



**Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Proposal Comments for the
Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting**

**Anchorage Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee at Cabela's Conference Room
November 21, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: [6:30] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick & J.R. Gates.
Members Absent: Tyler Loken.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4.
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Complete, unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Complete when submitted to the Board of Game for November 10-17, 2017 Meeting at the Lakefront Anchorage.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None.
- VI. Guests Present: None.
- VII. Old Business: None.
- VIII. New Business: See comments in "Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal" below. On November 21, 2017 the AAC discussed Proposals 70 – 114.

**Anchorage Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee at Bass Pro Shop Conference Room
December 7, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: [6:30] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick & Tyler Loken.
Members Absent: J.R. Gates (excused)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4.
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Complete, unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not approved yet, will rollover to the new meeting.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rick Merizon.
- VI. Guests Present: None.
- VII. Old Business: None.
- VIII. New Business: See comments in "Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal" below. On December 7, 2017 the AAC discussed Proposals 115-163.



**Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting at Rabbit Creek Rifle Range
January 9, 2018**

- I. Call meeting to order: [6:35] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call
Present: Frank Neumann (Chair), Kevin Taylor (Vice-Chair), Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Kenny Rodgers, Dino Sutherland, Martin Weiser, Ernie Weiss, Matt Moore, and Shawna Williams Buchanan.
Excused: Gerold Gugel, Brian Nelson, and J R Gates,
Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth (alternate) and Tyler Loken (alternate).
- III. Invocation: Complete
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance: Complete
- V. Advise Guests of Public Testimony sign-up sheet: Complete. Sign-up is as follows: Joel Doner, Gary Stevens.
- VI. Establish a quorum: Complete.
 - a. Present (11; 10 by the time voting on Game proposals occurred): Frank Neumann (Chair), Kevin Taylor (Vice-Chair), Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Kenny Rodgers, Dino Sutherland, Martin Weiser, Ernie Weiss, Matt Moore, and Shawna Williams Buchanan.
 - b. Excused: Gerold Gugel, Brian Nelson, and J R Gates,
 - c. Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth (alternate) and Tyler Loken (alternate).
- VII. Approve Agenda: Approved with the addition of Israel Payton of the Board of Fish for a Q&A session.
- VIII. Introduce Department Guests: Dave Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sean Farley.
- IX. Approve Minutes of prior Meeting: December 5th, 2017 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.
- X. Public testimony:
 - a. Gary Stevens – Would like the AAC support at the Dillingham meeting to strongly oppose proposal 92. He is concerned that the Board of Game is not as concerned with this proposal since there are a lot of proposals this year. Would like to see the CSH be completely removed. Sees this as a gateway for further allocation issues. Also let the AAC know that the DEC is proposing to list the Kenai River, the Little Su and another lake in the Mat-Su Valley as impaired water bodies. Suggests that the ADEC is using old data to make this determination and standards are subjective. The Kenai River listing is of particular concern. These rivers are glacial fed and support huge runs of salmon and this designation could have negative implications to the fishing community in terms of harvest and the regulators in terms of management.
 - b. Joel Doner – Brought a Peninsula Clarion (by Elizabeth Earl) article to share with the AAC. The article states that ADEC reports conclude motor boat traffic is linked to turbidity on the Kenai River, suggesting a Category 5 classification, which it was before the 2008 regulation requiring 4 stroke engines. This would require a recover plan for the Kenai River. In the past, this AAC has advocated for proposals that limit the number of vessel traffic on the Kenai River. “We” (e.g. the State of Alaska) are always behind the curve on management. Requesting the AAC and members to make comments to the ADEC. The public comment period ends January 29, 2018.
- XI. Old Business: None.
- XII. Committee Reports:



- a. Fish Sub-Committee Chair, Kevin Taylor: Statewide proposal index (21) is on proposal 166 in the book of proposals regulations. These will be addressed at the next AAC meeting Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at the Cabela's conference room, located at 155 W 104th Avenue at 6:30 pm. Janet Rumbolt said she will be present, if only over teleconference, to discuss 9 proposals. There is at least one Board of Fish-generated proposal, 236, that will be added to the proposal book.
- b. Copper River Prince William Sound Board of Fish meeting report, Shawna Buchanan: Seining gear stacking proposals were removed from the conversation after a notification of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Regarding seine gear length, BOF eliminated the need for a seine which means that a fisherman can use up to 225 fathoms of gear and no use of a lead. Most proposals were either withdrawn or failed. A big win for the local Cordova fishing fleet was the allowance of subsistence fishing on Saturdays so long as there was at least a 24 closing between commercial fishing and the subsequent Saturday.
- c. Israel Payton, update on the Board of Fish. The Anchorage and Fairbanks AC represented well at the Board of Fish meeting. At the Valdez Board of Fish meeting, the Board of Fish removed the paired restrictions to the personal use and commercial fishery. The Board of Fish took no action or voted down on the majority of proposals. One of the messages that the Board sent, namely to Ahtna, was to not fracture the use or allocation of fisheries. The Department proposed a new SEG on the Copper River chinook salmon and the Board of Fish had planned to vote on the issue, but the chair suggested the Department back off the proposal, and they agreed. Mr. Payton suggested this was a mistake on the Department's end and that they should have pushed harder for this discussion. Unrelated to the Valdez Board of Fish meeting, the chinook salmon in stocks in the Mat-Su Valley is of concern. The Department has been managing these fisheries on an EO each year. Mr. Payton has suggested more management from the Department of this fishery and that a more proactive approach to the management of this fishery.
- d. Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) Working Group report, Neil DeWitt: In December, the working group had a meeting. The Department has implemented a new camera counting system (see ADF&G article) that significantly improved the mechanisms for counting the herd. The calf:cow ratio is high and the bull:cow ratio is acceptable. The WACH would like to close the western areas, namely Unit 23, to non-subsistence hunting for a two-year period. Seven proposals were brought up to the WACH; 3 were opposed, 2 proposals (lumped as 1) were supported (not by unanimous vote), 1 modified, 2 proposals were not acted on. The federal subsistence board meeting is tentatively on April 10 -13th, 2018. HB 211 by Dean Westlake was also raised, currently pending legislation, that is focused on the caribou herds in the northwest. The management plan is going to be written, and the AAC representative would like to be on that technical re-write committee.

XIII. New Business:

- a. Department (Dave Battle, Cory Stantorf, and Sean Farley) Update:
 - i. Update on the 14C Moose population survey – **Dave Battle** informed us that the Department is not seeing enough snow to survey moose populations this year which is the same as several of the last few years in 14C. The Department does not have any indication that the moose population has declined. Last winter the Department was able to survey 20-miles and there are currently 150 moose which was the same as 2016 and is exactly what the Department would like to



see. 14C is one unit were you cannot fly too late as the sex:age composition is compromised and the moose move into lower, (human) populated elevations. Proposal 155, discussed more below, is very important to the Department to manage the populations and would like to have the moose at the moose populations at the low side of the goal as road kills are lower and this provides more hunting opportunity. Mr. Battel would like for 14C to be removed from intensive management. **Sean Farley** gave us an update on the Anchorage bowl moose survey. The Department has implemented a new technique piloted last winter using DNA technology to produce 'family trees' of the population in the Anchorage bowl to determine an abundance measure. Clarified that this is a *research* project, not a *management tool*. This winter, there will be nine teams of surveyors for three days in late February, the Department will be taking biopsy samples of any encountered moose in the survey area. This data collection effort is only a small portion of the entire survey; there is a lot of continued effort in the genetics lab and later the abundance measures. The Department does not conduct bear counts in the Anchorage area. They are suggesting conducting a count of black bears in Prince William Sound.

- ii. Proposals 155 – See notes in the matrix below.
- iii. Proposal 156 – See notes in the matrix below.
- b. Review, approve Game Sub-committee finding on the Central Southwest Proposals. Proposal 70 through 63. See notes in the matrix below. Phillip Calhoun motioned to accept the unanimous votes. Kevin Taylor seconded. Vote was 9 supports, 1 opposed. Kenny Rogers would like to address proposal 100 which was previously unanimously supported. The AAC will re-open 100 in addition to the split votes from the Game subcommittee meeting. All notes regarding abstentions were removed. Frank Neumann will represent the AAC at the Board of Game meeting in Dillingham.
- c. Possible Future Proposal for the BOG Southcentral Region, and BOF proposals. Deadline is May 1st, 2018.

XIV. Adjourn: 9:39pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at the Cabela's conference room, located at 155 W 104th Avenue at 6:30 pm.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated so long as the proposal is not mixed with an archery only hunt.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		



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Opposed	2	8	Support the proposal were for reasons stated. The later season allows bow hunters to utilize the rut to their advantage and the wounding rate would presumably be low. Those opposed because of the extension of days into September moves into the rut and the opportunity to take a moose is too easy. There is already plenty of opportunity to harvest moose, both for rifle and for bow hunters. In many of the units listed, such as 14A, there is an early archery only moose hunt. Suggest narrowing down the number of units in the proposal and each Unit/subunit are widely different from each other. See Department comments on moose numbers in select units.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, because in most of the units listed, there are youth hunts during the same time period and do not want conflicts with the youth hunters. Suggest narrowing down the number of units in the proposal and each Unit/subunit are widely different from each other. This allows another week for guides to take hunters into the field and they have a high success rate which could affect the population negatively. Suggest having a draw hunt not a registration hunt.
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Opposed	0	10	Oppose this proposal because this AAC thinks that non-residents do not need more opportunity to hunt sheep and are in favor of the current regulations.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Opposed	0	10	See comments on proposal 74.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. AAC could like to note the extra 500 cows (up from 1,000 to 1,500).
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	10	0	Those support for reasons stated.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Opposed	0	10	Those that opposed the proposal were because of the limitations around aircraft and that this is a complicated proposal. The AAC does support the language in the proposal for the legal ram to be full-curl, broken on both horns, or at least eight years old.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Would like the Department to speak on conversation concerns of this proposal, if any.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in		



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	Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Suggest including all of GMU 14 instead of only 14A.
83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Opposed	1	9	Support the proposal are to reduce wanton waste of moose observed in 16A when a sublegal moose is harvested. Those that opposed the proposal are because do not believe that this would help the issue of illegal harvest of moose. This limits the opportunity to harvest those large moose that have less than three brow tines on at least one side. There are already filters in place that make hunters consider harvest. If this proposal were adopted, the same people would shoot the same illegal moose; this would not solve the problem. See Department comments on this proposal regarding new category of moose and enforcement issues.
84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. This AAC would like to see the data and are hoping the Department is able to get a survey in. Suggest the Department consider this proposal when new studies have been conducted and/or published.
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support harvest of moose if available.
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to this proposal because the harvest of bears is not unsustainable in Unit 16.
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, there are too many bears and harvest is minimal. There are no biological concerns.
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, there are too many brown bears and harvest is minimal. There are no biological concerns.
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because there is currently to IM program implements in Unit 16. If the Department needs to use IM, then this AAC supports that.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. It would require a lot of effort by the Department to re-do the ANS. Shouldn't have to live in the GMU to be counted for that hunt. The AAC serves constituents that have an urban zip code but hunt elsewhere.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	The Anchorage AC does not support the Board of Game's efforts to create a special allocation of state resources to a single user group during times of abundant harvestable surplus. As a Fish and Game AC, we represent everyone in our geographic area and believe it is our job to do what is most reasonable for all in accordance with current statute and codified regulations. The Alaska Board of Game (BOG) has taken it upon itself



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			<p>to create a community subsistence hunt that would address a perceived shortcoming. The ANC committee is unaware of any statute that requires the Alaska Board of Game to adopt a CSH hunt area and adopt condition to participate in that hunt under 5 AAC 92.072. Nothing in AS 16.05.258 requires the BOG to provide a priority to harvest a specific age class of moose when ANS objectives are being far succeeded. AS 16.05.330(c) is quite clear the BOG may adopt regulations to provide subsistence harvest permits, but only when non-subsistence users are threatening subsistence use. That is not currently the case in GMU 13 while at a Tier I status.</p> <p>The Board has opened a Pandora's Box that could spread statewide on state and private lands. This current hunt structure for the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah Community Harvest Area, 5AAC 92.074(c) is not working out as the BOG had hoped. So now the move to tighten the definition of what constitute a community, in an effort to weed out Alaskans that are currently qualify and participate in this State hunt, it appears as an effort by the board leaning back to what the board passed in 2009 that was struck down as unconstitutional by the State court. We truly believe that this will drive a wedge between all resident hunters. As time has passed, we have had multiple meetings, multiple proposals, and an increased cost to the State regarding this matter. Your actions here could put this hunt in direct conflict with our States Constitution Equal Access Clause (Article 1, Section 1), and our Common Use Clause (Article 8, Section 3). Our Fish and Game issues should NOT be decided by lobbyists and special interest groups. Since 2009 the 3 largest AC's that represent the major of hunters in the field for GMU 13 have been on record opposing this hunt. They have all voted consistently on numerous proposals, occasion and meeting to repeal this effort to allocate a State resource to one users group. Again, we have the Board or at least a majority of the Board ignoring the majority, to appease a single user group in a time of surplus.</p> <p>The Anchorage AC is the elected body, from the local public, responsible for advocating for its constituents. Which more than 29,000 are hunters who purchased a state hunting license and are carrying a moose harvest tag, 2216 of these went moose hunting in Unit 13 in 2016. Every one of the moose hunters the AC represents would appreciate the opportunity to hunt an any bull moose. Consider the number of Alaskans willing to pay for a chance to participant in the drawing hunt for 5 any bull moose harvest permits in GMU 13. It's their license and permit drawing fees that provides funding for the state game management necessary to achieve a sustainable harvest of bull moose above the harvest necessary to meet the ANS for the population. All hunters deserve the opportunity under the Common Use clause of the Alaska State Constitution, Article 8, Section 3, to participate equally when amounts of harvest reasonably necessary for subsistence uses codified in regulation under 5 AAC 99.025, are being met.</p> <p>If the board takes into consideration all the current opportunity that exist for the Ahtna</p>



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			<p>people; a 50-day fall hunting season for federally qualifying rural resident hunters for any bull moose plus two caribou, a 20-day general season State moose hunt, a very generous State Tier I Caribou hunt, and 1.7 million acres of private [exclusive] lands to hunt in GMU 13, 11 and parts of 12 you could easily justify that the ANS is reasonably being met under AS 16.05.258.</p> <p>The Board of Game has gone above and beyond to provide for a game priority for members of Ahtna Tene Nene' in GMU 13, 11 and parts of 12. (examples RC 121 and the special Glennallen meeting) The interpretation of the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence use, 5 AAC 99.025(b), and whether the state and/or the federal subsistence hunting programs were fulfilling the ANS remains with the board.</p> <p>Moving forward, you will have to consider the ANS impact of the Department of Interior (DOI), and its MOA with The Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) where they signed an MOA to create a cooperative management plan between them, allowing <u>Ahtna tribal members</u> an allocation of moose and caribou on federal lands in the Ahtna region. (2018-2020 Wildlife Proposals; WP18-17, 18, and 19). This is not what the Anchorage AC would support on state and private lands in GMU 13, 11, and parts of 12.</p> <p>The ANC AC strongly recommends repealing the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah Community Harvest Area, 5AAC 92.074(c) and stop trying to differentiate among Alaskan hunters during times of abundant harvest. When state management allows for a segment of the moose population to provide for a limited harvest above the current ANS set by the board for the game populations <u>all Alaskans should have an equal opportunity</u> to hunt on the 9.5 million acres of state lands within GMU 13, along with all State lands, State wide.</p>
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Would suggest that registrations tags be made available in Anchorage and other urban areas or online.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		



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Opposed	0	10	Opposed because this AAC strongly opposes the C&T in Unit 13, 11 and a portion of 12. Additionally, everyone should be required to report if that is what the Department requests.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Opposed	5	5	Those support because there are a lot of people who wish to moose hunt in other areas of the State and support the potential reduction on the number of moose hunters in Unit 13. See comments on Proposal 100.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	5	5	Support for reasons stated. Those opposed because if this gets de-coupled, there would be more people applying for Tier caribou hunts which equals more pressure on the herd. There are draw hunts available for the unit, so if you want to harvest moose elsewhere, apply for this draw tag.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support youth hunting and safety.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because it is already difficult for residents to draw this tag. This proposal suggests 10% of tags and not caribou harvest (which is presumably much higher).
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. If there will be a CSH, then the seasons should be aligned.
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support the Department in having the tool to reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons.
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed think that because the Department is doing a fine job of managing the Unit.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because do not see a biological concern for removing the hunt. It also provides more money to the Department.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Support as Amended	10	0	The AAC suggested an amendment. This proposal also leaves the CSH and this AAC does not support that hunt. Suggest the following language in the second paragraph: "Eliminate the Community Subsistence Hunt. Retain all other existing seasons and bag limits."
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because they Department went to 4 brow tines for biological reasons.
109	Change the "any ram" bag limit to "full-curl ram" for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
Opposed	5	5	Those supported were for reasons stated. There are already youth hunts designated,



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			don't need any more. Sheep are trophies. Those opposed because this is already a limited, highly regulated hunt and because it opens up the ability to family/youth hunt. Some of the largest rams in the State are taken from this area. This small area allows a window of opportunity for youth, those that are not as physically fit, or disabled, to harvest a sheep.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	10	0	Support the proposal because the area is difficult to access and this would open opportunity to harvest goats. The toughness and remoteness of the area will likely eliminate to opportunity for overharvest. Would like to know if there is a biological concern for the population.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	6	4	Those support for reasons stated. Those opposed because it would extend into the mating season and disrupt the population. See Department comments regarding conservation information lacking in Unit 13.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	6	4	Those support for reasons stated. Those opposed because it would extend into the mating season and disrupt the population. See Department comments regarding conservation information lacking in Unit 13.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Opposed	0	10	Limits the number of grouse available for harvest. There is no biological concern from the Department. This proposal is not based on scientific data.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
Opposed	0	10	There is no conservation concern as most of the harvest for grouse occurs by the end of November and shortening the season would not affect the species. This proposal would take 20 days off the beginning of the season.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support as Amended	10	0	Majority of harvest in Unit 13E & B is largely between mid-February and March, which reduces the spring breeding population. Natural mortality rates are higher in the fall and level off in the early spring. Within 3km of the Denali highway, there is a higher mortality rate to grouse and willow ptarmigan is higher than further away from the highway. 13E populations are at lower density than 13B. Average is 1.5 birds per hunter per day. For snow machines only, that average doubles meaning that snow machine hunters are more effective and successful. Amended to using the last day of February as the end of the season instead of March 31 in all subunits of Unit 13.



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120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Take no action	--	--	See comments/vote on Proposal #119.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Take no action	--	--	See comments/vote on Proposal #119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	10	0	Support the Department in this housekeeping proposal for reasons stated.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	10	0	Support the Department in this housekeeping proposal for reasons stated.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Opposed	3	7	Support the proposal because it may be a way to eliminate the CSH in Unit 13 as stated. Those opposed because of the added amount of people and therefore congestion in the area and it opens up more opportunity for abuse.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Opposed	3	7	Supported the proposal was because it opened up the opportunity for harvest when hunters spend a lot of money to get to Adak. Those opposed because there is a concern for the number of animals available for harvest and would prefer a closed season. Note: The Department is concerned with overharvest and lack of harvest data.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
Support as Amended	10	0	AAC chose Solution 2 to discuss. This AAC supports solution 2 only as amended. Dates presented in the proposal are incorrect compared to the regulations. Solution 2) suggest the following text (for 9A, 9C, 9D, 9E): RBXXX resident fall season, odd numbered year, September 25-October 21. Non-resident hunters October 1 - October 21. RBXXX resident spring season, odd numbered years, May 5-31. Non-resident hunters May 10-31. Suggest the following text (for 9B): RBXXX resident fall season, odd numbered year, September 15-October 21. Non-resident hunters October 1- October 21.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			RBXXX resident spring season, odd numbered years, May 5-31. Non-resident hunters May 10-31.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Opening the season, a week later and closing it a week later. New season date. August 30 through September 25.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Take no action	--	--	Took no action on this proposal because of action on #137; see comments on Proposal #137. This only extends to season by 5 days. August 25 through September 25.
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Weather considerations can limit non-resident hunters, and this is a very short season, currently 10 days, for those spending a considerable amount of money. Support for reasons stated.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to any special allocation to those species that are not required to be guided. Non-residents should be draw permits only.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to any guaranteed allocation to those species that are not required to be guided. Do not support non-resident preference.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to creating a registration for non-resident hunters. Would like to see the Mulchatna herd to continue its recovery.
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to an exclusive allocation to those species that are not required to be guided.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to registration for non-resident hunters. Also opposed to continue to recover the population of the Mulchatna caribou herd.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	10	0	This is a valuable tool for the Department and the harvest and populations numbers are typical and as expected. Harvesting the surplus is better for the population. If the population, especially in 20-mile, were to get too high, in a tough winter, the moose do not fare well and the Department would rather see moose able to be harvested.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		



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Support	10	0	See comments above.
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
166	5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou; 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations; and 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Available surplus must be harvested.

November 21, 2017 Adjournment: 9:00pm

December 7, 2017 Adjournment: 9:00pm

January 9, 2018 Adjournment: 9:39pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann

Date: February 1, 2018



BETHEL Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 3, 2017
ADF&G Office, Bethel

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: *(6 for Quorum)*

Lekander

Tikiun

Kassman

Hunter

Lavalle

Kohl

Rodgers

Hunter excused at 7:30pm

ELECT OFFICERS:

Chair: Jamie Kassman

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Jon LaValle

INVOCATION:

MOMENT OF SILENCE: *In honor of Greg Roczicka*

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: *(List)*

Sara Mutter resource specialist AVCP

Patrick Jones area bio

Ken Stahlnecker USFWS

Tim Andrew ONC

Jennifer Hooper AVCP

Dave Runfola Subsistence

COMMENTS:

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: None
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**:
 - Henry Hunter- Concerns about the fishing in the summer of 17, wanted to make sure we take up concerns on the next meeting.
(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)



APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Henry Hunter motion to approve agenda 2nd Jon LaValle Motion carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 24, 2017*

Thad tikiun Motion to approve

2nd kohl

motion carries

NEW BUSINESS:

- **BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS** (*Comments due October 27, 2017*)
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26) Change the definition of “edible meat” for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
 - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
 - **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
 - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
 - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
 - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
 - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
 - **PROPOSAL 62** – 5 AAC 92.029: Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild.
 - **PROPOSAL 63** – 5 AAC 92.029: Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild.
 - **PROPOSAL 64** – 5 AAC 92.029: Eliminate domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat.
 - **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
 - **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
 - **PROPOSAL 164** – 5 AAC 92.080: Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.



- BOARD OF GAME (BOG) **ACR 1:** Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A.
- FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Regional Proposals:

- **WP18-27** – Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.
- **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
- **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
- **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
- **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.

Crossover Proposals:

- **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
- **WP18-23** – Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.
- **WP18-25/26** – Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.
- **WP18-33/36** – Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.

Statewide Proposals:

- **WP18-51** – Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS (*Deadline Oct. 31*)
- ELECT AC REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO ATTEND 2017-18 BOG/ BOF MEETINGS.
Alyssa Rodgers

NEXT MEETING DATE: 6:00pm on October 24th

ADJOURN: (TIME) 10:30



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 nd Kohl
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.		
NO ACTION			Kohl Motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun Kohl rescinds motion Kohl motion to take no action
ACR 1	Open a registration hunt for moose in 19a		
Support as Amended	6	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun LaValle motion to amend, 2 nd Kohl Amend to say: Registration permits should be made available at all license vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage. We want them available at all vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage because of the long history of tradition use from downriver villages hunting in this area.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/24/17



October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: Quorum established: Yes

Present: Mike Riley, Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Jaimie Kassman, Henry Hunter,
Jon Lavalle, Henry Kohl, Alissa Rogers, Jerry White

INVOCATION: Robert Lekandar

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Patrick Jones Area Biologist, Dave Renfola subsistence division

MEMBER ELECTIONS:

Jaimie Kassman re-elected

Thad Tikiun re-elected

Leaving two empty seats

Alissa Rogers is the new subsistence seat on the board

Jerry White, clarification for title: Guides

OFFICER ELECTIONS: *Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary*

Secretary- Alissa Nadine Rogers M- John Lavallve 2nd-Thad Tikiun , Unanimous Decision

Chairman- Jamie Motion- Mike Riley 2nd- Henry Kohl, Unanimous Decision

Vice Chairman- Henry Kohl M- 2nd-Thad Tikiun, Unanimous 5- vote

COMMENTS:

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: (None)
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**: (None at this time.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/M-Jerry 2nd- Thad

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 03, 2017 M/M- Thad 2nd- Rogers, Unanimous*

Changes: *Add Mike Riley, Change Alyssa to Alissa*

OLD BUSINESS:

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS (*Comments due October 27, 2017*)
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game. (*Tabled from Oct. 3, 2017*)
Introduction given by Jones, ADFG comments from AK Wildlife Troopers on the proposal. The use of cellphone and satellite technology.

Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.



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Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

Dave Runfolda, ADFG Subsistence Division- In general what we are talking about a permit for all Alaska residents and will be effective upriver from Aniak and fishing can start as no earlier than June 20th 1 per household up to 10 king salmon. We are still working on exactly how this is going to be ruled out, 1.

Write the permit. 2 decide how and where 3.

Jan 2016: A lot of people feel like this is going to happen when this is going to be a federal takeover of the river. This can happen at any time.

Additional opportunity to get some king salmon in times when salmon fishing with lethal gear is closed.

Hunter- if they are allowing permit holders to catch 10 king salmon. How many permit holders are going. Below Aniak, we have fisherman that are abiding by the king salmon role. Yet you are bringing up the King Salmon and yet you allow fisherman above Aniak for 1-1000 people to catch 10 king salmon.

Ideas came out. There was a proposal that came out to catch a few kings.

LAW- Discussion BOF/ Subsistence, AVCP, the AC voted on permits. "Any state waters" Middle Kuskokwim that permits were going to be ok. Lower Kuskokwim didn't want permits. Conservation 1: In the past several years they have felt like when there were opening the had shorter time periods that were close to down river opening and felt like they needed to use set nets they had to use 6 hours or more, because we are not as efficient in catching King salmon.

There is a threshold by the manager to close this fishery.

Lavalle- What happens if a family that catches 20 kings?

ADFG- allows for proxy fishing, like the same thing for hunting.

Needs to have a 24 hour reporting system.

ADFG Dave- 907-322-8737

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tentative: Feb 13th, 2018

ADJOURN m- Thad 2nd –kohl

Electronic Signature by Jon Lavallve, 8:30PM, 10/27/2017

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October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.



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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	1	8	<p>There isn't enough resources to open up a nonresidential draw hunt for Caribou in Unit 8.</p> <p><u>M/M to Support:</u> Kohl 2nd - Lavallve</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>In that proposal, there is not enough for subsistence. Yet, he wants to open for nonresident. Pat- Opposed, the herds are hovering right around 300 or take. It just has been in access. We are still trying to grown that herd. It's just not a right time to open it. Lavallve- Have an increase of the population before we open it up to non-residence. Kohl- Entertain the idea to charge a drawing ticket price of 2,500.00 a piece.</p> <p><u>Oppose</u>, 1-White in Support, because it opens up the possibility for tourist hunter to harvest caribou.</p>

CENTRAL BERING SEA

Fish and Game Advisory Committee



October 10-11, 2017

ADF&G Office, 9:00am

570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:15pm

ROLL CALL: Roll call by Stan M. Atchak with 6 present No quorum, asking to review the musk ox first. Musk ox discussion and HB 199 were discussed first. A quorum was determined after these discussions.

INVOCATION: Annie Cleveland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Passed on Oct. 11, 2017

Stanley Tom made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes, all minutes approve by everyone.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Patrick Jones, Dave Runfola, Walter Blajeski (ATS), Jen Peeks
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Melanie Brown, Emily Andrew, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Hooper, Sarah Mutter

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017/18 Board of Game (BOG) Proposals:**
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
 - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC 92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
 - **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
 - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
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 - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
 - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.

CENTRAL BERING SEA Fish and Game Advisory Committee



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October 10-11, 2017
ADF&G Office, 9:00am
570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	10	Hunting season and bag limits for caribou. Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 & 19. The Mulchatna herd is going down. Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Motion fails with 10 roll call votes.
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
No Action			The current population for the moose in the remainder of Unit 18 is about 20,000. This would be reauthorized every year. ONC Andrews stated F&G is right that there are too many moose on the Yukon area. To take no action on proposal 157.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	Brown bear tag fee exemption for the residents. Annie Cleveland moves to support the motion, seconded by Peter Julius. Motion passed.

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
18-21			
Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.



Meeting called to order (10:30) 12:41pm, Napaimute Office, Aniak

Approval of Agenda:

Roll Call: Lisa Feyereisen, Ricky Ciletti, Sophie Sakar, Lucy Simeon, Nick Kameroff, Tim Zaukar, Walter Morgan, Darlene Heckman, Mark Leary **Quorum:** (6)12:48pm

Invocation:

Introduction of Guests: Josh Peirce (ADF&G Wildlife), Jon Barton (ADF&G Wildlife), Eddie Hoeldt (secretary), Jeremy Havener (Galena), David Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division), Dan Gillikin, Elections: Expired Terms/Vacant Seats, Officers: Secretary

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2017

Comments:

- Chair's Comments: Lisa Feyereisen: Will try to run meeting quickly. Open the discussion to members of the public. Respectful of differences and refrain from commenting using people's names who are not attending meeting.
- Public Comments: None

New Business:

- **Moose Survey Update** – Josh Peirce, ADF&G (see presentation slides at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=187306>)
Josh Peirce: Provided a presentation of the moose count survey. Last survey in Aniak was 2010. Unit 18 population is "booming." Survey results TM680: Harvest surplus is 165 (4% of total population) moose. 19A total surplus is 252 moose. TM 680: Most radical increase from 0.5 moose/mi² in 2006 to 0.7 moose/mi² in 2017. Unit 18 now has good moose establishment. 2017 great sample size. Calve to cow size is really good (objective is 30-40 calves per 100 cows, current is 52). Discussion of Proposal 165. SHAC did not want to support this this early: Sleetmute and SHAC want to wait one more year (2019). SHAC came up with several ways to limit the hunt. Suggest that the CK AC start thinking about their Tier II area moose hunt for the 2020 meeting cycle. Discussion on what to suggest to the Board of Game.
- **Board of Game Proposals (Comments October 27, 2017)**
Motions need to be stated to "adopt" or "accept" Proposal X. If you agree with the proposal vote "yea," if you disagree you vote "nay"
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 5**– 5 AAC 92.990: Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
 - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
 - **PROPOSAL 10** –5 AAC 92.085(8): Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game.
 - **PROPOSAL 11**–5 AAC 92.085(8): Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
 - **PROPOSAL 12** –5 AAC 92.085(8). Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game.



- **PROPOSAL 14** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Prohibit the taking of bears in dens.
- **PROPOSAL 15** – 5 AAC 92.260: Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
- **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- **PROPSAL 42** – 5 AAC 92.069: Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
- **PROPOSAL 52** – 5 AAC 92.106: Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 54** – 5 AAC 92.070: Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident drawn hunt in Units 18 and 19.
- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 162** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **PROPOSAL 165** – 5 AAC 85.045: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
 - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
 - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
 - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
 - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
 - **WP18-33/36**: Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E
 - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

- **Kuskokwim River Fisheries Permit Discussion**

Dave Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division) provided an overview of the status of the permit. Asked that people to help inform members of the public that this will be an optional opportunity to harvest during times of conservation.

Old Business

- **Concerns/Comments of AC Members** (previously discussed)
 - 1) **Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).** *Tabled for next meeting.*
 - 2) **Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.** *Tabled until more members are present.*



3) **The lack of ethical hunting and whether could be addressed in Hunter's Education classes, posters, etc.**

Progress has been made. Jon Barton (ADF&G) is able to provide hunter education courses; plans to provide them in McGrath and Aniak. Jon Barton will look into now hunting.

4) **Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether they are or are not being compliant with local traditions. There appears to be over crowding in some areas (combat fishing). *Tabled.***

5) **ADD to next meeting: Law Enforcement. Josh Peirce (ADF&G) encouraged writing letters to the legislature about fully funding LE positions. Ricky- supported sending a letter.**

(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

- Reps for upcoming Board meetings: Statewide meeting: Lisa Feyereisen, Central/Southwest: Nick Kameroff

Next Meeting Date: _____

Adjourn2

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	6	0	Discussion of what is important for edible meet.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	6	0	Discussion on current legalities. Lisa- This is just clarifying the regulations.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	1	Discussion that if people incidentally catch that they should be able to keep it. Tim- hard enough to make a living on trapping, so if they catch it they should keep it. Mark- maybe increase the number. Lisa- if you are trapping outside of a season there is often a lower quality of fur so people aren't likely to trap out of season.
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
			No Action. Board is unable to act on this.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	5	Walter- doesn't see any reason why not to fly and hunt the same day unless the population is of concern. Same day airborne will also keep meat from spoiling. Nick- it is going to benefit the sheep herders. Lisa- like the current regulations. Tim- seems like it is easier for guides. But it may make it easier to tell where the sheep are.



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November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			1 Abstained
11			Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
			Not addressed
12			Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
			Not addressed
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
No Action – see comments			Lisa- should be allowed to have cellular for safety. Will be hard to regulate. Would not want to prohibit use for safety. Use any type of electronic device for non-game taking. In favor of the use of game cams for bear baiting sites for safety concerns. Walter- don't have a problem with that, can't afford to fly out to do stuff. Would allow us poor people a way to hunt. Don't see any problems with phones to help salvage. We have to have our phones for safety. Lucy- Would like to see their definitions before they vote on it.
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
Oppose	0	7	Discussion of how hunting bears in bear dens is conducted. Mark- there would not be small cubs this time of year. Sophie- dad use to go bear hunting in the dens during the winter. Tim- Mother bears and cubs usually have a deeper den than the male bears.
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
Oppose	0	7	Ricky- will oppose because it is similar to Prop. 14
24			Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting
Opposed	1	5	Lisa- not support bc she thinks the land should be returned to the way it was. Ricky- neutral because he doesn't use a tree stand. Think it's a DNR problem Nick- oppose this as well. 1 abstained due to believing it is a DNR issue.
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Oppose	0	7	Sometimes it is difficult to get it depending where you live. Ricky- Have to get it sealed anyways. Lisa- Additional requirement to turn in a ticket, asking to fill out more paperwork.
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
			No action
41			Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag
Support	7	0	Discussion, yes for rural expect the state does not discriminate between rural and urban.
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
Oppose	0	7	Nick- likes the idea of moose hunters having guides for safety.
52			Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
Support	7	0	Prohibit non-residents moose or caribou until management objectives have been met. Nick- agrees to keep it because we are still under intensive management.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			Walter- Thinks we should leave it alone, it is good how it is right now. Observation that we have more moose. Interested in another moose count. If there are enough moose and we get out of Tier II and perhaps we can hunt cow moose. Josh- the survey last year has shown an increase in moose.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	7	0	Lisa- We don't know what is happening statewide and don't have the information to make a decision. Walter- It doesn't include 19A, we are always getting left out and 19A should be included. Dave Runfola provided background for this proposal. This is for all GMUs and all migratory game birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	8	The WHOLE AC felt strongly against this. There is a reason that these factors are rated on the Tier II permit. Part of that deals with access to food at a reasonable price. People who live in this area pay much higher prices for food. Leave it as it is. It is working
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Oppose	0	8	Nick- move to support this because it could help support feeding people during celebrations. Discussion on how people will use ceremonial moose. Josh- discussed how more urban areas at times have issues with this type of hunts. 1979 supreme court decision that mortuary moose must be allowed. Sophie- we only use this when someone dies or once a year they use a moose for a potlatch. Walter-the tribal council understands the situations. Lisa- would oppose this because it is too wide open and could allow a lot of people asking for the potlatch if this passed. Someone felt like the language was too "iffy"

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	8	
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	7	0	Don't want to pay the additional fee.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	Ricky- same as 162, just different units. Only exempts residents.
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	6	0	Nick Kameroff motion to accept Prop. 165, Sophie Sakar second. Mark- is there a reason to sell the permits at the store? Josh- SHAC wanted it at the TC. Lisa- would be okay if the store is a vendor to sell them at the store. Ricky- support SHACs amendments to the proposals. Lisa- Don't support that it is done at a tribal office, but it should be done at a vendor. Support SHACs proposal but must be given out at a vendor. Discussion on where permits should be distributed. Support SHACs amendment.



Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife

April 2018

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
WP18-21	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
support	8	0	Strongly supported this last year and would like to align it with the state regulations.
WP18-29	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
support	8	0	
WP18-30	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
Support	8	0	Amendment: to keep the dates as Aug. 10- May 30.
WP18-31	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
Support	8	0	It is just changing the date and may help rebuild the herd.
WP18-33	Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E		
No Action			
WP 18-36	Align the state and federal seasons and permit requirement in Unit 21E.		
Support	8	0	
WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	8	0	This would align with state regulations.

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/27/2017



Central Peninsula AC
1/8/18
Ninilchik

- I. Call to Order: 7:14 by David Martin
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Rion Vanek; David Martin; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Joe Simpson;
Madeline Thompson; Jeff Berger; John McCombs; Steve Vanek; Doug Blossom; Aaron Berger
Members Absent: Richard Encelewski; Dan Presley; Jesse Clucas
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Letter from Sherry Wright was read about Certificate of Appreciation for John McCombs, Mike Schuster, Richard Encelewski, and Rion Vanek. Certificates were passed out.
 2. Joint Board call for ideas as to whether there should be a Joint Board Meeting. We had no reasons, however, a motion was made and seconded that we send a letter suggesting the Joint Boards meet by teleconference to deal with any problems that other ACs may have. Passed 11-0.
 3. Announcement: Comments on Statewide stocking due Jan. 30.
 4. Announcement: Comments on Turbidity to DEC due Jan. 29. It was moved and seconded that we write a letter from the AC outlining causes of turbidity and possible solutions. Passed 11-0.
 5. Announcement: Board of Game proposals are due May 1st. We decided to have a meeting on Feb 19 to discuss any proposals that the AC might want to submit.
 6. Elections for vacant seats on the AC was held. It was moved and seconded to keep the same members who were up for election. They are: Jeff Berger; David Martin; John McCombs; Steve Vanek. Alternates are Aaron Berger and Doug Blossom. Passed unanimously.
 7. It was moved and seconded that the chairman or his designee represent us at BoG and BoF.
 8. We then took up statewide shellfish proposals and reauthorization of moose hunts.

**Central/Southwest Region Board of Game February 2018 proposal comments**

Proposal	Support	Oppose	Discussion
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	11	0	No predators there. Need to keep the population stable.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Oppose	1	10	This is a two part proposals which we do not like at all. It should have been two proposals. The Dept. knows better. The Bull cow ratio is high, We don't need to kill more cows. One person thought it ok to kill cows along the highway. Don't know how he felt about the Homer hunt. We could only vote once on two proposals. Not very smart for the Dept.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0	This is an area that has limited land. We want to keep it on the books.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek
Minutes Approved By: Chair
Date: 1/17/2018

(Page 2 was BOF Shellfish proposal comments)



**Chignik Advisory Committee
1/30/2018
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 1:36 p.m. by Jacob Shangin, Chair

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Alfredo Abou Eid, Chignik Lagoon
Raechel Allen, Chignik Bay
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay
Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Austin Shangin, Perryville
Boris Kosbruk Jr., Perryville
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay (entered meeting shortly after roll call)
Brandon Daugherty, Alternate (became member during elections)

Members Absent: Mitchell Lind Sr., Chignik Lake
Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake
Steven Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: The Chignik AC is comprised of three members from each of the five communities in the region and 2 alternates. Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, and Perryville were represented.

III. Approval of Agenda: The order of Board of Game proposals and Board of Fish proposals taken up was reversed. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Nathaniel Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Tyler Polum, Area Manager; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Area Management Biologist; Ross Renick, Assistant Area Management Biologist

Guests Present: Marty Takak, Brandon Daugherty, Don Bumpus, George Anderson, Chuck McCallum, CRAA and Debbie Carlson, Chignik Bay Tribal



- V. AC Elections: After nominations were accepted, roll call elections were held for the two alternate seats by all community members willing to participate. Taryn tabulated the results. Brandon Daugherty and Rome Abou Eid were elected. Gene made a motion to remain status quo with current officers. Gary seconded. Status quo was approved with unanimous consent as follows: Jacob Shangin, Chair; Alfredo Abou Eid, ViceChair; Raechel Allen, Secretary
- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates: Nat Nichols gave a brief P.Cod update reflecting the smaller quota and no other change. Dawn Wilburn informed the AC the salmon run forecast had been released and was online.
- VII. New Business: Board of Fish proposals 208 and 209 were introduced by Nat Nichols. Board of Game 125,126,134 and 135 were introduced by Taryn O'Conner-Brito. No Game Management personnel was available for comment. The AC discussion and consensus on each proposal are found in the tables below.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
208		Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.		
	Oppose	0	10	The AC unanimously opposes proposal 208. Alfredo, who has participated in the fishery, advises that 50 to 100 pots is not enough to generate profit. Other comments were: -unequal pot limits will create new costs to participate such as needing larger vessels -restrictions based on vessel size alone with no allocation seems discriminatory -more pressure would be put on the Chignik area as effort may be inclined to shift and seek less restrictive areas
209		Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.		
	Support	10	0	Discussion on proposal 209 was based on agreement that this was a good idea to encourage responsibility in maintaining gear. Ghost pots are an issue and "rotten cotton" doesn't always work on old gear. There was concern on how this would be enforced? One member said 14 days might be tricky for a fisherman to achieve when considering breakdowns and long runs to deliver.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
No Action			The 10 AC members unanimously support taking no action. Discussion included concerns that the herd strength should be maintained or strengthened. It was seen as favorable to assist subsistence hunters. It was noted there was lack of information due to no Board of Game staff presence.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
No Action			The AC unanimously supports taking no action.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	AC members shared agreement that this would help conserve a dwindling resource.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	A member noted that none had been seen in a few years. Al stated they were hunted in the past. He also noted that they were customarily and traditionally used and that his parents snared them.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. Other/Miscellaneous AC Business: Taryn reminded the AC of the Feb. 2nd deadline for Board of Game Comments. A motion to authorize Jacob to approve the minutes of this meeting was unanimously approved.
Al asked for a King Salmon Proposal addressing too much pressure on stock by anglers to be drawn up by April 10th. Al and CRAA will work on a draft. Taryn will include the draft proposal in the next meeting notice.

X. Set Date/Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting tentatively is scheduled for the week of February 26th through March 2nd or later with the exact date forthcoming.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen

Minutes Approved By: Jacob Shangin

Date: 2/2/18



Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes October 16-17, 2017

ADF&G Office, Bethel

CALL TO ORDER: 1:25pm, Oct. 16, recessed at 5:30pm and reconvened at 9:00am Oct. 17.

ROLL CALL: Quorum 4: Ray Oney, David Bunyan, John Lamont, Stanley Pete (teleconference)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: December 3, 2016

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Holly Carroll (CommFish), David Runfolo (Sub. Division), Patrick Jones (Wildlife), Deena Jellan (CommFish), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- Other Agency Representatives: Ken Stahlnecker (USFWS), Sarah Mutter (AVCP), Eva Patton (USFWS)
- Members of the Public/ Other: Allen Hanson (Alakanuk Tribal Council), Christopher James (Alakanuk), Bill Alstrom (St. Mary's)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

- Stanley Pete- Nunam Iqua Tribe opposes (WP18-29) to extending the moose season.
- Allen Hanson- Wanted to be added to the CLY AC informational notices.

OLD BUSINESS:

OFFICER ELECTIONS-

John Lamont- Nominated for Vice-Chair, accepted

Secretary- Will discuss at next meeting.

Ray Oney will remain Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

FISHERIES

- 2017 Yukon Fishery Summary, ADF&G Staff**
 - Holly Carroll (ADF&G):** Summer run exceeded 2016 run size. Good commercial catch of summer chum. Commercial harvest for chum was one of the highest on records. Overall commercial harvest was above average and earnings were better than 2016. ADF&G will not have a subsistence harvest estimate until December 2017. ADF&G would like to hear if subsistence fishing went well for people. Nearly all goals for Chinook and summer chum were met.
 - John Lamont:** People were satisfied with the subsistence fishing, he hoped the run size continues to build.
 - Allen Hanson:** Appreciated the management effort for subsistence harvest to meet people's needs. Keep up the good work ADF&G! He asked about the use of selective gear in the beginning of the summer 2018 noting the hard work to get the numbers up.
 - Holly Carroll:** Responded probably for the next few years there may be selective gear. She commented on the Bering Sea project on juveniles that may help predict estimates. Next year may be a little smaller. We don't have a good idea on the run until a lot of the run have passed by. The selective gear allows harvest of summer chum while letting the Chinook salmon pass.
 - Ray Oney:** 2017 was one of the better years thanks to ADFG and all the people involved with paying attention to the Emmonak ADFG reports. People were happy with commercial and subsistence outcomes in the lower Yukon. People were happy to keep their Chinook salmon and hopefully see a commercial in the future. Also, a good season for chum salmon.
- Yukon River Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)**
 - ACR 13 – ACR 18: *Tabled until after BOF work session.*
- Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish Proposal Deadline:** April 10, 2018
Jen Peeks reminded to let Tribes start thinking about fishing proposals

WILDLIFE:

- Statewide Board of Game Proposals**
 - PROPOSAL 4 – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26)** Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
 - PROPOSAL 6 – 5 AAC 92.095:** Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.



- **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
- **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
- **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.
- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the resident and nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
 - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
 - **WP18-27** – Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.
 - **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
 - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
 - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
 - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
 - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER RECOGNITION

ELECT ALTERNATE FOR BOG/ BOF MEETINGS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Patrick Jones (ADF&G) - Discussed Musk ox surveys, more animals than expected. Moose surveys on the Yukon in February 2018. Outreach program was occurring on AK hares, ADFG is interested in hearing about them in the past or present.
- Ray Oney- Commented that his area hunt [hares]. They also use to encourage people to leave the musk ox alone. Commented Roger Seavoy encouraged to leave them alone and would educate people. Ray would like to see public education in schools to teach that we are trying to build up populations in hopes we have a hunt in the future.
- David Bunyan- Jack rabbits in Hooper Bay use to be abundant, but now they don't hear of them. He never knew what a moratorium was at first. He had to learn that it was to build up the populations. Signs/ flyers through the tribal office helped to educate.
- John Lamont- what are the possibilities for relocation? Also, education on the reasons for trying to rebuild.
- Patrick Jones-Commented that there used to be a lot of hares, but now they are hard to find. ADFG is interested in collaring them to monitor.



- John Lamont- Commented that sometimes they are abundant by the airport in Emmonak, they come out when the days are longer. He was willing to show people where they are. Discussed the best ways to snare them and commented that you need patience.
- Stan Pete- Liked that the rabbits were being discussed because he had not been seeing them. Hunting methods got so efficient, blinding, flashing headlamps in their eyes; saying you "Can almost bat them over the head". Hunting methods were efficient that almost brought them to extinction. He hasn't caught them in almost 20 years. Is there something we can do to put a stop to jack rabbit hunting?
- Patrick Jones- Commented that ADFG is looking at the low numbers and trying to gather information. He mentioned that many other people had similar comments. Considering a proposal to shorten hunting, and bag limits. AC can also right a proposal.
- Dave Runfola (ADF&G)- Subsistence Division did a project on whitefish/ sheefish in lower Yukon. Will be contacting the tribal councils to update on the project and get their feedback on the information to make sure it is included. It is an OSM project.
- John Lamont – Commented that there were a lot of wildfires and that they have a part in changes along with climate change. Winters are low snow and animals move inland.
- Ray Oney- Commented that global warming has an effect. There used to be real winters with ice 6-8 feet deep with snow piles sometimes over homes. He commented that a lot of changes happening as a result of global warming. Break-up activity has also changed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 2017, Daytime

Location: Teleconference

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50am, Oct. 17, 2017




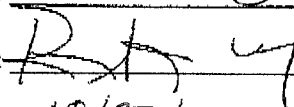
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.		
Oppose	0	4	John- subsistence users should have the right to hunt them and we should give the herd a chance to build. Ray- oppose because the herd is trying to rebuild. Stan- leaning toward opposing this proposal.
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	4	0	Ray- wondered how the moose are doing in the area. Patrick Jones (ADFG) said there may be too many moose in the area. The harvest was nowhere near the amount of moose needed to keep the moose population healthy. Ray- would like to see more hunts for non-profits, like the Elder home, pre-maternal home, for the moose population. Pat Jones- ONC was working on a project to help with that. John- would support...have been doing this hunt for many years. If people didn't hunt in the fall, they have a chance to hunt in the winter. Ray- saw lots of moose on the flight to Bethel. David- Pastor in Hooper Bay...wanted to give a bingo board for spotting moose. Last summer 4 cows, 6 bulls half a mile from town. Stan- Supports this proposal
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4	0	John- voted on it last year, support it. Ray- we have to reauthorize this for residents every year.



WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	4	0	John- sounds like it will make things simpler to align the state and federal regulations. Ray- Would support it as well, it would make it simpler for hunters knowing that the date is the same for both state and feds sides.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/27/2017



Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/20/18

Call to order 12:02 PM

- Members present: George Heim, Theo Lexmond, Robert Gibson, John Pearson, Billy Coulliette, visitors: Jeremy Lewis, Jason Lesmeister
- Election: nomination Jeremy Lewis, Jason Lesmeister, Carl Coulliette; resigning: Theo Lexmond, George Heim
- All three nominations are elected with seven total votes: Jeremy, Jason, Ed. Six total votes for Carl, Gerald Neis, Mike Adams alternate
- Nominations for officers: seven in favor for Jeremy Lewis president, seven in favor for Ed Holsten Vice President
- Board of fish/shellfish comments: none
- Board of game comments: re-authorize antlerless moose hunt: proposal 155: seven in favor, carries unanimously
- Discussion of fish proposals: Monday silver fishing, ADFG tagging program
- Meeting adjourned 2:45PM



Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Date: 01/23/18

Location of Meeting: Glennallen School

- I. The meeting was called to order: 5:21 PM by Chuck McMahan
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Lee Adler, David Bruss, Christopher Gene, Nick Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Oden, Dave Sarafin, Bradley Sinyon, Alysia White

Members Absent Excused: Don Horrell

Members Absent Unexcused: Frank Hobson, Chad Gerlach, Brad Henspeter

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Ahtna

Approval of Agenda:

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Fish and Game
- V. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan, Ahtna
- VI. Public Testimony
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Aaron Bloomquist resigned and Mike Roscovius will not run again

Elections: Alysia White, Chuck McMahan, Don Horrell, Brad Sinyon, Lee Adler, Chad Gerlach

Officers: Alysia White Chair, Chuck McMahan Vice Chair

Proposals 91-98 Discussion: Over 40 proposals in spring 2017 meeting. Most proposals were to get rid of the hunt all together. Community hunt has a quota of up to 100 any moose bull tag. So after the meeting it was decided to use the Tier 11 type criteria (5 questions) when you signed up for the community hunt. With only 100 locking moose tags out hopefully it will take longer to fill the tags, not a race because every three households got tags so everyone was rushing to get a any bull before they get shut down. We are hopefully more unit 13 residents will get more of the any bull locking tags using this method.

Are we spinning our wheels here because we haven't even tried the system?

Like to see things play out this year. The things we are voting on here aren't going to go into effect this year.



Alaska Board of Game 2017/2018 proposals

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in units 9,11,13,14a,14b,16,17		
Oppose		9	No need for special hunt, plenty of opportunity during regular season. This proposal is at the end of moose season when moose are rutting. They want to have it so they have their own time period.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in units 9,11,13,14a,14b,16,17		
oppose		9	No need for special hunt. Sheep season is long as it is. They want to have it so they have their own time period. Want an advantage with early season, they can still hunt with bow during normal season.
74	Remove the resident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose		9	It might only affect 8 sheep in the whole state if you go by Chris Harper reasoning, so it probably wouldn't make much difference either way. Some would like to see one every 4 years across the board for residents and nonresidents. Sheep numbers are down compared to the number of hunters. Some think residents should have an advantage over non residents.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in Central/Southwest region		
			See 74
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption for the central/southwest region		
support	9		Leave the way it is now
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
No action			Community hunt brought more hunters to our area. We like the original intent of the community hunt for the local people, but now it is open to everyone. Due to the state constitution. Too many people. Hundreds of people in Eureka and Chistochina trail that did not hunt here before. Had special meeting in spring 2017 had special meeting to address the issue. We support the idea of a community hunt but not as it is being ran now. Like the idea of eliminating the community hunt but don't like the number of 100 moose. Will this satisfy state subsistence? Drawing permits don't meet subsistence laws.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for caribou in unit 13		
No action			So many chances to hunt caribou in this area without the community hunt. With the current caribou hunt structure subsistence needs will probably be met.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for unit 13		
No action			Attempting to offer something as a replacement to the community hunt for moose. Anyone in the state could sign up for it. Will be like a race like it is on the Taylor highway. Winter 2014 winter registration hunt had 400 people sign up, so even more would sign up in August. It would be a high demand quick hunt.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier1 caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in unit 13.		
oppose		9	We will end up having more hunters by uncoupling the caribou and moose requirement for Tier 1 caribou. If you uncouple then more people will put in for the Tier 1 hunt. We already believe the hunt is too crowded as it is now.



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100			Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier 1 caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13
withdraw			Withdraw, all 9 members want to withdraw our proposal
101			Establish a youth hunt season for caribou in unit 13
oppose		9	Don't need a special season for youth. Youth generally hunt with adult anyways.
102			Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in unit 13 and allocate 3 up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met
			If herd is 40000, then state would probably do this. Unit 13 is already too congested with resident hunters. Only so many parking areas off highways and trails and area for people access the area. Do we want to add nonresidents to the mix. Since this area is a subsistence hunt area do we want to see it open to nonresidents? At times when you need to take more caribou because of high population and we aren't meeting quota then why not utilize the opportunity to issue more tags, even to nonresidents. Will this then bring in more guides to the area? Caribou do not require guides anyway. Do we want to wait to do this until the state goes to a guide use area on state lands?
oppose		9	How do you sell for a permit in Nov. or Dec. the year prior when the population estimates for the year haven't been set yet. We are issuing permits way before we know how many tags we have to issue to begin with. Nonresidents may apply for tag and then state may not be able to issue
103			Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to with the general hunt
No action			Then there is no subsistence priority as far as time goes. The community hunt takes only about 20 percent of the moose taken in unit 13. No action
104			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in unit 13
approve	9		Gives the State the opportunity to do a hunt if numbers allow. Only issuing 10 permits right now. Could issue up to 1 percent. It is a good tool for biologists. Does this take away the tool of predator control, no. Both are tools the state can use to keep health populations of moose. A split season hunt fall and spring, about 7 out of 10 actually take an animal. Spring the cow may be pregnant, but this will help with animal population. If you only shoot bulls you really skew the cow bull ratio.
105			Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in unit 13
			No action see 104
106			Eliminate the drawing permit hunt dm324 for moose in unit 13
Oppose		9	Only 5 permits issued.
107			Open a late resident hunting season for moose in units 11 and 13
Oppose 1 abstain		8	Some years no snow in Nov. rivers not frozen up. So most opportunity would be along the road. How would you administer the hunt? A bunch of people would be showing up to try and get permit, big line at fish and game. Winter hunt 2014 400 people showed up. A lot of private property along the highway. Hunters on broken out trap lines because of ease of using those trails.
108			Change the antler restrictions for moose in unit 13
Oppose	1	8	



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109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in unit 13d and 14a		
Oppose	2	7	The drawing hunt with any ram has less tags but has decreased hunter competition. Not hurting the population. Average is 5 sheep taken. 2016 mean age is 8 and a half. Ave. age in last 5 years is 8. Only issuing 12 tags. Gives opportunity. Not that many taken. Sheep are not a subsistence animal, 90 percent of people are hunting for horns. Trophy hunt. Good meat to eat, some people prefer it. Most full curl anyway.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13d to a registration hunt		
withdraw			Withdraw it. All 9 members want to withdraw our proposal
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in unit 13		
Oppose	0	8	No closed season for bears now except over bait. Don't like fall bait season during moose season. Don't feel safe walking around. Meat taste bad bears eating fish.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in unit 11		
Support	8		What will it hurt. We will kill more bears but don't take that many there anyways. Along the river one side is June 30 and other is June 15, making it the same will be easier
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in unit 13		
No action			No action see 115
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in unit 13		
No action			No action see 115
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in units 11 and 13		
As amended support	8		As amended to last day in February (to take leap year into consideration). It used to go until end of March before. This proposal is for end of February so generally still good fur. No biological reason to not do it for all of 11 and 13. It can be monitored and if a problem is detected that numbers are going down then we can do a proposal to go back to January if you have to. Wolverine are pregnant in November as they are in February.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in units 11 and 13		
support	8		Incidental take does happen. This proposal would help trappers by allowing them to have two incidental takes. There is no bag limit on the number of furbearers you can trap during the trapping season. So we don't believe allowing 2 incidental takes would hurt populations. We believe that many times the take is happening and just not getting reported. Wolverine that get taken in Wolf traps will die, if one is still alive you have to kill it to get it out of the set. Otter get caught in beaver sets. The seasons do not align with each other.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in unit 11		
Oppose	2	6	The ones causing the problem are generally over bag limit anyways, they don't follow the rules anyways
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in unit 11		
Oppose	1	7	May help ruffed grouse population
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in unit 13b		
support	8	0	Most of Alaska goes beyond the Jan date.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in units 13e and 13b		
No action			No action see 119



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121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in unit 13b		
No action			No action see 119
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use area		
support	7		House keeping. Allow hunters to camp in the sourdough campground which is within the sourdough controlled use area. Also allow hunters to launch boats and travel the gulkana river to access the western boundary of the sourdough controlled use area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area descriptions.		
Support	7		Using Trails as a boundary are easier for hunters to understand than using a drainage.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements.		
Oppose		7	Is this different than other areas of the state? If you eliminate the specific proxy requirement you will end up having people taking advantage by taking a lot of other tags and filling them and folks not getting the animal. Before the reg was put in place to begin with a lot more people came out to hunt. This is tied to proposal 93.

Other items: Ruth McHenry asked that we support House Bill 272: Tangle Lakes as a Refuge. She said we supported it in the past.

Christopher Gene had to leave at 8:38 pm

Lee Adler left 10:09pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White
 Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan
 Date: 1/31/18



Copper River/PWS AC
Committee comments
October 24th, 2017

Members present: BAKER, CARPENTER, COLLINS,
HANSON, MASSOLINI, Renner, OBRIEN, Weise, ZADRA

Members Absent: BOCCI, LOHSE, Kimber, King, Sapp,
Tirrell

Proposal 152, reauthorize antlerless moose hunt 6C.

Adopted 9-0

Committee comments: The copper river/pws AC adopted proposal 152 as we have for many years. Since 1999-2000, antlerless hunts in 6C have been executed through the federal subsistence program. We request this hunt be kept on the books as a tool for ADFG managers. The 6C moose population is very healthy and vibrant with a population of 610, a bull to cow ratio of 50-100, with 25% calves.