

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
02.11.15 Meeting Minutes  
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

RC 007

I. Call to Order: Chairman Umphenour 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 C Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X (left 20:45)	X	X		X	X	
Absent					X			
Abs/Excused								X
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Vacant	
Present	X	X		X		X		
Absent					X			
Abs/Excused			X					

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 14 & January 21 — unanimous, with noted typos.

V. Correspondence: none

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Jennifer Yuhas, Don Young, Stephanie Schmidt Jackie Kephart, Nissa Pilcher,

VII. Guests: Lt. Justin Rodgers (AWT), Deborah Curnow

VIII. Chair and AC Member Comments:

Barette—discussed BoG prop 201 as it may apply to trapping. Also crossbow certification

Kramer—need fish subcommittee meeting mid march for AYK proposals.

Valerie—asked for input on testimony to the Bog at the CSW meeting.

Tinker—letters sent in support of Sager-Albaugh and Barrette. Walker appointed Sager-Albaugh and Fanning.

Public Comments

None

IX. F&G Staff Reports: Stephanie reported on AYK fish. No proposed change for king salmon escapement. 2014 was lowest king harvest on record. 2015 predictions are similar to 2014.

X. Old Business: none

XI. New Business:

Election of one seat, moved to defer for lack of attendance, approved unanimously.

Move to write letter of support for Fanning to BoG, unanimous.

Move to write letter opposing Maw to BoF, unanimous.

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BOF	273		
Support	11	0	It would provide an extra tool for the department
BOF	274		
Support	7	4	As amended to only allow 25" and under fish. Amendment passed 11-0. Small fish do not add to a sustainable run. It would provide an extra tool for the department, more upriver harvest, helps fish wheel harvest. In opposition, run too low to allow more harvest.
BOF	278		
Support	8	2	
BOG	XXX	Recommendations on BoG Proposals recorded by the chair of the game subcommittee	

XII. Adjourn: 22:04

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm

**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Game Subcommittee 02/05/2015, Creamer's Farmhouse  
Full AC 2/11/2015, Alpine Lodge**

These are the comments and votes of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee addressing the proposals before the Board of Game at the Southcentral meeting, March 13-17, 2015, Anchorage, AK.

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BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
			Not considered.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal. Discussion on this proposal centered around whether or not the bag limit could be changed to billy only but the difficulty in differentiating between billies and nannies was problematic. We thought that the one in five years penalty was too harsh for the take of a nanny. We could maybe support a one every other year penalty for the take of a nanny.
BOG	142		Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal. Deer are very cyclical on Kodiak and are more susceptible to negative impacts by weather than harvest. There do not appear to be any data that non-resident harvest has a negative impact on the deer population.
BOG	143		Change bag limit restriction for brown bear in Unit 8.
			Not considered – this proposal was also at the SE BOG meeting and our comments are the same.
BOG	144		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
	11	0	We support proposals 144-147 as they are really just bookkeeping proposals to make the regulations reflect reality.
BOG	145		Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
	11	0	See 144
BOG	146		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to remove coyote and lynx.
	11	0	See 144
BOG	147		Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to remove lynx and wolverine from current trapping regulations.
	11	0	See 144
BOG	148		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.
			Not considered.
BOG	149		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
			Not considered.

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BOG	150		Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for physically disabled residents in Kincaid Park, Unit 14C.
	11	0	We support this proposal though we want to comment that "a mobility," device should be carefully and clearly defined. We also want to comment that if there are more than 10 permits issued we believe consideration should be given to all residents and not just those with a disability.
BOG	151		Change the any sheep bag limit for Unit 14C to any ram, for draw hunts DS140, DS141, DS240 and DS241.
	11	0	We believe that the bag limit should be changed to full curl only due to conservation concerns.
BOG	152		Establish a resident only sheep hunt area in Chugach State Park, Unit 14C.
	0	11	There is no biological issue identified and this proposal could result in a loss of opportunity overall.
BOG	153		Limit the number of next of kin nonresident sheep tags in Unit 14C.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because we believe that the current system is acceptable.
BOG	154		Increase the number of nonresident goat drawing permits on Unit 14C.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because we believe that the current system is acceptable.
BOG	155		Add a drawing permit hunt for black bears within the JBER Management Area in Unit 14C.
	11	0	We fully support having a black bear hunt on JBER.
BOG	156		Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	158		Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	159		Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	160		Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	161		Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	162		Eliminate all early and late season start dates for archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunts in Unit 15.
	9	1	This was a divided vote. Supporters favor the elimination of specialty hunts in general. The opposing person supports specialty hunts where they can be used in areas to increase opportunities that may otherwise not exist (urban areas, etc). There was one abstention in the vote.

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BOG	163		Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.
	11	0	We support this proposal – the Homer AC provides good reasoning and information for the elimination of this hunt.
BOG	164		Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because we feel that adding 7 days to the regular moose season is too biologically risky for moose as they are close to rut and there is the potential for disturbing breeding groups.
BOG	165		Open an archery moose season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 15C.
	0	11	Oppose based on action taken in 164.
BOG	166		Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	167		Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.
	11	0	We support this proposal but would like to comment that we would prefer there be no restrictions on the method of take, that rifles be allowed wherever possible.
BOG	168		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
			Not considered – should be decided by local interests.
BOG	169		Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because we believe that there are enough special archery hunts and areas.
BOG	170		Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
	0	11	We prefer the alternative proffered by ADF&G in Proposal 171.
BOG	171		Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.
	11	0	We support this proposal because it follows sustained yield principles and provides more opportunity.
BOG	172		Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.
			Take no action based on action on 174.
BOG	173		Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.
			Take no action based on action on 174.
BOG	174		Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.
	11	0	We support the alignment of salvage requirements for all bears taken over bait.
BOG	175		Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
			We did not vote on this proposal and #176 as there was no biological information provided. However, we would like to comment that we do not like to see any reduction in opportunity in the absence of hard data indicating a

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			conservation concern.
BOG	176		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
			See #175
BOG	177		Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.
	11	0	We support increasing opportunity to harvest beaver when there is no biological concern.
BOG	178		Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
	0	11	We do not support any marking of traps or assigning trapper identification systems. Conflicts between trappers and other users can be managed more effectively through education and awareness. We do not support closure areas.
BOG	179		Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
	0	11	We do not support any marking of traps or assigning trapper identification systems. Conflicts between trappers and other users can be managed more effectively through education and awareness. We do not support closure areas.
BOG	180		Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.
	0	11	We do not support any marking of traps or assigning trapper identification systems. Conflicts between trappers and other users can be managed more effectively through education and awareness. We do not support closure areas.
BOG	181		Restrict trapping in the Seward and Moose Pass areas.
	0	11	We do not support any marking of traps or assigning trapper identification systems. Conflicts between trappers and other users can be managed more effectively through education and awareness. We do not support closure areas.
BOG	182		Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because there is no clear biological issue. If there is a conservation concern then we think that a change in bag limit would be more effective.
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal because the issues listed out in this proposal can be taken up with the DNR Division of Parks.
BOG	184		Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresident seasons in the Southcentral Region.
			No comments on sheep proposals for this meeting, see previous comments made to Region IV meeting.
BOG	185		Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 7, 14, and 15.
BOG	186		Limit nonresident sheep hunts in the Southcentral Region with shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.
BOG	187		Allow a maximum of 10% of nonresident sheep hunt participation for the Southcentral Region.

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BOG	188		Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 7, 14, and 15.
			NA
BOG	189		Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% in the Southcentral Region Units.
			NA
BOG	190		Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Southcentral Region Units.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
			No further comments since we commented on this proposal for the Southeast meeting and the Board failed this proposal at the Region IV meeting.
BOG	192		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.
			Take no action based on previous comments and BOG action in Region IV
BOG	193		Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in Southcentral Region Units.
			Take no action based on previous comments and BOG action in Region IV
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
			Take no action.
BOG	195		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
			Take no action based on previous comments and BOG action in Region IV
BOG	196		Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southcentral Region.
			Take no action based on previous comments and BOG action in Region IV
BOG	197		Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region Units.
			Take no action based on previous comments and BOG action in Region IV
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.
	0	11	This proposal does not seem to address the problem of a declining caribou herd. The non-resident and non-local harvest is negligible, and prohibiting the taking of calves is not going to help calf survival as it is not a human induced mortality issue. There is not clear evidence that reducing the harvest as targeted in this proposal will result in slowing or preventing the crash of the herd.
BOG	205		Allow the immediate harvest of musk ox on stranded ice flows in Unit 18.
	0	11	We oppose this proposal as written because we do not believe that the residents should be given at will authority to harvest musk oxen with no check-in system. We do have a couple suggestions for addressing the issue however: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simply lengthen the musk ox season to incorporate the targeted time period of concern.</li> <li>2. Create a "Targeted," hunt and set the season for March and April when the strandings are most likely to occur. The hunt can be managed much</li> </ol>

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			like the existing targeted moose hunts with a list of hunters permitted and ADF&G can be quick to issue approval.

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