishery in the lower Yukon. The closures are to allow fish to pulse through. The openings don't always coincide with the fish runs, but management has the flexibility to open as the fish run strength allows. This could occur river-wide and not just in the lower Yukon. Existing regulations seem fair. As soon as king salmon hit the Yukon River, the lower river gets shut down.
BOF	121	Expand the area of allowable subsistence drift gillnet fishing for chum salmon in Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Would like that earlier date removed from the proposal as the lower river is facing conservation. Start from Grayling all the way up to about Ruby for the first pulse. Around the 20 th the 2 nd pulse is still running through. Can't approve this as written. This will allow opportunity.
BOF	122	Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	For reasons stated in the proposal.
BOF	123	Further define commercial beach seine specifications for summer chum salmon in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	1	For reasons stated in the proposal.
BOF	124	Allow for six-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in the commercial salmon fishery in Yukon River District 6 by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	This allows the same mesh in upper river areas.
BOF	125	Establish gillnet gear provisions to allow a directed pink salmon commercial fishery in districts 1–3 of the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	For reasons stated in proposal.

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BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action TABLED till teleconference.	7	0	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. Kwikpak 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 type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <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 type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	We don't have any rainbow trout. This is housekeeping and will clean up the regulations.

○ *Comments due December 28, 2015*

- **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**
 - *Comments due March 4, 2015*
 - **Member to attend?**
- **Comment on Federal Subsistence Board Proposals**

Discuss date and location of next meeting.

Adjourn



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Other Dates and Deadlines:

State:

January 12-17, 2016

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

March 17, 20156

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



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Call to Order 1:30 pm

Roll Call to confirm Quorum

Mid Lower Yukon Roll Call for Teleconference			
First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present or Absent
Richard	Alstrom	Andreafski	Present
Andrew	Tony	Marshall	Absent
Paul	Beans	Mt Village	Present
Stanislaus	Sheppard	Mt Village - Chair	Present
Evan	Polty, Sr	Pilot Station	Absent
June	Yupanik	Pitka's Point Secretary	Absent
Stanley John	Peters	Russian Mission	Present
Peter	Tyson	St Mary's	Present

AC is 7 members. 4 members needed for a quorum.

Introduction of Guests and Agency Representatives: Sherry Wright, ADF&G, Stephanie Schmidt & Sabrina Garcia - ANC ADFG CF; Phil Perry - BET ADFG WC

Public Present: Gene Sandone, Martin Alexie, Howard Peterson

Approval of Agenda Moved by Stan Peters to approve. 2nd by Peter Tyson.

Secretary Report - approval of previous minutes, Sherry Wright asked for approval of the portion of the minutes dealing with the BOF AYK proposals. Paul Beans moved to approve the minutes. 2nd by Peter Tyson. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Chair Report - Wish everyone would have been able to call in. Our purpose is to get the BOF comments in on time. Stan will contact June regarding the BOG portion of the minutes. Stan Sheppard will be attending the AYK BOF meeting in Fairbanks.

Agency Reports: Stephanie Schmidt offered to answer any questions on the AYK Summer Season. A question about the sonar placement was made. They are exploring options and will



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keep the committee updated. Expectations of next summer were explained about chinook and chum. She talked about six inch mesh gear and allowing some retention of king salmon. Thanks to everyone for their compliance with the efforts to conserve the salmon. As a result of their efforts they have been able to make the escapement goals, which is the biggest thing that can be done to rebuild the runs. It's impossible to do without the cooperation of the fishermen. Stephanie offered a ray of hope for the coming summer.

Phil Perry also offered to answer any questions. A question about federal jurisdiction in waters in Unit 18 was asked.

Public Testimony (if any): Gene Sandone – Yukon Delta Fisheries Development comments will be submitted to the BOF AYK. He conducted test fisheries and is available to answer any questions about that. Gene stated that a person could get into the fishery (regarding Prop 126) for \$6500. He ran the test fishery this summer. Gene believes it could be an extremely efficient method of harvesting fish. If the proposal passes, Gene will most likely be able to demonstrate the efficiency and how to operate it, but he would need permission from his employer.

Old Business – Comments on BOF Prop 126 – staff provided comments.

BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1-3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No action	0	5	<p>The current is swift in the Mid Lower Yukon River Y-2 area and nets get hung up. Gene went as far as the borderline between Y1 and Y2 in the test fishery. In Y2 there are only 2 that are beach seining (Mt Village area). One of those was getting too much trash. Not sure how efficient it has been in Y1. It would have to be proven that it could work in Y2. The net would need to go to the bottom, where there is a lot of snags. Believe it needs more study. Others agreed that it would be very difficult in Y2. One member asked if Gene would be willing to do a demonstration up in the St Mary area. The river changes year to year and areas would have to be cleared annually. Concern of king salmon by catch was also mentioned. Neither beach or purse seining has been prosecuted in the St Mary area. Spotter planes was a question that came up, but that primarily applies to herring fisheries in other areas. Concern of any adverse impact to subsistence fisheries led one member to oppose the proposal. Subsistence is the number one priority.</p>

New Business – Question if there were any set net sites in Y2. Didn't know of any.

Next meeting date, time, location and agenda: This was discussed in the last portion of the meeting in November.

Thanks for staff that was able to participate.

Motion to adjourn. by Richard Alstrom. 2nd by Paul Beans.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Chair. *Stanley Elgert*
 Approved 12-28-15
 3:15pm



**Middle Yukon AC Meeting
Nulato
12/9/2015**

- I. Call to Order: 12:15 pm by Benedict Jones, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Paddy Nollner, Galena; Benedict Jones, Koyukuk; Arnold Demoski, Michael Stickman, Douglas Patsy, Nulato; Tommy Esmailka, Earl Esmailka, Richard Burnham, Kaltag
Members Absent: Fred Huntington, Charlie Green, Dick Evens, Galena; Percy Lolnitz, Koyukuk; Kevin Saunders, Kaltag
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes; would like an update on Wood Bison
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 4/9/2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Christy Gleason, DCF
- VI. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener (FWS), Walter Stickman, Joe Turner, Laura Nickolia
- VII. Old Business: Old Business
Nulato Moose Season; USFWS drafting proposal to change moose season per Arnold.
- VIII. New Business:
Member noted that the BOF potentially going to a five year cycle due to budget cuts; stated that it won't be the first thing to go.

Elections

Micky, Doug, Arnold interested in serving again. There was discussion with the other residents of Nulato about if anyone was interested in serving. No one else wanted to serve. Micky, Doug, and Arnold were elected again for a three year term.

Concerns

Concerned with all the proposals against drift netting, which is how we fish. This is concerning. Last time it was from downriver, now it is upriver. We know where our fish run as opposed to fish that are going further up river and we target our own fish. Last year we didn't put any proposals in because we didn't see the need to mess with anything; Department has the ability and flexibility to manage within the run, and then all of these proposals show up that are against drift fishing. Then we have to react to those proposals, which is why we are sending someone to the meeting in Fairbanks so our voice can be heard.

Christy Gleason (DCF) gave overview of Summer Season & Fall Season

Members said thank you, got an opportunity to fish when they weren't expecting it Think the BOF should take advice from elders. Last summer we knew the fish were there
Questions asked about Pilot Station Sonar project
Escapement to Canada discussed



**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH
JANUARY 12–17, 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
BOF	107	Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	The department already have the flexibility to manage this way if it is warranted. Eliminates any potential at all for any commercial fishing.
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Concerned with this number; the department has a bit more of a buffer on theirs then this one. Even a good spot you can catch fish one day and not the next; understand why there is commercial fishing on the Yukon but it seems like all of the problems started when this practice began.
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Like this one better then Proposal 108
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Seems like a good idea
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Questioned over the benefit of eliminating the use of the GHs; while it doesn't appear that this would change much we are concerned with the intent of the author of this proposal.
BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Concern it would allow drifting all over the river and further up the river the fish become more concentrated and the channels become much smaller; a 300 foot net in a two mile wide river doesn't matter much; a 300 foot net up by Tanana or Eagle would cork off a larger portion of the river. Understand this is a matter of fairness, but the river isn't the same all the way up it.



BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	No discussion; for the record this is how most members in this area fish.
BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			This is not our area.
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Seems like it would be difficult to enforce.
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Clarification on manned vs. unmanned wheels on commercial fish wheels.
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Don't know much about the downriver beach seine fishery, but do know a bit about the Anvik beach seine fishery which seems to work well to target specific fish in that fishery.
BOF	119	Require live release of king salmon from subsistence beach seines during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Believe this is a good idea; for conservation.
BOF	120	Allow subsistence fall chum salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall chum salmon commercial fishery is opened.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Seems like the department can do this if the numbers warrant it already; nice to be able to fish on a nice day as opposed to a rainy one and this would help out with that, but would take away the flexibility of the department.
BOF	121	Expand the area of allowable subsistence drift gillnet fishing for chum salmon in Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Discussed implications of this proposal; may be allowing people to do something legally that they might have already been doing.
BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	This is a whole new method for fishing and could be a hardship on the kings.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	We are still hurting and if it wasn't for the summer and fall chums we would be in a world of hurt. Don't' think that it is a good idea to expand commercial fishing at this time. Not saying that commercial fishing should never be expanded, just this is not a good time to be doing it.
BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	We are still hurting and if it wasn't for the summer and fall chums we would be in a world of hurt. Don't' think that it is a good idea to expand commercial fishing at this time. Not saying that commercial fishing should never be expanded, just this is not a good time to be doing it.
BOF	144	Allow the use of five and one-half inch mesh gillnets across an entire channel in portions of the Koyukuk River for the purpose of targeting northern pike.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Like the idea of them catching as much pike as they can use; there are monsters in that area. But how many outboard motors will be caught/how many nets will be torn up by those motors. Amendment to change it to only block ¾ of the channels

Richard Burnham was selected to attend the AYK BOF meeting in Fairbanks

Minutes Recorded By: Richard Burnham

Minutes Approved By: Benedict Jones



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 gus 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.



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BOF	107	Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	That would shut down D6 commercial fishery. Commercial license holder in the Tanana we don't fish would like to fish on summer chum and make some dollars. Don't believe they are trying to target us but the way it is written it does. Discussion over significant change to the proposal (amending) such as removing the Tanana draining from the proposal at the BOF level will probably not work due to lack of public involvement
BOF	108	Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer chum salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action at this time; representative at BOF charged with working out a solution in committee
BOF	109	Modify the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan triggers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action at this time; representative at BOF charged with working out a solution in committee
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Question on intent of proposal; providing more fish for subsistence? Divided; up river and understand where RAC is coming from, but also understand department. AC got fish they wanted, but might change mind in Feb, could always never seem to get enough.
BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Noted what would the change would be; Drift gillnets would be allowed in D4-6Concern that all the big fish would be caught downriver and this type of fishing is not feasible in the Tanana.
BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Lower river has more opportunity and more gear types to fish, and if they fish the middle of the river then they take our fish. In Koyukuk, you set 20 minutes you get 50 kings in net; they know where to go to get fish. This doesn't seem right, but at the same time, we don't want to be the one to take food out of someone's mouth. We have strong relationship with the department, and we would hope that the people further down the river feel the same.
BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Question on permit accountability, Permits in this area already all the time, this proposal for 'in times of king salmon shortage'. Tanana River permit system is a great thing don't see why the rest of the Yukon isn't held to the same accountability. We have best fish in the world and they get caught up and smoked. We don't know who fish in district 5, not all that live there fish there and this would be a good way to track who is there. Onfused; if times of conservation then why are we fishing. Department has no idea what is being taken out of D5. Considered where D5 was and where permits were already required.
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Keep the jacks off the spawning grounds; manning fishwheels or putting on a size excluder box. Right now you have to man wheels anyways, you would just have to carry a measure tape or stick. Have eaten jacks before; if given the choice of kings or small kings I'll take the small kings.
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	No one here has a live box. IF there are a lot of fish coming up this could tie our hands since we don't. Members stated that fish can be confused if stay in live box too long. That all said, this idea seems like a good one.
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			We don't want to take food out of mouths downriver, but don't like this gear type.
BOF	118	Establish specifications for a beach seine used for subsistence fishing in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	
BOF	119	Require live release of king salmon from subsistence beach seines during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area.	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	
BOF	122	Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	
BOF	123	Further define commercial beach seine specifications for summer chum salmon in the Yukon Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	
BOF	124	Allow for six-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in the commercial salmon fishery in Yukon River District 6 by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	
BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Question on what other kind of species are caught; cisco, other whitefish, burbot, pike, pink killed due to gilling. Efficient fishing gear, concerned with length of season and number of fishermen that would take advantage.
BOF	138	Allow retention of Arctic grayling on the Chena River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Popular fishing time in the area. Unsure if stocks can handle fishing. Need more current data to show us the population is doing better before we would be ok with it.
BOF	143	Reduce the bag and possession limit of northern pike in the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	1	Member commented that there was 1 and for sale by Murphy Dome, and that there was therefore room for future exploitation of this resource. Current harvest reporting methods and numbers given. Some members have fished there before long ago, but only caught only smaller fish. Support restrictions because this fishery targets fish that are utilized in the flats. Opposing vote was against restriction on subsistence in any shape or form.

Rondell to go to the BOF to represent the AC this year

Jeff Estensen(DCF) gave the Fall season update.

General discussion about fishing this year.

Action Item:



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.

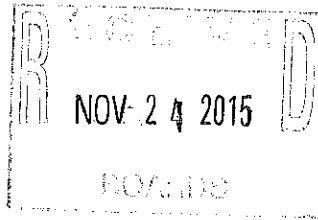
Old Business: None

Adjournment: 3:30 pm



Southern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Board of Fisheries
P.O. Box 1155226
Juneau, AK 99811-5526



Re: Proposal 146 – 5 AAC 04.6XX. Fishing Season. Create a directed commercial fishery for cisco in Norton Sound or Port Clarence Districts.

To Chairman Kluberton:

The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (SNSAC) would like to have proposal 146 removed from the list of proposal to be considered at the AYK Finfish meeting. While SNSAC submitted this proposal we no longer support it.

The SNSAC wrote this proposal after hearing concern from residents of Stebbins and St Michaels that some cisco being sold in commercial Yukon cisco fishery were actually being harvested within the Norton Sound Area. These residents are interested in working to harvest cisco within Norton Sound themselves. The issue has been raised with the department and we now feel that the more appropriate avenue for a possible fishery is conducting research and use of a commissioner's permit.

Sincerely,

Wade Ryan, Chairman
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee



**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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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 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	
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Support	5	0	Frank moved to support Seconded
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Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *John G.*Minutes Approved By: *James E. Smith*Minutes Approved By: *Thurston D. Smith*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 Singoalik 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

Minutes Recorded By: Janet Mills and Carmen Daggett Minutes Approved By:

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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:
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- VI. Guests Present:
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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.
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- 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.



BOF	48	Allow Permit Stacking for set gillnet operations in the Bristol Bay Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Adem Boeckman, wants to support the Southern Norton Sound AC because of their stake in the fishery.

BOF	129	In the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area during times of conservation, require the return of a specified salmon species immediately to the water unharmed when beach seining.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Nate Perkins, 2nd Paul Kosto, Motion Carried
BOF	130	Allow the restriction of gillnet mesh size during times of conservation for chum and king salmon in any portion of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Nate Perkins. Tom Gray: Inquires whether Teller and Brevig are going to have problems with fishing for reds. Scott Kent: Explains reasoning for this particular proposal.
BOF	131	Increase subsistence fishing time with gillnets and beach seines in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Adem Boeckman. Adem Boeckman: Inquires about relationship to the subsistence opener. Provide for more responsive management during times of pink and chum abundance.
BOF	132	Add cast net as a legal subsistence fishing gear and allow both dip net and cast net gear to be used in all subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Adem Boeckman. Dan Reed: Explains it makes fishing more available to people with cast nets to catch fish when they cannot afford expensive nets and boats. Charlie Lean: Explains the previous try before the BOF, there is adequate public notice and I believe it has a chance. Brandon Ahmasuk: Inquires about then number of people who are fishing with dip nets- very few.
BOF	133	Allow the use of beach seines for commercial harvest of chum and pink salmon in Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Adem Boeckman, 2nd Paul Kosto. Adem Boeckman: Would like to amend to all of Norton Sound, you can see the potential for Golovin and Elim to catch pink salmon and I think it is an economic opportunity. Adem Boeckman: Explains in years of pink abundance being able to fish for them with a seine. Roy Ashenfelter: Inquires about the management plan, and how to change it for subdistricts 1 and 2, if it is the wish of the AC. Nate Perkins: This will lay the ground work for putting this into action in our region eventually.



BOF	134	Change the boundary line separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and Yukon Area at Point Romanof in area and district descriptions.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Nate Perkins. Jim Menard: Explains the problem of bisecting the Yukon Delta. This proposal is for all of the species of fish.
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	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Nate Perkins. Some of the rationale for this proposal for us convincing there were some elders that were accepting fish in small quantities and those amounts were manageable. Tier II management was in place and allowable harvests were very low. It leaves fair allocation of a limited resource, with hook and line where everyone gets a few. Nate Perkins: I have no problem with this proposal I think rod and reel is acceptable subsistence gear.
BOF	146	Create a directed commercial fishery for cisco in Norton Sound or Port Clarence Districts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Nate Perkins. The department makes some valid points, without having the adequate research to see if the population is supported. The department believes the reproductive base is on the Yukon River. Little is known about the cisco of Port Clarence District. Sara Okboak: Explains we don't want a commercial fishery we care about the resources to be sustainable.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	This is the best approach of Proposals 181-184. 182 and 183 will both result in reallocation of salmon away from BB and AYK. Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Tom Gray.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Paul. Kevin Knowlton: Explains the comparison that if you shoot an illegal moose, you have to surrender it. Paul Kosto: Inquires about what happens to excessive bycatch? Scott Kent: Explains that it is fishery dependent. Paul Kosto: Inquires about enforceability.

Minutes Recorded By: *Kim R. [Signature]*

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date: *11/10/2015*



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BOG Opposed	55 3		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year 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 14	0	Outlaw use of forward looking scope Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Discussion explaining FLIR
BOG Opposed	69 0	14	Prohibits use of dogs in hunting 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 14	0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Opposed	72 0	14	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts 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 0	14	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
BOG Opposed	74 0	14	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
BOG Opposed	79 0	14	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours 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 0	14	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Adem Boeckman.
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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.
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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: *Kim R. Smith*
 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



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Tom Kluberton, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Dear Mr. Kluberton:

The Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) met October 22 - 23, 2015 in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Council is one of ten regional advisory councils formed under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and represents subsistence users along the Yukon River and its tributaries from Tanana to the Canadian Border. The Council provides a public forum for discussion and recommendations for subsistence fish and wildlife management in the region. At this public meeting, the Council heard testimony on and discussed numerous Yukon-Kuskokwim Alaska Board of Fisheries proposals. The Council's positions and comments on those proposals are enclosed.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Alaska Board of Fisheries on these proposals. We look forward to continuing discussions about the issues and concerns of subsistence users in the Eastern Interior Region. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Eva Patton, Subsistence Council Coordinator, Office of Subsistence Management at 1-800-478-1456 or (907) 786-3358.

Sincerely,



Sue Entsminger, Chair

Enclosure

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Mr. Kluberton

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**Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Drew Crawford, Federal Subsistence Liaison Program,
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Administrative Record**



Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Comments on Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals for 2015-2016

Note: All proposals discussed below were action items from the Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council (Council) public meeting in Fairbanks on October 22 and 23, 2015. Opportunity was provided to the public to provide testimony, and the Council fully deliberated each of the proposals to develop the positions and comments below. Complete meeting transcripts are available online at the Federal Subsistence Management Program website: <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/library/transcripts/9-eastern-interior-alaska>

Proposal 108 Reduce management triggers in the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan based on the run size of summer Chum Salmon

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council stresses that the management triggers were put in place for conservation purposes to avoid “oops” management if the predicted summer Chum Salmon run did not return as strong as predicted. The Council notes that there have been severely depressed summer Chum Salmon runs in recent history and a conservative management threshold for opening of the commercial fishery is warranted especially given the increased importance of Chum Salmon for subsistence during critically low Chinook Salmon returns. This proposal lowers the management trigger considerably and is the opposite of precautionary measures that should be taken at this time.

Proposal 110 Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Management Plan

Position: Support

Comments: Proposal 110 was submitted by the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Council and the Council supports its own proposal for the reasons fully stated in the proposal submission.

Proposal 111 Eliminate the use of GHL’s in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council notes that commercial fishery changes for Chinook Salmon are not warranted since the returns have been so low that people cannot even catch one to eat for subsistence.

Proposal 112 Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries

Position: Support

Comments: This proposal is a matter of equity - subsistence fishermen should be able to use the same gear as commercial fishermen do. Equal opportunity is important for subsistence fishermen to utilize any methods or gear available to efficiently harvest fish and should have to



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option to use new methods that have been approved for use on the Yukon River if they so choose.

Proposal 114 Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon District 5 and set permits for Chinook Salmon during times of Chinook Salmon conservation

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council acknowledges the intent of the proposal is to allow a mechanism for some small harvest in District 5 during times of conservation. However, the Council does not think that the permit and reporting mechanism will be supported by the communities in District 5 as similar proposals have been attempted in the past and were not met favorably. The Council sees challenges with issuing permits, informing everyone how the process works, and picking up the reports as logistically difficult and resistance to do all the paperwork for just a few fish.

Proposal 115 Allow for the retention of Chinook Salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries

Position: Support

Comments: This proposal will support subsistence fishers in being able to retain jack salmon which are predominantly small, male fish. Jack salmon are not considered as productive on the spawning grounds and thus this should not be a conservation concern. This proposal will support subsistence fisherman who use fish wheels for harvest of Chum Salmon to be able to at least retain some small male Chinook Salmon for food. This would be equitable with other subsistence fishermen on the river who fish for Chum Salmon with drift nets and can retain the incidental catch of Chinook Salmon.

Proposal 116 During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon

Position: Support

Comments: This proposal will make the conservation requirement consistent across both commercial and subsistence fisheries. This measure will help prevent stress from being retained in live boxes for any length of time that could be detrimental to the survival and viability of salmon to make it to the spawning grounds.

Proposal 120 Allow subsistence fall Chum Salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall Chum Salmon commercial fishery is opened

Position: Support

Comments: The Council is very concerned about situations where commercial fisheries were prosecuted and then subsistence fisheries were severely restricted or closed further up river when the Chum Salmon return was not as strong as anticipated. The Council sees the intent of the proposal is to ensure that that will not happen again in the future. Allowing a subsistence fishing opening in District 5 at the same time as commercial opener will ensure that subsistence fishermen also have opportunity to harvest and that subsistence priority is incorporated into the salmon management at the outset.

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Proposal 125 Establish gillnet gear provisions to allow a directed Pink Salmon commercial fishery in districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council is concerned that adding another new commercial fishery expands the potential for incidental catch of Chinook Salmon. The Council feels conservation is warranted at this time both to better understand potential impacts to Chinook Salmon and other non-target species with commercial use of 4-inch mesh but also to have better data on the status of the Pink Salmon stocks on the Yukon River.

Proposal 126 Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer Chum Salmon in districts 1-3 of the Yukon River during times of Chinook Salmon conservation

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council is concerned about possible fatal harm being done to Chinook Salmon while in purse seine nets. Also even if Chinook Salmon are released alive, the potential damage of thrashing in a big seine net and being sifted out from amongst the Chum Salmon may reduce the likelihood of those Chinook Salmon from reaching the spawning grounds. More research needs to be done on use of purse seine gear on the Yukon River to reach definitive conclusions on this matter.

Proposal 127 Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1

Position: Oppose

Comments: The Council is very concerned that expanding the commercial fishery further out on the coast will increase the overall commercial fishery activity and increase incidental catch of Chinook Salmon. The Council believes given the current conservation concerns for Chinook Salmon that expanding new commercial fisheries is not warranted and it would be hard for managers to quantify how many coastal caught salmon would have returned to the Yukon.

Proposal 128 Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area

Position: Oppose

Comments: This proposal would also extend the commercial fishery offshore by a few miles. The Council references its comments and concerns for Proposal 127.

Proposal 135 Prohibit the use of set lines in Grizzly and Jack Lakes; specifically burbot set lines

Position: Oppose

Comments: Council members who fish in the area expressed that the fishery concern noted in the proposal was likely to one isolated incident and that it would be beneficial to not take action with such a restrictive regulation until more data was gathered and other conservation measures

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explored. The Council also requested another abundance survey to follow up to the 50% reduction noted in 2011 to be sure the decline was not affected by other factors.

Proposal 184 Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004 (correct dates intended 2001-2003)

Position: Support

Comments: The current management plan in place had increased the fishing time of the 2001-2003 management plan by nearly three-fold. The Council discussed concerns that this is a mixed stock fishery of unknown origin with the potential that many salmon migrating through this area are bound for the Arctic Yukon-Kuskokwim Region which is experiencing a drastic decline of Chinook Salmon and Chum Salmon becoming more important for subsistence. The Council supports more conservative management in this intercept fishery as a precautionary measure to avoid overharvest of sensitive AYK salmon stocks.

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.

Proposal	107	F	Unanimous
	108	F	Unanimous
	109	P	Unanimous
	110	P	Unanimous
	111	F	Unanimous
	112	P	Unanimous
	113	F	unanimous
	114	NA	Unanimous
	115	P	Unanimous
	116	NA	Unanimous
	117	F	Unanimous
	118	P	Unanimous Amended, 50 fathoms length, 50 meshes deep
	119	P	Unanimous
	120	P	Unanimous Amended, to include Y-4
	121	P	Unanimous
	122	NA	Unanimous
	123	P	Unanimous (as amended)
	124	NA	Unanimous
	125	F	Unanimous
	126	F	Unanimous
	127	F	Unanimous
	128	F	Unanimous



144 NA Unanimous

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



**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



Supported

BOF	127	Expand commercial fishing area of Yukon District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes asked Milton how does the Stebbins and St. Michael people feel about this proposal. Milton stated the people asked how come they are moving north. The residents of Stebbins and St. Michael want the Yukon fisherman to stay where they are.

BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanoff in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Stebbins and Saint Michael residents want the Yukon Fisherman to stay where they are. Wes made the motion to support proposal 127 and 128. Seconded by Frank, motion failed.

BOF	129	In the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area during times of conservation, require the return of a specified salmon species immediately to the water unharmed when beach seining.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Scott Kent gave an overview of the proposal. Wes made the motion to support 129, seconded by Matilda. Motioned passed.
BOF	130	Allow the restriction of gillnet mesh size during times of conservation for chum and king salmon in any portion of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 130, seconded by Matilda. Wes stated that the Department is attempting to allow more subsistence fishing for species of abundance. Motion passed.
BOF	131	Increase subsistence fishing time with gillnets and beach seines in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Wes made a motion not to take action. Seconded by Frank. Wes stated that it entirely deals with the Northern Norton Sound Area. Motion passed.
BOF	132	Add cast net as a legal subsistence fishing gear and allow both dip net and cast net gear to be used in all subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 132, seconded by Morris. Wes stated that he thinks this is going to add more opportunity but I don't think many people will use this method. Motion passed.



BOF	133	Allow the use of beach seines for commercial harvest of chum and pink salmon in Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 133, seconded by Frank. Frank I don't think the fish plant will be able to handle the amount of pinks and chums harvested. Wes said he see this proposal to allow commercial fisherman to use a different method of fishing and that the fish processors will have to make the final decision if they can handle the pinks and chums. Jacob stated that this is to help reduce the mortality rate of Chinook during commercial fishing. Fred Jay mentioned that as a commercial fisherman he cannot see himself utilizing this type of fishing but there are some fishermen that may try it and that if it works for them, then good. Motion passed.
BOF	134	Change the boundary line separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and Yukon Area at Point Romanof in area and district descriptions.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes asked Scott if this is only for the salmon finfish regulation, has the department asked if the department considered this for herring. Scott mentioned that the finally staff comments will include herring and miscellaneous finfish. Wes made a motion to support 134 with inclusion of herring and miscellaneous finfish into the proposal. Seconded by Frank. Wes said this is straight forward; this keeps us out of the Yukon district. Motion passed.
BOF	146	Create a directed commercial fishery for cisco in Norton Sound or Port Clarence Districts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Wes said that one of the reason that this proposal was put in was based on our discussion last year we wanted to elevate the knowledge that there was some Yukon fisherman coming up to Pitmitalik River to fish. Jacob said that he will write a letter, along with Wes, to BOF to why we want to pull the proposal.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Jacob made a motion to support 181, seconded by Frank. Jacob mentioned that they do not have any streams to support the amount of fish harvested by the fisherman in the location and it is all intercept fisheries. If Fish and Game came manage the fisheries similar to how they do in the Norton Sound districts then they would have to use the amount of salmon spawning within the river systems around Unimak and Shumagin Islands. This would allow Fish and Game put a cap on the amount of salmon harvested in this location. Frank had stated that this would reduce the amount of intercepted chum salmon bound for the Norton Sound region. Motion passed.
BOF	182, 183	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes made a motion to support 182 and 183 as a block, seconded by Jacob. Wes said he is opposed to both proposals because they increase the fishing time in Area M which intercepts the chum salmon bound for the Norton Sound region. Motion failed.
BOF	183	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Jacob made a motion support 184, seconded by Matilda. Wes said that this proposal would like less the amount of fishing time in Area M and reduce the amount of incidental chum bycatch in the month of June and would help the chum return back into the Norton Sound area. Motion passed.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes made a motion to support 214, seconded by Frank. Wes likes the idea of reducing bycatch in fisheries but this proposal is too broad. Bycatch issues need to be species specific. Motion failed.

Minutes Recorded By: Jacob Wamoff

Minutes Approved By: Wesley C. Jensen

Minutes Approved By: Frank Katchatay

Date: 11/23/15



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	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
No Action			This will not have any changes for us.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Support	6	1 Abstained	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	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	7	0	Jacob made a motion support 71, seconded by Wes. Wes stated that this will mostly affect guided hunters.
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	0	7	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	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	7	Jacob stated that there are a lot of hunters that use a smaller caliber for caribou and they do successfully harvest the caribou.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	0	7	
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	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	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
No Action			Jacob stated that we don't have cities over 1,000 and Frank said that there are city ordinances that deal with this.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	7	0	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 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	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 Wapolt
Minutes Approved By: Wesley Wapolt
Minutes Approved By: Frank Hatcher
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.





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 theses 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.

ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH JANUARY 12-17, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES		
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form		
BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description

Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	92		Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to manage the king salmon subsistence fishery based on the Bethel Test Fishery.
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7/ Unan.	0	<p>Discussion – SHAC supported this proposal with reservation. SHAC considers Proposals 93 and 94 far superior. Reasons for support are - in times of lower abundance (below 150,000 predicted) it is important to allow a large portion of salmon to get past the Bethel test fisheries (BTF) before opening subsistence salmon to fishing on the river. This is necessary to reach escapement and provide some fish for Upriver users. Although we support this proposal, we prefer 93 & 94 because they allow for a greater number of Chinook to make it past the BTF, and provide reasonable harvest opportunity for communities upriver from Bethel.</p> <p>We realize that ADFG is against this proposal because it is difficult to know when 50% of the run is past. With the advent of the use of sonar, SHAC believes the ability to know how many fish have passed will be much improved in the coming years. SHAC will have more to say on these issues in proposals 93 & 94 discussion below.</p>
BOF	93		Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support x Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7/ Unan.	0	<p>Discussion, Reasons, & Intent – SHAC amended this proposal to change the in-river goal of 95,000 to a range of 98,000 to 180,000 Kings. SHAC determined this range by adding the current escapement goal to the lower and upper end of the historical subsistence King harvest occurring upriver of Bethel. SHAC believes this in-river goal needs to be higher to insure escapement and reasonable and equal opportunity for subsistence harvest above Bethel, as well as a comparatively equal effort required for that harvest the whole length of the river.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED GRAPH A.</p> <p>(This graph shows SHAC's AMMENDED in-river goal above the Bethel Test Fish Site is shown in green or light grey. Current escapement goal is shown in brackets. THESE 2 OVERLAP.</p> <p>BARS - Graph also shows historical escapement estimates in solid black portion of the bars from 1976-2014.</p> <p>Cross-hatched portion of bars shows subsistence harvest upstream of Bethel from 1990-2013.</p>
BOF	94		Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.



<input type="checkbox"/> Support X Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7 Unan.	0	<p>Discussion, Reasons, & Intent of its amendment– SHAC amended this proposal to change the in-river goal of 120,000- 218,000 down to 98,000-180,000. SHAC determined this range by adding the current escapement goal to the lower and upper end of the historical subsistence King harvest occurring upriver of Bethel. SHAC would prefer the original number of 120k – 218k, but believes the adoption of some high range is absolutely crucial to the fishery recovery and continuing existence of this fishery as a source of food for thousands of people on this river. SHAC is willing to offer this amendment to lower its original in-river goal, as a compromise with the in-river goal in proposal 93, and to help address concerns of ADF&G that too high of an in-river goal could result in greatly exceeding the high end of the escapement goal.</p> <p>Discussion, Reasons & Intent of this in-river goal proposal – SHAC is convinced that an in-river goal is a necessary & vital component of the King fishery recovery. It will insure that enough fish get past Bethel to meet escapement goals and to provide reasonable opportunity for fishermen upriver of Bethel, as well as a comparatively equal effort necessary along the whole river to obtain those fish.</p> <p>SHAC believes goals should be in regulatory language so that there is direction and continuity for management this year and for management by future managers.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED GRAPH A</p>
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7/Unan.	<p>SHAC absolutely opposes Tier II for any fishery, as it historically has for moose, and any other wildlife resource.</p> <p>Tier II is and has never been a chosen tool by any responsible fish & wildlife manager or by any user group, once it has been experienced. It has been a dismal failure with game, and would be even more so when applied to fisheries.</p> <p>In practice - the young and locals, (those who are most dependent on a particular resource), end up losing opportunity.</p>
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	

X Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6/Unan.	0	(David Bobby left meeting before vote was taken) SHAC amended this proposal to make clear to all that this proposal will not limit where people can fish!! SHAC decided this amendment is needed since some people on other advisory committees thought it could be used to prevent them from fishing where they choose. IT DOES NOT!! Proposal intent is given below. ADF&G has opposed this proposal, claiming it is not a useful in-season management tool. !!!ATTENTION!!!! - IT was never meant to be! PROPOSAL INTENT! THE main effect of this proposal is to divide the present ANS, which reflects the whole river, into 3 sectors – each with its own ANS. The sector division and numbers are based on subsistence harvest data from the past 24 years. It was meant to act as a “report card”, reflecting how effective the management tools used were in providing the ANS in various areas of the river. We want the ANS to reflect equal opportunity and harvest for fishermen on every part of the river, rather than having the ANS met by using numbers from only one sector of the river. This tool is meant to be used POST-SEASON to evaluate, adjust, and correct management decisions for the next season. SEE ATTACHED GRAPH B. (This graph shows subsistence harvest data for each of the 3 proposed ANS areas on the Kuskokwim)
BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	4	(Charlie Gusty had left by the time the vote was taken) When SHAC had its last meeting on Dec, 2014, it gave Barb the authority to make proposals for SHAC if and as needed, depending on how events unfolded at the upcoming BOF meeting. At that meeting, the possibility of permits as a tool was considered and not ruled out. However, a majority of SHAC members opposed this permit proposal. Reasons included - too much paperwork, members choose to fish rather than spending time filling out more papers or being bothered/harassed by another intrusive interruption in the taking of fish or game. One member was unreservedly against any sort of permitting. Most members agreed on use of the following tools - Writing salmon take on a calendar for reporting Having fish allotted by permit at the beginning of season, but did not want to report on the permit – interruption of fishing effort (The former 2 tools would contribute to more timely & better reporting)
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5/Unan.	0	SHAC supports this proposal since it appears to be working well, and once in regulation, will prevent arbitrary altering of “districts and subsections” during times of King Salmon conservation.
BOF	99	Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.	



XSupport <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	1	(The opposing member said that he needs more than one net to meet his requirements when fishing for Whitefish.) SHAC supports this proposal because it HELPS eliminate the targeting of King Salmon using more than one 4" mesh net.
BOF	222		Create a permitting system for King Salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended XOppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	3	Most members OPPOSED the use of the following tools - The reporting of daily harvest immediately and directly on the permit itself invites intrusive interruptions by govt. officials SHAC communities don't want more regulation, documentation & problems in an already over-regulated subsistence lifestyle Most members AGREED on use of the following tools - PERMITS to be used ONLY in times of emergency King Salmon conservation. PERMITS to be used ONLY for Kings – no other Species Writing salmon take on a calendar for reporting Having fish allotted by permit at the beginning of season, but did not want to report on the permit – interruption of fishing effort (The former 2 tools would contribute to more timely & better reporting)

Old Business:
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12 Dec, 2015



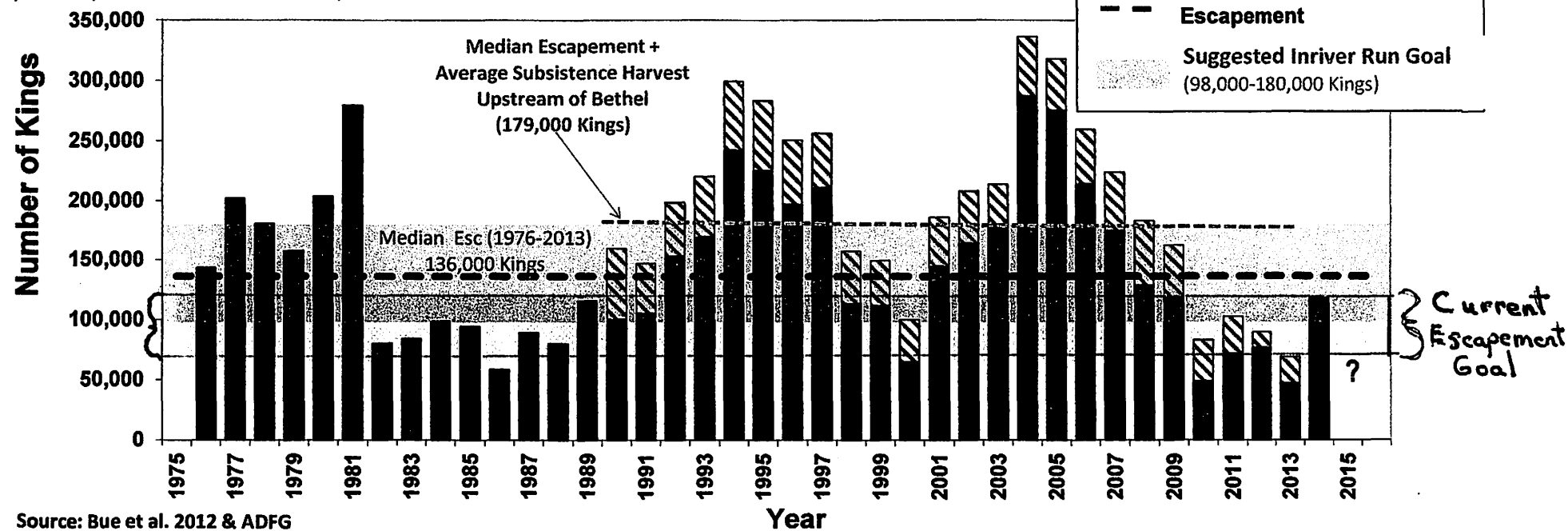
Graph A

Alt 2 InRiver Run Goal: ESC Goal of 65,000 to 120,000 + Lower and Upper End of Historical Subsistence Harvest occurring upstream of Bethel (33,000 to 60,000)

Kuskokwim River KINGS

Total Escapement Estimates (solid) + Subsistence Harvest Upstream of Bethel (cross-hatched)

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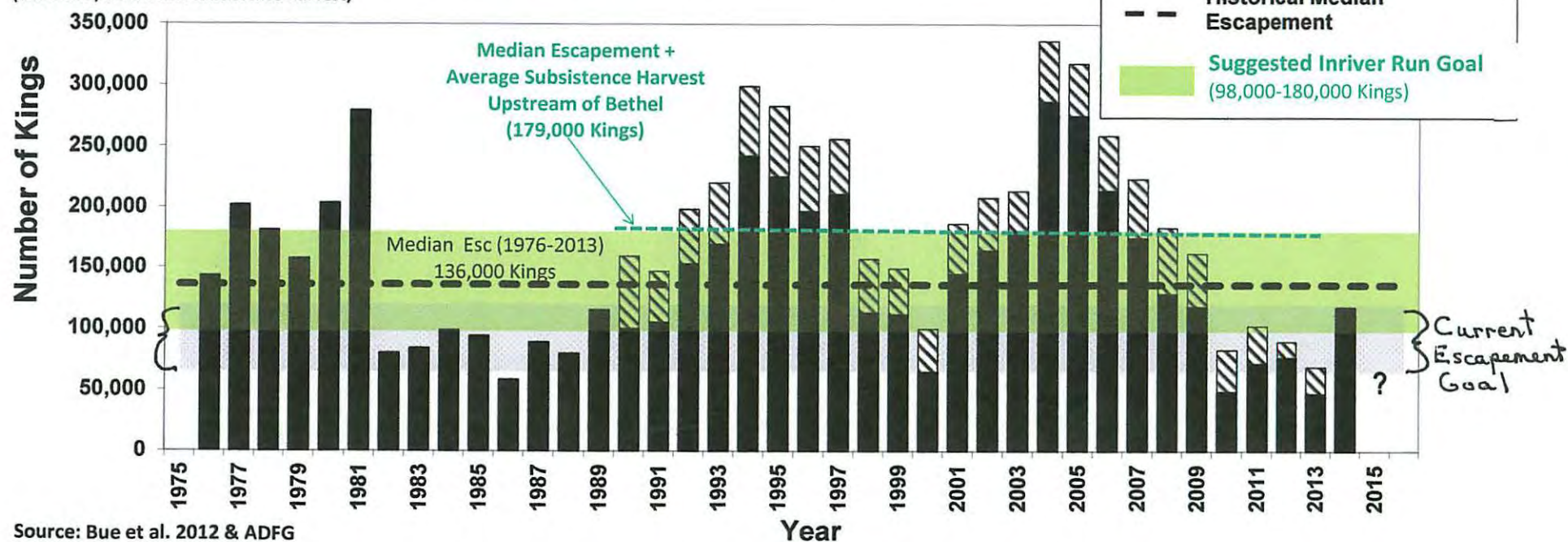
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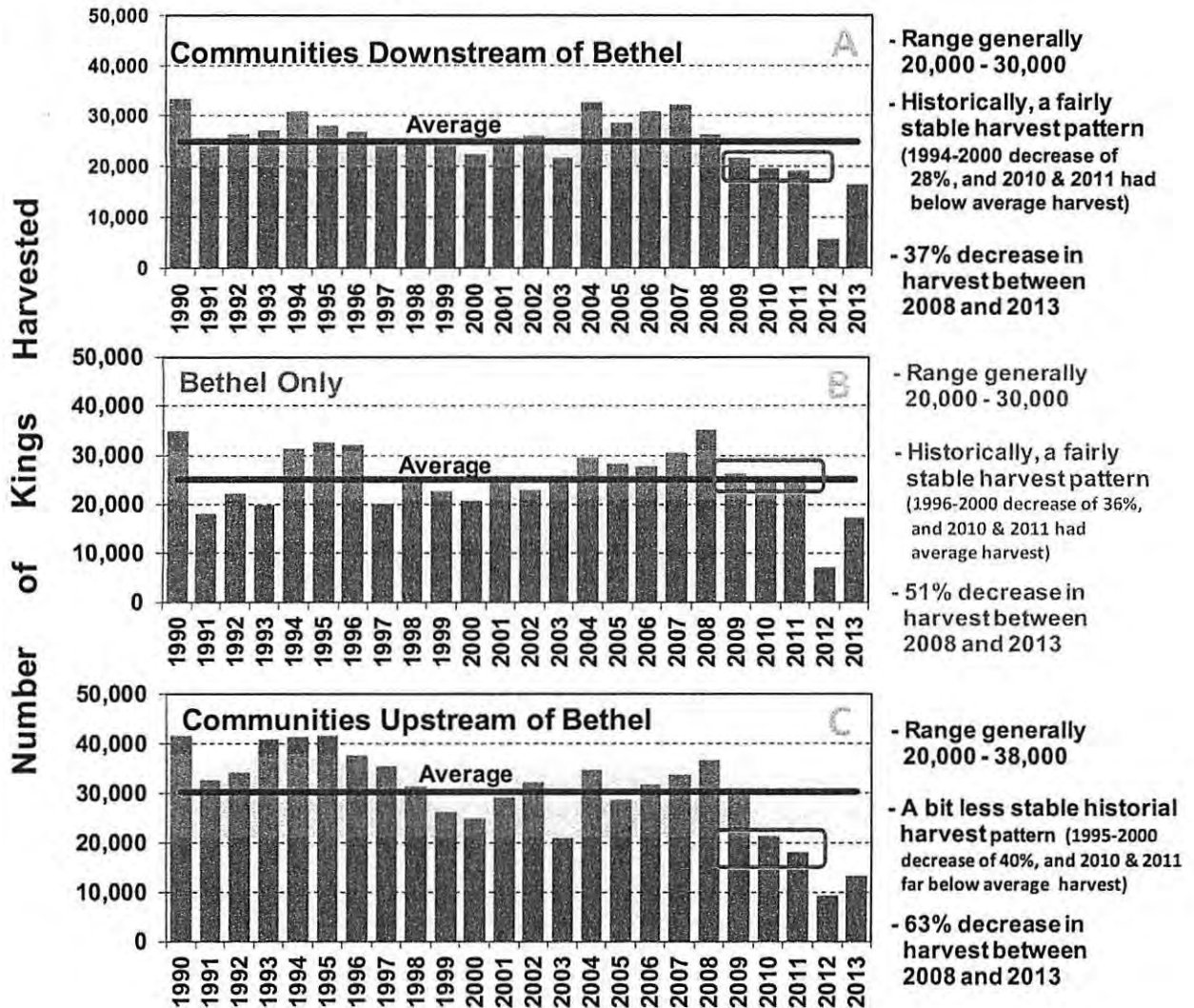


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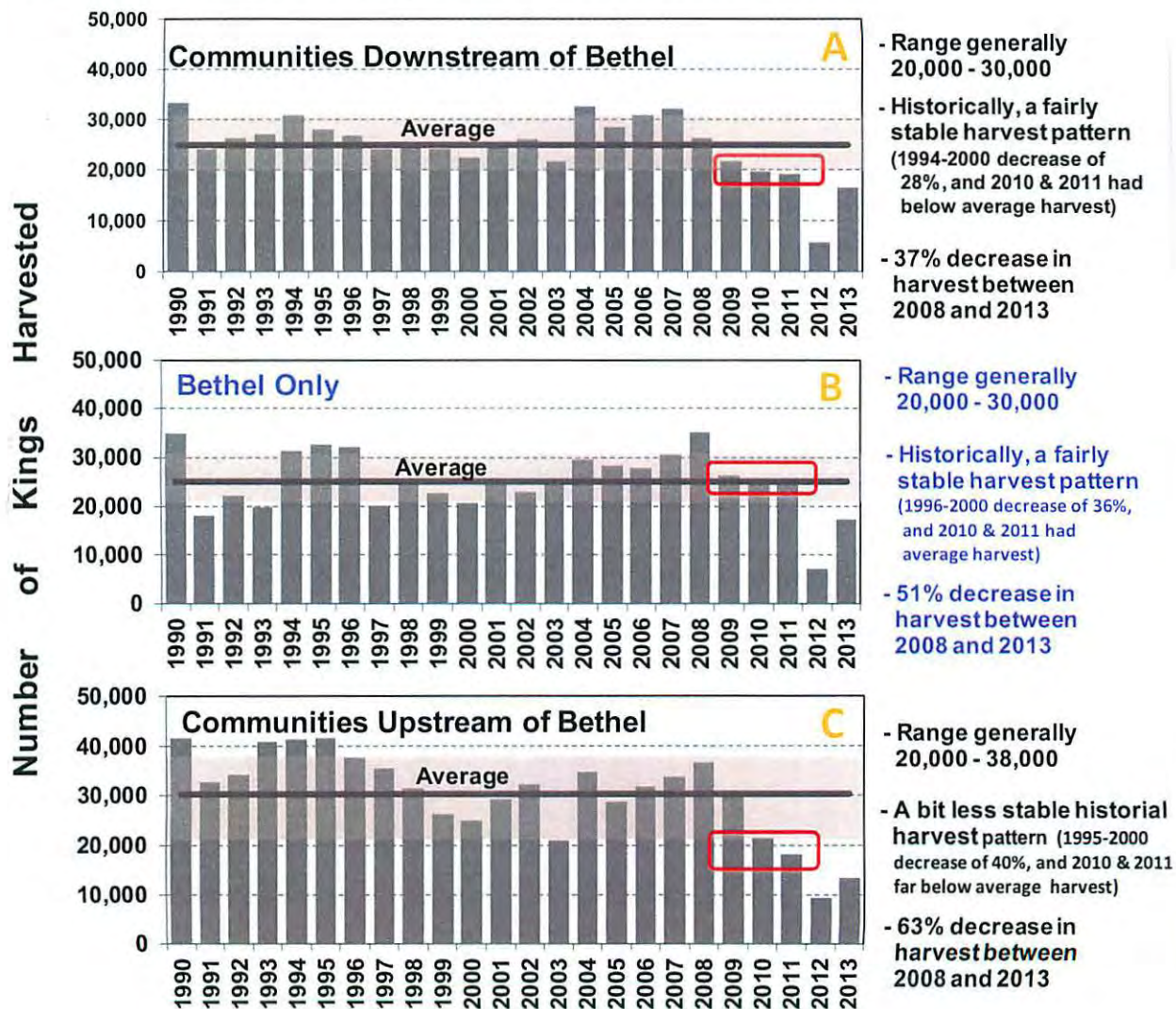
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Subsistence Harvest of King Salmon in the Kuskokwim River



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Tanana-Rampart-Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Minutes for meeting of December 8, 2015, Tanana Alaska

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Zuray at 10:40 am

Roll Call:

Ray Woods, James Roberts, Stan Zuray, Cliff Wiehl, Charlie Campbell Charlie Wright, Curtis Sommer, Patti Wiehl, Ruth Althoff, Kathleen Zuray,

Guests: Stephanie Schmidt ADF&G; Jeff Estensen ADF&G, D. Lorrington, Charter pilot; John Huntington, Pat Moore, Alex Tarnai.

Approval of the Minutes of the Nov 12 2014 TRM AC meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes by Charlie Campbell

Second by Charlie Wright Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda by Charlie Campbell

Second by Cliff Wiehl Motion passed unanimously

Old Business and Game Issues:

Discussion of the road to the Yukon River and potential impact on the December moose harvest. Motion was made by Charlie Campbell, to appoint a committee consisting of Charlie Wright, Kathleen Zuray, and Stan Zuray and other interested members, to formulate proposals to protect the moose populations in light of the opening next year of this road, and then to reconvene AC Board members by teleconference for approval to submit these proposals to the Alaska BOG.

Second by Cliff Wiehl Motion passed unanimously

Discussion of the antlerless moose hunts currently in effect in certain portions of the TRM area Game units, and the local unease with this method of hunting.

Ray Woods made a motion to consult with residents of Minto and discuss their reservations/dislike of this approach to moose harvest management in their area, and to advise the TRM Board if opposing this current antlerless hunt would be in TRM's interest as well.

Second by Ruth Althoff Motion passed unanimously

Need to make reporting of harvest tickets easier for our young people who are in danger of being denied the right to hunt – already happening in some cases. Dates for reporting are all over the calendar. Takes a secretary to keep track.

Get clarification from the Intertribal Fish Commission on the status of their unanimous approval of all the 6 TRM BOF proposals at the time approved (during the Tanana IFC meeting in spring). What was organizations status/voice. Chairman to check on for reporting to BOF.



Election of Officers and TRM Board Members

Charlie Campbell made a motion to re-elect the current slate of TRM Board Members and to re-elect Stan Zuray as Chairperson. Also, to add Alex Tarnai of Tanana and Larry Bredeman of Manley as Alternate Board Members.

Second by Charlie Wright

Motion passed unanimously

Chair Reports: Board of Game proposals need to be developed soon if desired. BOG desire to revisit winter moose hunt needs to be addressed. Possible solution would be to limit hunt to north side of Yukon, keeping it same length thereby not putting population in danger of over harvest which is ADF&G's concern.

Mentioned 6 BOF proposals TRM AC have submitted. Need to choose person to go before BOF and need to have paperwork approved for use before BOF by board including the already approved paperwork used to create 6 BOF proposals. This included presented papers on Fair Daily News Miner King article, History of Lowered Canadian border escapement numbers, seine netting effects reports, 2004 – 2013 Rapids Student Data Collection Project Chinook weight, sex, length and Ichthyophonus Disease Data and charts plus USFWS/ Rapids Research Center livebox reports and info. Also C. Campbell's paper on seine net method as would be used in Yukon River.

Stan Zuray was unanimously approved to send to BOF and paperwork approved.

Concerns from AC/ members of the public:

Charlie Campbell, Ray Woods, Kathleen Zuray, and Charlie Wight strongly reiterated the TRM AC's position of making conservation of King Salmon the number one priority for Yukon River fisheries management, and their concern and the concern of the AC that ADF&G continue to pursue this goal unrelentingly, even if early improvement in Yukon River Chinook escapement begins to manifest itself in the next few years. They also cautioned ADF&G and other fishers to bear in mind the added pressure on Fall Chum stocks now that this is the primary salmon species of value on the Yukon River for subsistence use, and to some extent for commercial use; and, to be certain these stocks are not driven down through excessive pressure in coming years.

Staff Reports:

Stephanie Schmidt mentioned that some clarification of language or intent on two of the TRM proposals to be submitted to the Board of Fisheries would be helpful. (See: Explanations on Proposals 112 and 113 by TRM AC).

In addition to the ADF&G management report received by the TRM AC from ADF&G, Stephanie Schmidt also expressed her hope that the salmon passage monitoring project at the Rapids above Tanana could somehow be continued, and her appreciation of the value of that data for in-season Yukon River fisheries management.

Discussion of what are and what are not truly "fish-friendly" run-strength and timing monitoring methods, and the TRM AC's concern that salmon runs not be harmed with inept or unconsidered



monitoring methods.

Discussion of likelihood of subsistence permits being instituted for local Yukon River salmon fisheries once the road to Tanana is finished, and ways to mitigate the burden of this extra paperwork for local subsistence fishermen.

Discussion and reassurance from Stephanie Schmidt and Jeff Estensen that the TRM AC's concern is heard and understood vis-à-vis the potential for over-exploitation of Yukon River Fall Chum stocks. Discussion of Summer Chum numbers as an indicator of upcoming Fall Chum numbers on any given year.

TRM AC support for, or opposition to Board of Fisheries proposals:

Oppose Proposal 108

Motion by Charlie Campbell, Second by Ruth Althoff Passed unanimously

Support Proposal 109

Motion by Ruth Althoff, Second by Kathleen Zuray Passed unanimously

Support Motion 110

- Would only bring it back to 2010 levels which were changed without any AC's being able to comment on and was unanimously objected to by YRDFA Board (one of the main developers of the Fall Chum Management Plan at the time.)

Motion by Charlie Campbell, Second by Charlie Wright Passed unanimously

Explanations on Proposals 112 and 113: The TRM AC wished to clarify the underlying rationale between what on the surface appear to be two opposing motions from the TRM AC.

It is the TRM AC's position that the widespread use of driftnets as a salmon fishing gear type in Districts 1,2, and 3 is in large part responsible for the overfishing that has led to the current Yukon River Chinook population crash. Although the BOF's accepts driftnet fishing as a customary and traditional method of fishing in those lower river districts, it is our contention that it was not until the introduction of Commercial Limited Entry permits on the Yukon River in the mid 1970's that this gear type became widespread, and that it is not in fact customary and traditional. It is our contention that the Yukon River salmon fisheries would be healthier and better off without this method of fishing. Our submission of Proposal 113 is the TRM AC's way of formally protesting the use of drift gillnets.

Recognizing, however, the political unlikelihood of this C&T determination being undone, the TRM AC in Proposal 112 points out the inherent unfairness of this type of gear (and other types) being allowed only in certain Districts (or sub-Districts) of the Yukon River and not in others. Unless it is the intention of the BOF to maintain unequal allocations through this division, it would be better to make it equitable river-wide and allow ADF&G to manage by stock numbers rather than by the default fishing method on the region.

Support Proposal 119



- Seine proposal objected to for reasons already addressed.

Motion by Charlie Wright, Second by Kath Zuray Passed unanimously.

Oppose Proposal 121

Motion by Charlie Campbell, Second by Ruth Althoff Passed unanimously

Proposal 125 TRM AC wishes to make clear their position on this Proposal, that they are not opposed to the concept of developing a Pink salmon fishery on the lower Yukon River, but they are very concerned that methods and means are developed that do not inadvertently create a bycatch of Kings during this time when the King run is under severe stress.

Oppose Proposal 126

Motion by Ruth Althoff, Second by Kathleen Zuray Passed unanimously.

- The TRM AC is highly skeptical that purse seining (and indeed, beach seining) can be done in a manner that permits the necessary release of Chinook unharmed.

- Because of the downward current in the river during capture and brailing or netting (and release of Chinook bycatch) and upward migration of salmon and other species, it is misleading to call something that is more drift trawling, seining in order to get it passed by the BOF.

- Studies on the upper Yukon have shown that salmon are highly susceptible to damage done by crowding and handling.

- This proposal adds another gear-type that is in this AC's view highly likely to both crowd and damage Chinook that are needed on the spawning grounds at this time to rebuild the Chinook run failure.

Oppose Proposals 127 and 128

Motion by Charlie Campbell, Second by Ruth Althoff Passed Unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm



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



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Support	5	0	Bryan Jones: Motion support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	105		Modify the qualifications for Tier 1 subsistence hunting permit point system
	5	0	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	101		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears and caribou
	5	0	Motion to support by Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG Support	102		Modify the hunting season for sheep
	5	0	Motion to support by Alvin Seconded Bryan Jones
BOG Support	103		Modify the hunting season for sheep
	5	0	See comments proposal 132
BOG's Oppose	85		Alvin: Motion to support for hunters
	0	5	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.

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: Shield Downey

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

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#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

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Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Date: Dec 22, 15

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**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.

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.

Fisheries Issues

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.



ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH JANUARY 12–17, 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
BOF	110	Increase the commercial fishery threshold trigger in the Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	This is the species we depend on now that we don't have kings, and this might help the Porcupine River fishery
BOF	111	Eliminate the use of GHs in the Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Lets take this one up when there is enough fish for eating much less for not for selling
BOF	112	Allow all gear used in Yukon Area commercial fisheries to be allowed in Yukon Area subsistence fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	This makes sense; if you can do it commercially then you should be able to do it for subsistence
BOF	113	Prohibit the use of drift gillnets in the Yukon Area subsistence fishery and in the Yukon Area commercial fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	<p>Different river in different areas require different gear types, but the flip side is that they are effective. Someone drifting can catch in two hours downriver what it takes us all summer to put up.</p> <p>Amend it to say in times of King Salmon Conservation this will be utilized.</p>
BOF	114	Require subsistence salmon fishing permits in Yukon Area District 5 and set permit limits for king salmon during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	They want everyone on the river in D5 to have a permit and set permit limits (in times of king salmon conservation). Has merits but it is unnecessary paperwork and restrictions on poor fishermen in the middle of nowhere; could see implementing in communities that have a lot of outsiders coming in and leaving with fish but we don't have that. No outreach was done in D5 to establish this system. If D1-4 isn't reporting on a permit, then we shouldn't have to as well.
BOF	115	Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	<p>This seems like a no brainer, since jacks aren't contributing much. Fish friendly fish wheels aren't required in the subsistence fishery, but we would need to convert fish wheels into fish friendly in order to keep the jacks and we are not sure if that is ok.</p> <p>Amendment to apply to all fish wheels and not just fish friendly fish wheels.</p>
BOF	116	During times of salmon conservation in the Yukon Area, require fish wheels with live boxes to be manned and require immediate release of the specified salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	Don't mind sitting on my fishwheel
BOF	117	Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Not a lot of people utilizing this gear type and none in D5 that we are aware of.
BOF	121	Expand the area of allowable subsistence drift gillnet fishing for chum salmon in Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	Drift netting for chums when kings are in the river, we supported P113 which would disallow this type of fishing already.
BOF	122	Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			150 FEET is too big; that would be a lot of driftwood
BOF	126	Add purse seine gear as an allowable commercial salmon fishing gear to target summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	Opposed it last time too.
BOF	127	Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	

BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanof in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	

Andrew Firmin was elected to represent the Yukon Flats at the upcoming AYK BOF meeting

Potential Upcoming BOF Proposals

- Let fishermen on the Yukon Flats fish the tail end of the first pulse; it is the only fishing opportunity we have, summer chum don't come up that far. If the run size is adequate then it would open up the early fishery for the fishermen of the Yukon flats can fish it
- Once boarder escapement is met on the Yukon then open subsistence fishing on all of the Yukon, that way we don't blow past escapement into Canada and the fishermen here are still not able to fish.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

