



Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 6:30 PM

Delta Junction City Hall Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm By Carl Taylor

ROLL CALL

PRESENT;

Carl Taylor (Chair)

Rusty Craig (Vice Chair),

Jacob White

Liz Neipert

Earl McNabb

Jeff Lipscomb

Vern Aiton

Paul Dudgeon

Ross Baker

Don Quarberg(ALT)

Tony Williams(ALT)

ABSENT:

Robert Mathews (Secretary) (excused)

Tim Webb (excused)

Don Bunselmeier(ALT)

Jack Windsor(ALT) (excused)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – unanimous with addition of Legislation,
Letter to Commissioner, Dall’s Sheep News, and License Revenue.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; December 13, 2017, with corrections
(Attached)**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None



CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- **ADF&G Staff Update**
 - **Brandy Baker**
 - **Lake George had up to 27 inches of ice as of 4 JAN 2018**
 - **Fielding Lake had 25 inches of ice, 14 inches of snow as of 12 JAN**
 - **Statewide Stocking plan available on line or at ADF&G offices. Comments were due by 30 JAN.**
 - **Bob Schmidt**
 - **Cam Carroll will be down in February to talk about the habitat project, which is now complete.**
 - **Bison harvest is up to 60, 42 of which have been bulls.**
 - **Awarded BOG/BOF Certificates of achievement for 6 or more years of service on the AC to Jacob White, Ross Baker, Jeff Lipscomb, Jack Windsor, Rusty Craig, Vern Aiton, Don Bunselmeier, and Carl Taylor.**
- **Habitat Enhancement Project; Cameron Carroll, ADF&G. This visit was deferred until the February meeting.**
- **Comment on Central/Southwest BOG Proposals**
 - **Includes Antlerless Reauthorization for GMU20 & out-of-cycle 40Mile Caribou Herd season & bag limit proposal**
 - **See attached table.**
- **Legislation: Don Quarberg told the AC about four pieces of legislation that he felt we should be aware of and weigh in on if desired.**
 - **HB260 – concerning use of electronic devices to carry licenses and tags digitally.**
 - **HB263 – Concerning exempting water taxi operators from certain licensing requirements.**



- **HB267 – Concerning release of guided hunting and fishing information to municipalities.**
- **HB272 – concerning restrictions on uses of Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge.**
- **Letter from Delta AC to the Commissioner regarding reissue of Mr. Pinkleman’s Delta sheep tag. The AC voted unanimously to send the letter, as amended.**
- **The AC discussed information contained in the Dall’s Sheep News.**
- **Vern Aiton asked a question to Bob Schmidt regarding the effect on license revenues from the increase in non-resident license and tag fees. The concern is that if the increased fees are reducing spending, it is also reducing matching funds. Additionally, there is concern that the same is true of Sr. and indigent licenses.**

ADJOURN: 8:47 pm

Delta AC action on Central/Southwest BOG Proposals. For purposes of deciding whether or not a proposal is supported by the AC, the majority of votes cast for or against decide the matter – Abstentions do not affect the outcome.

Proposal #	Supported	VOTE	COMMENTS
70	Y	4-0-7	
76	Y	11-0-0	
77	Y	11-0-0	
78	Y	6,0,5	
101	YES - As Amended	11,0,0	Amend to make this a drawing hunt that would allow ADF&G to limit the number of hunters to help avoid overcrowding.
104	Y	9,2,0	
105	NAT		
119	Y	8,0,3	
120	NAT		
121	Y	8,0,3	



122	Y	10-0-1	
123	NAT		
124	N	0,8,3	The AC believes proxy regulations should be made more restrictive, not less.
158	Y – As Amended	7,0,4	Delta AC support is conditional on a limit of 100 cow permits until a survey of the area is conducted, the results of which can be used to determine the correct harvest goal.
159	Y	3,0,8	
160	Y	11,0,0	
161	NAT		
162	Y	11,0,0	
163	Y	10,0,1	
164	N	0,3,8	There is already a process in place for any individual physically unable to use a conventional longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow to get permission to hunt in these hunts with a crossbow or full draw hold device. Additionally, the physics of crossbows makes the argument that they are better at longer ranges flawed. While some individuals may well be more accurate at longer ranges with a crossbow, that fact is more than offset by the reduction in kinetic energy that results from shorter, lighter projectiles. Less kinetic energy results in less penetration, and a higher likelihood of wounded animals.
165	NAT		
166	Y	11,0,0	



**Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 11, 2018
Cantwell School Library**

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 pm by Don Holum
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bruce Gore, Jeff Burney, Ray Atkins, Justin Mason, Don Holum, Caleb Holum

Members Absent: Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson, Marie Gore

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already done
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands AST
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:

Certificate of Appreciation handed out to committee members.

Voting for the the 3 seats Jeff Burney - 6 Votes

Don Holum - 6 Votes

Caleb Holum - 6 Votes

Motion by Don Holum Seconded by Jeff Burney

Unanimous Vote:

Election for Officers Gordon Carlson - Chairman

Lance Williams - Vice Chairman

Justin Mason - Secretary

Motion to send Gordon to Dillingham by Don Holum Seconded by Jeff Burney



Gordon Carlson has volunteered to go to Dillingham to represent the Denali AC. Don Holum is unable to attend.

Various discussion about CSH hunt in unit 13 regarding the pros and cons of it.

The committee still supports Proposal 58 for salvage requirements.

January 25, 2018 next AC meeting to further discuss Alaska Board of Game Proposals.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support			This will also help prevent ptarmigan predation kills. Committee members feel population numbers are up for wolverine in the area.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support			Pilots and users in the area feel that population of birds are substantially down at this time. Early spring birds being killed are breeding birds that are vulnerable. Committee is concerned that future generations of bird hunters may not experience the quality of hunting that is being experienced currently.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: Caleb Holum, Jeff Burney
Date: 1/11/18



**Denali Advisory Committee
January 25, 2018
Cantwell School Library**

- I. Call to Order: 7:35
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Harold Mowery, Ray Atkins, Lance Williams, Don Holum, Justin Mason, Caleb Holum, Gordon Carlson (late)

Members Absent: Bruce Gore, Jeff Burney, Marie Gore,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already completed
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands ATS, Frank Robbins ADFG
- VI. Guests Present: Jeni Mason
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Frank Robbins presenting numerous proposals

Caleb Holum is concerned about the unlimited proxy hunting going on in Unit 13 due to the community hunt regs. We have stated that community hunters should proxy hunt for the disabled, handicapped, and elderly only.

Population crowding and Quality of hunt issues are concerning Lance Williams and Justin Mason. Lance Williams is wondering what we can do to Caribou hunt to help change the crowding of DH corridor. Lance Williams is wondering what the historical size of the unit 13 herd is. Best guesstimate is about 70,000.

Justin Mason is frustrated with crowding on Denali Highway during caribou season and would like to see some sort of test to participate in the Community Harvest hunt.



The committee as whole would like to see check stations and more enforcement in Unit 13 especially along the Denali Highway corridor.

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76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	6	0	No Discussion
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
			Tabled due to the reason of ANS is not being followed at this time anyway. Not sure why the author is wanting this.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	6	0	Lance Williams supports since we are meeting/exceeding ANS at this time and keep all drawing for bull and add the 100 any bull tags to the drawing from the CSH.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	6	0	Return to Tier 1 Hunt and allow proxy hunting for Alaska residents who are blind, 65 years of age or older, are physically disabled, or who are developmentally disabled.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Oppose	0	6	Lance Williams is concerned about overcrowding and a quick season closure. Overcrowding concerns.



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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		
Oppose	0	6	Concern after talking with the biologist that this may cause larger crowding problems. Due to the reference from 1997 when 36,000 participants applied for the unrestricted hunt.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	6	0	May help overcrowding. Gives more opportunities for youth.
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		
Support	7	0	Committee supports in hopes that this should provide some economic benefits for the community.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
			Tabled
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	5	2	Gordon not in favor of a cow hunt. Harold Mowery does not agree with the dates in March for the cow hunt, he is concerned about the harvest of pregnant cows. Justin Mason was in favor of the proposal so that biologists have tools to help manage the population of animals if necessary to prevent over browsing and a population crash.



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107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	7	Lance Williams is concerned this will turn into a trophy hunt. He is also concerned that this is the time of year that population surveys conducted. Lance has not been seeing many large bulls in Unit 13 this year especially the areas that are easily accessed and hunted hard. The animals during this time of year are very vulnerable do to increased and easy access with snow machines.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	6	Gordon Carlson abstained from the vote stating that he is torn between each side of this proposal. Lance mentioned that this could cause an over harvest of younger breeding bulls.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	7	Lance is concerned about user conflict with bait stations and enforcement issues with users on the DH. Gordon is concerned with moose kills being used for baits. Justin Mason is also concerned with user conflicts during this time of year especially the non hunting community who already have many complaints during hunting season along the Denali Highway corridor.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
			This will also help prevent ptarmigan predation kills. Committee members feel population numbers are up for wolverine in the area.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
	7	0	Denali AC supports amended to 1 incidental Catch.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Oppose	0	7	Don Holum opposes this due to the fact that this will hurt willow ptarmigan populations. Rock ptarmigan are not being counted accurately by the dept. Spring snow-machine hunters are over harvesting the willow ptarmigan. To prevent a sliding baseline of populations we need to protect this for future generations of hunters.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
			Pilots and users in the area feel that population of birds are substantially down at this time. Early spring birds being killed are breeding birds that are vulnerable. Committee is concerned that future generations of bird hunters may not experience the quality of hunting that is being experienced currently.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	6	0	Don Holum abstained due to lack of knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the issue. Lance Williams feels this is more of a house keeping issue. Gordon is wondering what the difference of this is compared to launching boats at the Susitna Bridge and the Clearwater Controlled Use Area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	7	0	Lance Williams is in favor of clarifying the boundary for less hunter confusion. Will prevent user conflict amongst hunters.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		



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Support	6		<p>1 abstained Don Holum.</p> <p>Support with the amendment of capping at 5 proxy hunts.</p> <p>This should be tied to Proposal 93. Lance Williams was thinking of possibly capping the proxy hunt to 5. Gordon Carlson feels it needs to be capped also. Caleb Holum feels that this will be abused like the CSH caribou hunt.</p>

Adjournment: 11:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: Lance Williams
Date: 1/29/18



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1-10-2018
Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK**

I. Call to Order: Chair at 18:37

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Valerie Baxter	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	John Wisniewski	Warren Giuchici	Mark Richards
Present	X	X	X	X		X		X
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X		X	
	Lyle Shelnut	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Mike Quinn	Mike Kramer	Vince Holton	
Present	X	X	X				X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused				X	X	X		

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous with additions of ACRs and Fish Stocking Program discussion.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 2017 approved unanimously with typographical corrections.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: DWC-- Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson.



VII. Guests: BoG - Tom Lamal, Public - John Giuchici, Mike Prax, Jennifer Yuhas, Chris Sandlin, AWT – Trooper Bump.

VIII. Comments

Chair Comments: Update on Yukon Salmon Treaty Panel and BoF meeting.

Vice Chair – proposal comments and need for a RAC member

AC Member Comments: AI – trapping subcommittee: nothing, WACH working group update; Kirk – comment on authority of AC representative to pull AC proposals at board meetings. Add this and officer elections to February meeting; Bill Larry comments on stocking program.

Public Comments: Prax – aircraft user fees.

IX. F&G Staff Reports:

Tony Hollis, 20A sheep, caribou and moose updates. 20B moose updates. 25C sheep updates. Wolf updates.

X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

Comments on BOG proposals: moved to adopt subcommittee recommendations 10-0. With the following taken up by the whole AC:



Prop 70: amend to include "big game" only support 10-0

Prop 97: TNA based on subcommittee action on 92 10-0

Prop 101: amend to draw 10-0 support 10-0

Prop 103: support 10-0

Prop 108: amend to 3 for resident 8-2, oppose 2-8

Prop 111: support 8-2

Prop 131: support 9-0-1

Prop 132: oppose 3-7

Prop 158: support 9-0-1

Prop 159: support 9-0-1

Prop 160: support 8-0-2

Prop 162: support 10-0

Joint board meeting, full AC support a full open call, Al Barre to write letter.



Stocking program, Dune lake needs rainbow trout, Bill to write letter

XII. Adjourn: 20:00

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
70	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support as Amended	10	0	We would amend the language in (7)(C) to read: “no motorized vehicle may be used to transport hunters, hunting gear, parts of big game ,... This amendment would allow permitted trappers to travel within the corridor and carry fur they have harvested and bait used for trapping. We would also like to point out that the Bettles Winter Trail is an RS2477 and should remain open to the public.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Oppose	0	10	
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	We generally oppose special season hunts for one take method.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as 72.
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	10	Not necessary to change this.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	10	This is too complicated a solution and problematic to track.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
No Action			FAC not in this antlerless jurisdiction.
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	10	0	It has worked in 20A and we support as long as there is no biological concerns.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	The current system seems to be working and provides a different data set to compare with full curl regulations.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	Too much risk for overharvest.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	We support being able to take brown bears over bait if there are no biological concerns.
82	Create a management area for the Mat-Su Borough’s Government Peak Recreation Area in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	We emphatically oppose any new Management Areas.



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83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Oppose	0	10	Should keep the antler spread in regulation.
84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
Oppose	0	10	This would have negative implications for the existing hunting seasons.
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
No Action			
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	No biological reason for this, no need to shorten the season.
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	We support the taking of brown bears over bait statewide if there are no biological concerns.
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	Not necessary to shorten seasons or reduce bag limit.
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	The program is not currently active but should remain on the books.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	10	0	This is allowed in other areas of the state with no issues.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
No Action			This seems more appropriate for Joint Board consideration.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	We would like these hunts to be eliminated.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Same as 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See 92.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See 92.
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	See 92.
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		
No Action			We agree that this requirement should not exist but cannot support the language of this proposal.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	10	We concur with the Department of Law's opposition to this proposal.
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		
Support	10	0	This requirement is unnecessarily restrictive in light of the population size and harvest needs of the Nelchina herd.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See comments for 99.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support as Amended	10	0	Our amendment is that this hunt be implemented as a drawing permit.
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		
Support as Amended	10	0	We amended this proposal to remove the October 21 to March 21 season.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Support	10	0	First, we DO NOT support the community subsistence harvest hunts at all but if they have to exist, the moose season should match the general season.
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
No Action			
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	10	Antlerless hunts should be allowed when the population can support them and as a management tool.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	10	Removing this is unnecessary.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	10	This could lead to the crazy, "Wait in line," for a permit scenarios like Minto was – lengthen the season for everyone instead.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	8	The two who supported thought that residents could go to 3 brow tines while non-residents stayed at 4 brow tines. That amendment was not supported.



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109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
Oppose	0	10	No need to change these hunts. We support the existence of a few hunts where hunters can take any ram instead of full curl – it is easier on the hunter and allows for hunting for meat.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	10	0	No biological concerns.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Support	8	2	The two members in opposition were concerned about the potential for user conflicts amongst moose/caribou and bear hunters. They also thought a buffer from the road or trails should be used.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	10	0	We support more opportunity as long as there is no biological concerns.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	No issues with this.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Same as 113.
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	10	0	
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	10	This would be too difficult to track – how do you know who has taken what incidentally?
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	10	No need for this change.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	10	No need for this change.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	10	0	We support increased opportunity.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
No Action			Based on Proposal 119.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	10	0	Same as 119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	10	0	Makes sense to re-word this CUA as described.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	10	0	Clarifies the boundary better with new language.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Support	10	0	The proxy regulations should be consistent statewide.



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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			Not an issue for the FAC constituency.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
Support as Amended	10	0	No non-residents should have a bag limit over 2 caribou at any populations level.
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
Support	10	0	No biological issues, we support this AC's proposal.
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Oppose	0	10	We cannot support the no harvest ticket required portion of this proposal and some of the gender regulations in place make biological sense.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	0	This seems reasonable and we support this AC's proposal.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	0	Registration permits should ALWAYS be easy to acquire or it is discriminatory.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Support	8	1	1 abstention. The opposed member thinks that there could be very negative consequences to changing this bag limit. The supporters do not feel that this poses a problem based on the data that residents do not return frequently currently.
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		
Oppose	3	7	The supporters feel that residents should be granted a leg up and that there should be resident preference. The opposition do not feel that this is necessary in Unit 9.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Support	10	0	The data indicates that harvest should be reduced.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
No Action			
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
No Action			
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No Action			No FAC jurisdiction
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Makes sense to shift the existing seasons as this AC feels that safety is an issue.



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138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	See 137
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	10	There should be a separation between starting dates.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	10	This does not seem necessary.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	10	There is no biological basis for this, the current 20% to non-residents seems adequate.
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
No Action			This proposal is difficult – is it for 17A or 17C?
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
No Action			Not an issue for FAC constituency.
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
No Action			Not an issue for FAC constituency.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	The population is not yet at the population objective.
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
No Action			Not in the BOG authority.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	10	Same as 145, the population isn't there yet, not meeting ANS.
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			There are GMUs in the proposal that are not in this call for proposals. We would prefer not allowing for caribou or wolverine in any units.
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support as Amended			We would amend to add a season: 1 September to May 31 st under a trapping license, firearms, bow, allowed and no sealing requirement.
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Unit 1C		
No Action			
151	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
No Action			
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
No Action			
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
No Action			
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
No Action			
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
No Action			
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
No Action			
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
No Action			
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	1 abstain vote
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	10	0	
160	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	8	0	2 abstention votes
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
No Action			
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	10	0	
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
No Action			



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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
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
No Action			
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	15	The Fairbanks AC is disappointed that the Board of Game continues to try to legitimize an AHTNA preference with the Community Subsistence Harvest hunts. This is a totally unenforceable definition of community and the CSH hunts simply need to be abolished entirely.
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	15	Making salvage more challenging is not enough, CSH hunts should be repealed.
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			Board does not have authority.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary, Kirk Schwalm
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date: 1/10/18



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 24, 2017
NERRS Building

Call to Order: 6:08 by Dave Lyon chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Thomas Hagberg, Marvin Peters, Dennis Wade, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred, Phillip Jones.

Members Absent: Ty Gates, Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber, Dan Anderson,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by Chair.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman

Guests Present: Dale Hall, Alaska Falconers Association.

Old Business: Brief discussion about BOF meeting. Board did not consider an ACR regarding Kodiak intercept fisheries.

New Business: None

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
Support	12	0	Purpose of the proposal is to prevent chick from being removed from the nest before fully fledged.
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
Support	12	0	Need to avoid exploitation.
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
Support	12	0	Makes it easier to track illegally taken falcons and to prosecute.
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	This appears to be a backdoor attempt with the intent of leading to increased take of other, more financially valuable falcons.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Opposed	3	5, A-4	Doug Malone, who was involved in this proposal, said that limiting harvest of big game by nonresidents is done in every other state. It is now needed in Alaska because of a



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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
			conservation concern over dwindling sheep populations. He also said that limiting nonresident harvest first is consistent with Alaska’s Constitution, particularly Article 8 and Article 1, Section 3 Resident Preference. While the proposal states that the nonresident allocation should be limited to 10%, that number is negotiable. Those opposed or abstained said they were concerned about the impact that such a significant reduction would have on guides. They suggested a higher percentage might be more acceptable. They also said more data is needed about harvest. This discussion came about because of some confusion over the difference between the percentage of permits for residents and nonresidents and how that relates to success rate.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Opposed	2	4, A-6	The discussion for this proposal was basically similar to proposal 36.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Opposed	0	12	What is being proposed is overly complicated and blurs the distinction between what is and is not legal.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Opposed	0	12	The objections here are the same as proposal 38.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Support	12	0	The discussion focused on the authority of the Board of Game and whether it, rather than the legislature, can add species to the must-be-guided list.
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Support Amended	7	4, A-1	The discussion by the AC was that limiting waste of game meat should apply to all hunters, not just guided hunters. Accordingly, an amended was proposed to strike “a guided” and “the guide”. This passed 9,0,3.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support Amended	7	4,1	The discussion was that the purpose of predator control under intensive management should be to provide better opportunity for traditional use and that allowing nonresident hunters to participate in areas that have had predator control to increase game harvest is inconsistent with that purpose. An amendment was proposed to replace “moose and caribou” with “any big game population.” This was approved 8,3,1.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	9	1, A-2	The vote against was based on the belief that there are not enough cows now for breeding bulls.

Adjournment: 7:50

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair
Date: 10/25/2017



ADFG Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee

--Special meeting on Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee proposals to designate federal priority for Berner's Bay moose for subsistence hunting purposes.

Monday October 16, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast
Egan Room 218.

In attendance: AC Members, Atlin Daugherty, Ed Buyarski, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Kevin Maier, Jesse Walker, Kris Trott, Nicholas Orr, Terry White

GUESTS: Stephanie Sell, ADFG Wildlife Biologist; Lauren Sill with Southeast Alaska Subsistence Resource Specialist with ADFG Subsistence, and Kristy Tibbles with ADFG.

Stephanie Sell opens with a bit of history:

Draw hunt was Closed for 7 years, re-opened in 2014. Since we reopened the bull hunt in 2014 there have been 5 draw permits annually. 7 "any bulls" draw permits this year. All 7 hunters were successful. One from out of state, one from POW, 5 from Juneau.

115 Moose in last survey. 30 collared cows. Sightability estimate: 130-140 moose in the area. Not a lot of connection to other moose populations. There's a nutritional carrying capacity in the area, so the hunt is managed to keep this herd around this number. Geographically isolated. So this population is carefully managed through hunting.

Stephanie doesn't know the RAC history with this proposal.

Lauen Sill, with ADFG Subsistence, Customary and Traditional Use finding requested in 2010. Berner's Bay was included in the 2014 or 2015 decision, which deemed all of UNIT 1C, including Berner's Bay, as a C and T area. That is, there is a positive evidence of C and T use there.

Feds have a vested interest in finding access for federally qualified subsistence users.

With their "Preliminary Conclusion" document drafted for the Federal Subsistence meetings Federal Biologists have de facto endorsed the plan in the proposal to designate Berner's Bay as a subsistence area. They have drafted a mgmt.. plan for a Federal Draw permit for one bull, and possibly for a cow draw permit as well, if numbers allow.

Their mission is to privilege Federal users.



97% of land base in Berner's Bay is Federal.

492 people put in for permit in 2013.

717 people put in for 7 permits in 2016 for the 2017 hunting season. Most of whom are from Juneau. Trends suggest over 1000 applications for draw permits this year.

Ed moves to oppose this proposal to the RAC to provide a Federal Priority for moose in UNIT 1C in Burner's Bay for rural residents. Jesse Walker seconds. VOTE IS 8-0, Kevin abstains.

VOTED to SUPPORT Board of Game PROPOSAL #150 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in UNIT 1C. 9-0. Unanimously passes.

Brainstormed ideas for Ed to include in his testimony.

Agreed to send BOG Statewide proposals to Stephanie Sell and Atlin. Also send BOF proposals we want to discuss to entire e-mail list.

Adjourned at 6:55pm.



**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
Oct 26, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.**

I. Call to Order: 5:35 by Ed Buyarski--acting chair.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Thatcher Browuer, Jesse Walker, Mike Bethers, Jesse Ross, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Richard Yamada, Terry White, Kristine Trott, Kevin Maier

Members Absent: Atlin Daugherty

List of User Groups Present: Commercial, sport/hunt/personal use, charter-Salt, charter-fresh, trapper, non-consumptive

Elections: motion to re-elect Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Jesse Walker, and Kevin Maier to their respective seats. Also to elect to alternate seats: Melanie Brown and Mike Cole.

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Fish and Game Staff Present: Dan Teske, Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, David Love, Asst Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, Dave Harris Comm fish area mgmt. bio) Scott Forbes, Asst comm fish area mgmt. bio, Ryan Scott, Director, game biologist

Guests Present: PUBLIC: Mollie Dwyer, Bree Simpson, Wes Strausberger, Sommers Cole,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8



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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
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older		

BOG PROPOSAL 71: 8-0 (with 6 abstentions SUPPORT

BOF 39: No action

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
53				Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended /no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
54				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
55				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
56				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	a	8	3	Amend: open to fishing Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 1-fish per day, 4 fish/year. (3 Abstentions)
205				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.

Adjournment: 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Kevin Maier _____
 Minutes Approved By: _____ Ed Buyarski _____
 Date: _____ 10/27/2017 _____



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 01/11/2018
Location of Meeting: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Mike Crawford, Chair

I. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	X		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	X		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing		Resigned	
Dick Dykema - Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	X		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Joe Bressler – At Large		Resigned	
Joe Thomas – At Large	@8:47pm		
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting	X		
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	X		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	X		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use			x

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Jeanie Schwartz, DEC

II. Approval of Agenda:

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:



IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

V. Guests Present: 2

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

Jeanie Schwartz with DEC to talk about turbidity and Kenai River:

Went through categories of water body impairment. (1-5)

Still working on 2016 report (late) so they can then submit the 2018 report on time.

3 Water bodies to be listed in 2014-2016 report on the 303d list: Lake Lucille, Little Su, Kenai River in July.

Kenai levels showed impairment for drinking water and contact recreation (10ntus over 10% of the time) and secondary recreation (15ntu's over 10% of the time). Not the third level – aquatic wildlife 25ntu's over 10% of the time).

Kenai was over 57% of time for 1st, 32% for 2nd, and 3% for 3rd.

Report does not commit DEC to action. Just helps to create action on the issue.

DEC cannot write citations for the clean water act. Only has authority on permitted facilities. All they can do is understand problem, communicate what problem is, and provide funding to fix.

Study was 2008, 2009, 2010.

Turbidity issue was the main reason that report was held up – specifically how to evaluate it since it's not an absolute measurement.

Tidal influence did not seem to change turbidity readings.

The 96 readings per day were averaged so as eliminate momentary spikes.

Concerned citizen from the farm across the street talked about belugas pooping on the beach.

Break - Michelle left.

Back from break 8:23

Brian Marston ADFG:



Deep water release mechanism has 98% success in keeping yelloweye rockfish alive. Getting them back down quick makes a huge difference.

Monte made a motion to write a resolution requiring saltwater anglers to have deepwater release mechanism on board their boats. Andrew seconded. Unanimous consent. 9-0

Paul passed around his proposal to the joint board to let people be available for question when the BOF deliberates submitted petitions.

Ted Spraker – in reference to Paul’s joint board discussion/proposal, said that the joint boards should have a scheduled meeting once in a while, but it’s expensive. Possibly tack on a day at a statewide meeting every 2 years for the joint board to meet.

Board of Game Issues. Joe Thomas showed up 8:47pm



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 proposal, but only to allow crossbow in restricted hunts that allow multiple weapon types (bow, muzzleloader, etc) but not in specific restricted hunts (such as muzzleloader only or bow and arrow only). We don't want to see bow hunts turn into crossbow hunts, or muzzleloader specific hunts turn into crossbow/muzzleloader hunts, etc.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17		
Oppose	0	7	Lots of Discussion: Thought proposal was too broad. Access should be given to all Alaskans if there are excess animals even though we support bow hunts opportunity. 3 abstained
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fees exemptions for the central/southwest region		
Support	10	0	Joe proposed and Monte seconded an amending the proposal to say that resident hunters would not be required to have locking tags statewide. This would still require most guided hunters to have a locking tag, but would simplify regs that now try to draw lines around communities to eliminate locking tag requirements around them. As Amended 10-0
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Concerns were brought up about crowing on the rather small island considering that it is a rifle hunt. Possibly steps like shotgun only or mandatory hunter orange should at least be discussed
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in portion of Unit 15c		
Support	10	0	
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 & 14C		
Support	10	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith
 Minutes Approved By: Chair
 Date: 2/2/2018



**Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting
10/24/2017
Northwest Arctic Borough**

1. Call to Order: 7:10 pm by Alex Whiting
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Michael Kramer, Karmen Monigold, Lance Kramer, Eugene Smith

Members Absent: Pete Schaeffer (Chair), Victor Karmun, Enoch Sheidt
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with deletion on BOF proposals and proposal 57 - unanimous approved.
4. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 11/03/2016 – Motion to Approve minutes - unanimous approved.
5. ADF&G Staff present: Brandon Saito, Hazel Smith, Alex Hansen
6. Guests present: NPS WEAR – (Hannah Adkisson), USFWS Selawik Refuge – (David Zibriskie) USFWS OSM – (Joshua Ream, Megan Klosterman, Lisa Maas), AK Troopers – Justin McGinness, Public – Reid Magdanz
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business – Board of Game Proposals



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	# 4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds	
Supported	6	0	Support utilizing all edible portions.
BOG	# 6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers	
Supported	6	0	Good to allow small incidental take
BOG	# 7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide	
Supported	6	0	Bow and arrow is legitimate method of take, need more beavers taken in Unit 23
BOG	# 8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license	
Opposed	0	6	Concern of overharvest of wolverine
BOG	# 9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes	
Supported	6	0	Need to control spread of coyotes
BOG	# 14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens	
Opposed	0	6	Traditional method of take in northern Interior
BOG	# 15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs	
Opposed	0	6	Traditional method of take in northern Interior
BOG	# 25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide	
Opposed	0	6	Unit 23 has hunting license only brown bear hunt and that has been working well for the area, we want to keep this approach.
BOG	# 41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag	
Supported	6	0	Spring waterfowl subsistence hunts no longer require federal stamp would like to also not require state stamp to simplify requirements
BOG	# 43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting	
Supported	6	0	Already strict regional and individual quotas to deal with conservation issue, would allow for Elders and others that have difficulty hunting to use their individual quota and enjoy eating this goose on occasion.
BOG	# 49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold	



Supported	6	0	Good way to track sale of bears and provide useful information for future decisions surrounding this issue. Would already need to seal the bears and could pick up permit same time.
BOG	# 52		Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
Supported	6	0	Nonresidents should not be allowed to harvest from populations with severe conservation concerns and intensive management
BOG	# 53		Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
Supported	6	0	Already in place in Unit 23
BOG	# 54		Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Opposed	0	6	We are satisfied with the weighting to benefit high cost and subsistence dependency as current Tier II is structured
BOG	# 58		Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
Supported	6	0	Good to take all the parts out of the field whole to ensure full utilization under this special opportunity
BOG	# 60		Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
Opposed	0	6	Support voluntary hunter education and would encourage more efforts to educate youth, but mandatory system would be very problematic in rural areas where very few people of any age have taken a formal course.
BOG	# 163		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A
Supported	6	0	Unit 23 has hunting license only brown bear hunt and that has been working well for the area, we want to keep this approach.

9. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

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Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

10. General discussion of caribou migration, which was stuck in mountains for lengthy period, likely due to warm weather and the hard time local hunters had of harvesting. Discuss enforcement action activities in Unit 23 with Trooper McGinness. Discuss current status of the caribou herd population and regulations in place whether they are working or not. Look forward to new population number coming out in December from ADF&G new photo/counting system. Discussed House Bill 211 Rep. Westlakes bill to require non-resident hunters to hire professional guide for caribou hunting in Arctic caribou populations.

11. Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *[Signature]*
Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
Date: 10/25/17



**Lake Iliamna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Port Alsworth**

- I. Call to Order: 11:25 by Randy Alvarez 10-17-2017
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Lyle Wilder, Elijah Eknaty, George Alexie, William Trefon,
Members Absent:
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Advisory Committee board members, Facilitator, Fish and Wildlife biologists
- III. Approval of Agenda: Lyle Wilder moves to approve, William Trefon seconds, unanimous approval.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Lyle Wilder moves to approve, Elijah seconds, unanimous approval.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Lee Bordon, Taryn O'Connor-Brito
- VI. Guests Present: Warren Hill
- VII. Elections: Nominations for Port Alsworth seat, George Alexie nominates Warren Hill, Randy Alvarez nominates Lyle Wilder, Vote of members present, Warren Hill is elected to Port Alsworth seat with a term expiring 2020. Thomas "Tinney" Hedlund nominated as Vice Chair for advisory Committee, and elected with unanimous support. Warren appoints lyle Wilder as alternate for port Alsworth rep through 2020.
- VIII. Staff Updates:

Taryn - Statewide Board of Game meeting Nov 10-17th Oct 27 deadline for commenting. Central/Southwest Board of Game Feb 16-23rd, Feb 2nd deadline for commenting. Board of Fish Meeting November 2018.
As a board we need to have minutes approved rather than draft minutes submitted to improve our procedures. Chairman Randy Alvarez is appointed by committee to approve the minutes from this meeting for submission to the board.



Dave Crowley – discussion of Moose collars placed on 24 cows this spring to improve understanding of moose cow and calf survivability, 56% twin calf occurrence, Calf mortality currently 70% with high bear and wolf presence. Still strong Moose presence, unit 9C hunting season increased by 5 days in response to numbers.

IX. New Business:

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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
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	5	0	A harvestable portion for Customary and Traditional use is recommended by the board, would like to see customary and traditional uses of state game be acknowledged by the state in the future.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Oppose	0	5	This regulation would water down the rules and make taking of game too liberal for any occasion. The proposal is not specific enough in that any celebration or event would be reason enough to take a moose or other game for use.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	1	4	Discussion over older hunters needing to be grandfathered into the system and would be very difficult to capture the entire state worth of hunters into the system when they are used to hunting as they always have. Discussion about hunter education needing to come from the elders and passed down through family to the young hunters in the rural villages. No efficient system in place to spread to all villages but it is a good idea for young hunters to have training.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	5	0	
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
Support	5	0	The Mulchatna caribou herd drops down below the branch river occasionally and then becomes off limits, this would allow the herd to be harvested when in the area for the local hunters.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	5	0	Changing the season would make the federal and state seasons the same and make it more simplified.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	5	0	No action on the proposal as stated BUT would like to AMEND proposal to allow for permits to be available on line. Would like to support the departments proposal to remove the requirement of showing up in person for a permit and making the permits available on line.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
Support	5	0	Board would like to limit spring hunt of birds to prevent a majority of adult birds from being harvested. Ptarmigan are cyclical in their population like other animals and we can move bag limit again later as population rebounds from current low.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
Support	5	0	AMEND - Board would like to see a November hunt only and amend proposal to read 2 animals per day, 4 in possession with reporting requirements in place.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	5	Discussion of not adequate caribou for out of state harvest, progression should be the reverse of de-regulation. Same day airborne should be re-instated first before out of state hunters are introduced.
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	5	0	Division of Subsistence technical paper #47 by Steven R. Behnke sited wildlife utilization and the economy of Nondalton. The change to the regulations would be not requiring the user to be off the snowmachine prior to harvesting the animals. Board agrees this is a reasonable idea.

Date and time of next meeting: Call of the Chair, tentatively October 2018 in Nondalton.

Adjournment: 2:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: Lyle Wilder
 Minutes Approved By: Chairman Randy Alvarez
 Date: 10-25-2017



Eddie Clark nominates Tracy Vrem.
Mitch Seybert nominates Kim Rice.
Mitch Seybert nominates Tom Bursch.
Mitch Seybert nominates John Christensen.
Mitch Seybert and Tim Enright nominate Mark Kosbruk.
No more nominations...Tim motions to close nominations, Eddie seconds.
AC Members running unopposed, Members seated with unanimous consent.

VIII. New Business:
Designated Board of Fish Proposals for Bristol Bay and Area M.



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125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
Amended	8	0	<p>Dave would favor an amendment to open season August 10th, and close season October 10th.</p> <p>Mitch-Wants to know about calf survival.</p> <p>Dave-The NAP has seen marginal survival rates for an increasing population. AC will re visit proposal.</p> <p><u>Proposal 125 revisited</u></p> <p>Brian motions to adopt proposal 125, Tim seconds.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Mitch likes Dave’s proposed season amendment from earlier.</p> <p>Tim motions to amend the proposal to change the season open dates to August 10th through October 10th, Mark seconds.</p> <p>Amendment carries 8-0</p> <p>Proposal 125 as amended carries 8-0</p>
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
No Action			<p>Dave-Department wants to contain the herd to 4,000 to avoid the peak and crash situation that shut it down for 10 years. Wants to be able to manage for max harvest when the time comes.</p> <p>Mitch-Wants to know when Dave would open up a commercial hunt on the SAP</p> <p>Dave-Right now it is open to nonresidents by harvest ticket.</p> <p>Mitch-How about the NAP?</p> <p>Dave-Population objectives for NAP are about 8-12 thousand. Number of tier II permits issued was just raised, but there is a long way to go.</p> <p>Eddie-(phone breaking up bad, so I could barely hear Eddie) asked about the option for same day fly and shoot to be brought back as a tool to control the SAP.</p> <p>Dave-Yes, it went away when the SAP crashed, but could be an option, the herd is a ways from needing it, but eventually maybe yes.</p> <p>No motion made, AC moves on.</p>
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
No Action			<p>Dave-Relates to 9B/9C caribou.</p> <p>Mitch doesn’t have a problem with the proposal.</p> <p>Eddie thinks it might clear up some issues.</p> <p>No motion made, AC moves on.</p>
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
No Action			<p>Dave-128 would allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10 (Adak). Department will probably be neutral, but at the same time would encourage cow harvest.</p>



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			Eddie-Has hunted down there, it is pretty weather driven, hard to hunt if the wind in not blowing the right way. He is after met, and doesn't really care if it is a cow. Dave agrees it is a hard hunt. Dave doesn't think it is that hard to determine sex. No motion made, AC moving on with concerns for quorum.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
No Action			Dave-Unit 9B moose Moving on.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
No Action			Dave-Unit 9B moose. Moving on.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Opposed	0	8	Dave-Would remove the brown bear resident bag limit. The department will probably be neutral. Dave notes that harvest has been dropping. Mark-With the harvest already dropping would oppose. Mitch-Would support the department in opposing this. Mike-Wonders why someone would want this, and wouldn't support. Dave-The group advocates for resident sport hunters. Tim motions to adopt, Brian seconds. Prop 131 Fails 0-8
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		
No Action			Dave-Proposal would effectively double resident hunting opportunity. Department will probably be neutral. Dave has voiced some personal conservation concerns. Mitch-Likes to see residents come first. Dave-Currently residents have the same opportunity as nonresidents, plus additional opportunity under the RB505 hunt. This proposal seems unnecessary. Tim would like to move on & revisit proposal 125 before Brian and Mary have to leave.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
No Action			Dave-Proposal would change nonresident brown bear registration hunt to a drawing hunt. Department would consider shorting season by a week in Unit 9C. The proposal is pretty complex. Not sure what the department's strategy will be, but Dave doesn't think they will want to go to a drawing permit. This proposal is for state lands in drainage, but he could see hunters (probably not guides so much) being confused about which are federal lands. Mitch-Would be opposed to this proposal.

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Minutes

October 25-26, 2017

ADF&G Office, 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:24pm (Reconvened on Oct. 26 at 8:32am)

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: 8 members, quorum established

Present: James Charles, William "Charlie" Brown, Henry Parks, John Twitchell Sr., George Berry, Phillip Peter Sr., John W. Andrew, Sandra Nicori.

INVOCATION: William Brown

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Tim Andrew, ONC

Patrick Jones, ADF&G

Jen Peeks, ADF&G

Pat Samson, Translator

Dave Runfola, ADF&G (teleconference)

Alex Nick, Bethel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John Twitchell, motion to approve; seconded by Phillip Peter.

James Charles discussed the difference between the state and federal proposals. Motion passed unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Twitchell moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimous.

COMMENTS:

● **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

Tim Andrew (ONC)- Started working at ONC on June 5, 2017, took the place of Greg Roczicka who had been very helpful to all the ACs for fish and wildlife issues. Previously he worked at AVCP.

- Henry Parks- Thanked Tim for being supportive, "we will back you up in your job as well."
- Charlie Brown- Greg was very supportive, he helped us with technicalities as well as a source of information for the AC.

● **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:**

(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 3 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)

Phillip Peter- complaint of boys hunting for caribou: a chopper and airplane guided the herd away from the hunters. He tells people that when possible please take the aircraft number, colors, time, etc.

Charlie Brown- Near Kwethluk lake there is a problem. Aircrafts have been warned. A berry picker saw an aircraft harassing. The caribou are in that region for their food source.

James Charles- Right now there are a lot of native pilots. We can also tell the feds about wildlife harassment.

Henry Parks- only want to ask about the whale caught on the Kuskokwim River summer 2017. He wants to know where the case is right now because he heard the hunters might be facing charges. He would be happy if they didn't face legal issues.

Trapper John- Since a little child, he used to summer in the mountain lakes. Late 1970s the planes started coming from Anchorage and landing in the mountain ranges, harassing caribou and we have been seeing them since 1980s herding brown bears and bringing them toward the lake. Also in Heart Lake we witnessed planes herding caribou toward hunters, we knew they were from Bethel. They had hunting camps with lodge like tents and small boats so I know they weren't from this area [Kwethluk]. Some people came back to the villages saying that animals had been herding. They are coordinating using communication systems.

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43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
No Action			<p>Tim Andrew and Dave Runfola explained.</p> <p>Charlie- Sometimes we see emperor geese [by Eek], but it's not their normal path.</p> <p>Henry Parks- no emperor geese by the tundra villages.</p> <p>James- no one is targeting emperor geese by Tuntutuliak.</p> <p>John Andrew- no action bc this does not affect us. The coastal villages may go hunt, but not in the fall time</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- We use to use birds in parkas and other clothes when stores were not plentiful. We utilized everything including migratory birds. That is customary and traditional. In the spring time we use to use the salmon skin as clothing too.</p>
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	8	0	<p>John Twitchell- Suggested adding elders who are unable to go hunting. The meat is needed by the widowers and elders. Patrick Jones (ADFG) responded that there is another regulation to help Elders hunt.</p> <p>Charlie- There was an elder and orphan who died recent- does this mean I could have gotten a moose for them? It does help us for these feeds. It is important to us. If it includes religious and funeral I like this.</p> <p>Sandra- potlatches are in the interior. They don't pertain to us.</p>
64	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
No Action			
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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Charlie- heard that the caribou herd is declining. Non-residents come with planes and have the ability to herd the animals. I would be opposed bc the caribou population is too low.</p> <p>Phillip- they opened the subsistence hunt for all of us. So all residents can hunt</p>

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			<p>for them during the open season. Some of the hunters will hunt more than allotted to. I don't want the non-resident hunts and we also need to pay attention to wanton waste. A lot of sport hunters waste. Saw this on the Holitna with rafters hardly having any meat in their boat. They had moose and caribou antlers and no meat. We keep telling young people not to hunt out of season bc we want the numbers to grow.</p> <p>Charlie- I have never seen rafters with meat in the raft. When I go up river by Eek I wonder " What are these airboats?" I do not want this pass.</p> <p>John T. – these proposals seem to be redundant. I know the non-residents do not take all of the meat that they hunt.</p>
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie- We just heard the moose population growing on the Yukon. We will face this on the Kusko. We don't just eat the meat, we eat berries. With the moose population growing they will screw up the tundra. The Yukon areas are now over populated and the food will be affected. Concerned about the terrain and hurting subsistence food gathering</p> <p>Phillip- sometimes there are teachers who are non-resident who would like to go hunting. Also, the female cows are higher than bull moose. When moose eat black spruce trees they were also good tasting. On Yukon their taste is different now, there is a low number of moose we catch that has the original taste, because of the limited food they now have.</p> <p>John Twitchell- Elders say the moose taste different bc of what they are eating. They change when they are in rut. When they aren't rutting, the meat tastes better. In the tundra villages, they tell us we need to catch what we need but not waste. We don't mind people coming by to hunt, but we don't like the trash.</p>
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	<p>Phillip Peter made motion to accept, seconded by Henry Parks. Tim Andrew- discussed the history. Explained it continues the tag fee exemption. ONC supports.</p> <p>James- they want to exempt the tag fee.</p> <p>Charlie- wondered why bears go through the door [of a structure] and exit through the walls.</p>
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- make motion to accept, seconded by Phillip Peter. Patrick Jones (ADF&G) and Dave Runfola (ADF&G) summarized.</p> <p>John Andrew- Local residents know where to go hunt moose even in bad weather.</p> <p>Patrick explained Tier I and Tier II.</p>



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				any bear baiting near villages. John Twinnell: I do not agree with the baiting. Baiting can affect the quality of the meat. We do not use the baiting stations in our area. Henry Parks - should do a roll call vote.

James A. Charles
LKAC Chairman

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *[Signature]*
Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
Date: 10.27.17



**Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
December 13, 2017
MTA Building, Palmer**

I. **Call to Order:** 7:02 PM by Dan Montgomery, Acting Chair

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Steve Bartelli, Mel Grove, Austin Manelick, Bob Marshall, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, Birch Yuknis, Mike Buirge, Dan Montgomery, Dave Young, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman, Danny Lewis, Chad Lipse, Tim Stephens

Members Absent: Andy Couch, Herb Manasavage

Number Needed for Quorum on AC 8: 15 members present: quorum met.

Approval of Agenda: Mel Grove motioned for agenda approval, was seconded by Bob Marshall- Agenda approved.

III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the election meeting minutes by Neil DeWitt, seconded Birch Yuknis. Meeting minutes approved.

IV. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Gino Deflate, Chris Brockman, Rick Mezion, Tim Peltier, Todd Rinaldi

V. **List of User Groups Present:** Rod Arno, AOC

Guests Present: Rod Arno, AOC

Persons To Be Heard:

Rod Arno: he criticized the MVAC for not sending someone to the BOF. Some good things at the meeting: Ahtna was trying to ban the use of boats for dip netters, this got shot down. Ahtna also tried to ban fishing for catch & release, this also was shot down. The AC can be thankful for Israel Payton and his positions; also, Reed Morisky has started to develop more backbone of fisheries issues. Regarding the Board of Game: this board has spent a decade wasting your money on caribou in the Nelchina Basin. He is asking the department to come up with criteria to match what Ahtna is asking for-to work toward elimination of community subsistence hunts for all Alaskans. Prop 92 would give all Alaskans an opportunity for hunting. It would be a really bad precedent to approve Ahtna's position. Steve Bartelli: he echo's this. At the special meeting in Glenallen every single AC voted to do away with the community harvest, yet the board voted to retain it. I don't know where else to go-even Ahtna reps were in support of taking away the community harvest. Birch Yuknis: at the BOF meeting he was very disappointed because our comments never got put in. Rod adds if you don't get your proposals in you can always go and comment in person. Steve: word last year was that Ahtna was trying to transfer some of their lands into federal trust; Rod: fortunately, Hilary was



not elected or it would be rolling out right about now. Ahtna is trying to have Ahtna lands included in federal lands.

Neil DeWitt: He sat in on the western caribou herd meeting. The current herd count is 239,055. There had been hope that they could add more hunters in the area. Also, there was a briefing from the NPS: Chris McKee, USFS wildlife division chief-office of subsistence management. They have 5-6 new proposals (in the Western Arctic Caribou Book). One proposal says federal public lands in unit 22,23 & 26a were to be closed to nonfederal subsistence users in the Northwest part of the state. Neil suggests the MVAC needs to write letters to let them know where we stand. 95% of the caribou were taken by local NW folks. There is no reason why we shouldn't be able to go back in there. All non-local residents are only 5 to 8 percent of the total hunters. Neil argued strongly for this at the meeting. Dan Lewis asked Neil if they have figured why the herd has declined so much Neil said they either didn't know or wouldn't comment. Dan Montgomery said he lived up there for several years. The population is right where it should be right now. The herds are coming through later. There is absolutely no reason to be closing to everyone but locals.

VI. Old Business:

VII. **New Business:** Dan Montgomery nominated Birch Yuknis to be our new secretary. It was seconded by Steve Bartelli. There were no objections-motion passed. Terry Nininger will remain alternate secretary.

VIII. Mat Valley AC review of BOG proposals 71-83:

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71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	15	0	Steve Bartelli makes a motion to adopt (MTA), Seconded by Birch Yuknis. Mike Buirge says the only way he would support this proposal was if cross bow archers had to take an archery cross bow course. Chris Alderman notes that there is already a ADFG requirement to have cross bow hunters to take a CB course. Chris just trained ADFG personnel for this course. Steve would like to support this proposal: it adds another tool. Dan thinks it's a good tool.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	6	9	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Neil: in his area there are a very limited amount of moose. Birch is adamantly opposed. Season is already long enough. Mel Grove: hunting is an opportunity-it's a short season: it offers a little extra opportunity and time and you can spread it out-why not. There is no biological concern. Bob Marshall would support-bow hunting; it is a lot more challenging-and takes a special skill. Hans is opposed. Steve is



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			also opposed. Steve: this AC has always been opposed singling out a specific user group and giving them an advantage. Danny Lewis: he is an avid archer and he opposes – season is long enough. Mel Grove: would consider himself special because he has a bow permit-if you have to take the course-he considers it increased opportunity. Todd Rinaldi (ADFG) the Dept. is neutral. If we increased the harvest in some areas that are marginal they may have to reduce other area harvest, some other hunts may suffer. Austin Alderman supports-thinks it will be beneficial-to avoid user conflict. Dan adamantly opposes-the quality of meat during this time period would be the worst of the whole season. A lot of these areas don't have a surplus of moose.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	5	10	
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	15	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Danny is opposed. Todd (ADFG): does not specify resident or nonresident. Chad Lipse: it looks like another opportunity to exploit. Steve opposes. Austin: why not more opportunity-more money for the state. Birch: we have one of the longest sheep seasons in the nation. Mel is against. Dan is opposed: it would open all draw permit area where is already a limited opportunity.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	15	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Birch is opposed to the change. Steve is also opposed: it increases the pressure. Dan is opposed. It is a good regulation already in place.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	14	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Todd (ADFG) The Dept. comments will be coming out next several days. Dan supports this proposal. Mel: we are giving money back because we don't have the matching funds. Dan: the state gave back \$ 2 million this year. Gino Delfrate (ADFG): the Dept. is asking for 36 million in spending authority. The Legislature wants the Dept. to spend it all but also telling the Dept. not to spend. It can't use money for enforcement or for construction. 1 member absent.
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
Support	15	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim Peltier (ADFG): Unit 16a has 271 units able to be surveyed. There were 8,653 moose in 16A with a range of 7,200-10,100 The bull to cow ratio is 23 to 100., they manage for 15 bulls to 100 cows. We saw a ton of moose in places we didn't expect to see any. Mel: in unit 16a- ½ of the area is in predator control-it sounds like it is working. Tim: there have been pretty wimpy winters. Neil: Did you see any bear? Tim: None at this time.
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	15	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim (ADFG): The Dept. supports this proposal. Currently harvest is below what it should be. This will increase opportunity. This is a new hunt. Todd (ADFG) Likely the population is higher than the estimate. Steve: Once it's in the



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			books it won't have to be approved anymore? Tim: that is correct. Steve:-this is fantastic –no biological concern.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Oppose	3	12	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Dan: he would like to see more opportunity later in the season for those without aircraft. It would allow for some good full curl rams. All of this area is accessed by foot. Neil: it's hard enough to see if its full curl, and moving the 10% to 20%-now we got it lets leave it there. Todd (ADFG) The Dept. has the highest count in 14a since 2008. Tim (ADFG): They expected to see a decrease in horn length but didn't see that. The Dept. is officially neutral-The current management strategy hasn't resulted in a decrease. Steve: he is opposed- historically the AC has supported 10%. Steve also supports the great harvest opportunity. Dan: he is shooting for keeping nonresidents on a draw permit-he also favors the full curl hunt.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A historically this AC has pushed 10%, also like to opportunity		
Support	10	3-1 abstain	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim(ADFG) The Dept. is neutral-there is not a biological concern. The Dept. would like to keep the percentage at current levels. The Dept. harvest goal was met the last couple of years. Birch: the Dept. says it's hitting management goals with what they got. Dan: he considers this an opportunity to hunt without a permit for residents. In 2008-2017 nonresidents took 12%. Total 6% of goats are available for the hunt. Steve proposes an amendment to eliminate the 6%-let the Dept. set the percent. Dan:-this would be a registration hunt which would be subject to EO closure. Chad Lipse left the meeting.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in Unit 14A		
Support	14	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Bob will support this –so many brown bears up there right now –they need to be weeded out. Tim (ADFG): the Dept. is neutral-there is no biological concern. Steve will support this proposal. 1 abstain?
82	Create a management area for the Mat-Su Borough's Government Peak Recreation Area in Unit 14A		
TNA passed 9 to 5	9	5	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Mike is opposed-he doesn't want to see any more restrictions. Todd (ADFG): the BOG could take this and create another management unit. Gino (ADFG): this is really complicated and may not help anything. The Borough would like to BOG to create a management area. Todd (ADFG):-the concern is that there has been some hunting in the area that should not be. It may have not had appropriate signage. Tim (ADFG): There is not a biological issue. Steve moves to TNA, Neil seconds.
83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Oppose	1	13	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Neil: in 16a people are shooting animals and not taking the meat and just left them lay. Steve is opposed-it eliminates the opportunity for someone taking a 50 inch but doesn't meet the brow tine requirement. Geno (ADFG): this method of recognizing a moose that is not in place anywhere else. The Dept. is currently making a new video that hasn't taken this into account. Tim (ADFG): the Dept. is neutral. May decrease the harvest. Danny: he –does a lot of hunting in 16- has not seen or harvested



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			many moose over 50 inches with 3 or 4 brow tines. Dan: he cannot support this proposal.

MVAC Member Comments; Mel: the halibut charters went over quota. The new regulations is 1 fish of any size, plus a chicken-second fish. This ties the boats at the dock on Tuesday and Wednesday: this just applies to charter boats not private boats. The Prince William Sound will go to one ling cod next season. Regarding the John Sturgeon lawsuit: it -will by-pass the 9th Circuit. It's such a liberal court, so they are appealing back to the U.S. Supreme Court. They Think they are a pretty good chance getting heard again.

Adjournment: 9:34

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date: 1/3/2018 meeting



**Matanuska Susitna Valley AC
January 3rd, 2018
Palmer MTA Building**

Call to Order: by Herb Mansavage at 7:07 pm

- Roll Call:
Members Present: Andy Couch, Austin Manelick, Birch Yuknis, Bob Marshall, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Hans Nordstrom, Mel Grove, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephans and Herb Mansavage

Members Absent: Chad Lipse, Terry Nininger, David Young, Mike Buirge, Steve Bartelli

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, 11 Present
- List of User Groups Present: ADF&G, Frontiersman, Representative David Eastman
- Approval of Agenda: Agenda amended to talk about Water turbidity by Andy Couch and approved
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved without objection for the 12/13/17 meeting
- Fish and Game Staff Present:
Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
Colson Wildlife Biologist II
Wildlife Biologist II

Kassidy
Chris Brockman
- Guests Present: Jerod McClure representing Representative David Eastman
Tim Rockey from the Frontiersman
- Old Business: None
- New Business:
 - Andy wanted to let us know there is a meeting tomorrow with DEC about the water turbidity on the Little Su and Kenai River. Also possible some information on Hydrocarbons in the Little Su and Lake Lucille. Andy and Chad may go.
 - Austin wanted to know why Birch was videoing the meeting. Birch stated it was so he could do the minutes and still participate.
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84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil Proposes to consider, Hans 2nds.</p> <p>Niel does not feel that there are as many moose as suggested in the proposal. Current objective is 6500-7500 moose. Current 7418 moose based on 2010, 2011 and 2014 data. 1989 estimates were 8500 +/- 1000. ADF&G states good calf survival of 30%. A harsh winter could knock the population down. Montgomery won't support, he feels this could be revisited in 3 years. He feels we are due for another harsh winter. Birch concurs with Montgomery. Herb agrees moose numbers are up in 16B. ADF&G is Neutral. Andy asked about if we are in or out of Predator Control. ADF&G stated they suspended the wolf control part in 2014. Bear control in 2016. Seasons are till liberal in 16B for bears.</p>
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
support as amend	7	4	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds</p> <p>Andy supports due to hard areas to access. Andy feels that this hunt would allow for all hunters to participate without worry of a 50"/brow tine issue. Bull Cow Ratio has always been within limits. Large areas of the unit that are hard to access. Birch brought up that there is already DM540 draw for an any bull in 16B. If a registration hunt, the hunt may end early and Birch prefers to hunt later in the season. Dan can't support extending the season 5 days, afraid of overharvest at the end of the season. ADF&G is neutral. Dan feels that the earlier season option might work. Mel won't support. Mel brought up that this proposer has a proposal to increase the population objective and then in this proposal wants to extend the season. Dan does not feel that the later season and an any bull component would work. One but not both. Dan feels the BOG should proceed cautiously if either or both are adopted. Herb brought up the access issue again. That even the Tier II winter hunt people have a hard time getting out due to snow conditions. Also that extending the season could lead to over harvest.</p> <p>Andy amends proposal to: Allow an any bull season from the 20th of August September 10th. 2nd by Herb. Birch brings up again the DM540 tag of which there are 300. Out of the unit this last year 398 total bulls were taken from 16B in all hunts. ADF&G said about 20% chance to draw DM540. Andy got the tag three years ago and hasn't</p>



			<p>drawn it since. Dan clarifies the draw chances at 35% with all six chances, ADF&G corrects that you can only do three any bull draws. So percent is down to half that. Neil clarifies that Kalgin is no longer in 16B. The DM540 has a success rate of 62% of those who hunted this permit. Austin feels there would be more pressure during that early season. Austin is afraid of overharvest with the any bull. Andy does not feel overharvest early in the season would occur due to brushy conditions. Andy is not a fan of the antler restrictions. Andy knows of LE that does not hunt where there are antler restrictions. Can't take the chance on a 49" bull.</p> <p>Amend passes 7-4</p>
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consier. Hans 2nds Montgmery mentioned that this AC in the past actually proposed to have a longer baiting season. From previous discussion the calving survival rate 30 calfs per 100 cows and twinning rates (50%) are high. Dan sees no need to reduce harvest. Birch concurs. Fish and Game states their is no biological concern for black bears in unit 16.</p>
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Dan does not support. Dan feels there are still plenty of brown bears in unit 16. Dan also feels that the moose are still recovering. Dan has personally hunted in the unit and feels the brown bears are especially causious around bait stations. Birch concurs with dan. ADF&G does not feel there is any biological concern for brown bears in Unit 16.</p>
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil does not support due to the fact that he contacted 257 different hunters during hunting season out there this last year and all saw bears. Too many bears. Dan does not feel there is a shortage of bears. Herb concurs with Dan.</p>
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil wants to reference his comments from 88. ADF&G states that the predator control program is suspended in 16. Program is on the books until 2018. Hans likes this tool available for the Department. Dan participated when this program first came out. ADF&G stated that initially that was the case, many people participated but once people figured out how hard baiting is that participation dropped off dramatically. Dan liked that the guides could use the predator areas to add an extra use area for the guides.</p>
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
support	11	0	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil likes. Birch concurs. ADF&G states that there is no biological concern for beavers in Unit 16. Austin feels that some beaver dams are preventing salmon from reaching spawning grounds. Herb</p>



			mentioned that there is a strong population of beavers in unit 16. Herb also concurs with Austin.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
support	9	2	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Birch supports and generally agrees with the proposer. Neil feels that all residents are Alaskans. That everything should be equal for all. Herb strongly supports. Hans is in favor. Hans feels taht the proposer is trying to level the playing field, so no one has an advantage over another user group.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
support	10	0-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Hans supports, he feels the CSH program should be ended. Herb concurs. ADF&G is neutral. ADF&G gave a summary of the MArch meeting in Glennallen last year. ADF&G did not know if Spraker's request for a letter of guidance from the AG from the last meeting in Anchorage has happened. Neil brought up how the locals from the CSH liked it the first few years but do not like it so much now that everyone knows about it and that more residents participate. Andy abstained. He likes any bull hunts
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See Proposal 92 notes (No any bull so Andy does not abstain)
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See comments for Proposal 92
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See comments for 92
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
oppose	0	11	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Andy prefers proposal 96 over 95 which gives an opportunity for more liberal moose harvest by a registration hunt. ADF&G feels that there would be high participation and need for a quota and the hunt closing very quickly. Dan knows the proposer and cannot support due to the antler restrictions, making things more complicated. Dan feels with current regs you end up with a bunch of two brow tine bulls that don't get to 50". Herb amands wants to Amed to Any Bull for registration hunt. Hans 2nd. Herb likes registration hunts. Andy Feels the amend just takes out some of the requirements on the CSH permit. Also that there would be high participation and the hunt would be shut down pretty fast. Dan wants to see a a way to harvest these inferior bulls. Dan does not know the answer but feels that we are affecting the genetics by the current regs and harvesting a certain segment of the population. Austin does not think this would work in unit 13, more access but in



			Unit 11 and 12 might work. Amendment Fails 2-9
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	7	3-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Andy states that when you fill out a CSH application you say you are going to follow these certain cultural practices. The proposer is saying that we are all Alaskans and why do we have to follow this groups practices. That a person can say this is my traditional way of hunting and these are the practices I want to follow. Andy supports. Birch concurs with Andy. Dan does not agree with CSH permit system at all and does not want to support anything related to it. Herb abstained due to this proposal keeping the CSH permit process. He sees Dan's point and does not want to propogatge this system
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	11	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil mentions that due to comment in proposal book that the BOG may take NA on this proposal. Birch wantst to vote this down based on one group forcing their practices on the rest of us. One group should not be able to force their values onto another group. Herb concurs. Danny states tht this is racial and really has nothing to do with standard bag limits. Birch just wanted to get on the record that not enough proposals are vetted. That he wished a proposal would have to be approved by at least one AC to get put in the book. This proposal would have still made it most likely but more proposals need to be vetted to make the BOG and the AC's job more streamlined. Andy does not like having to have someone go thru an AC to get a proposal in the book. See's value in both ways.
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		
Oppose	3	8	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Herb strongly agrees with not having Tier I caribou hunters be forced to hunt moose in Unit 13. Neil is against it because the only road system close to Unti 13 is 16A and that is where he feels the moose hunters would go and he feels 16A moose are still recovering. Andy asks do you have more moose hunters in Unit 13 because of this? Andy supports this concept. Hans asks the Department of any concerns. If moose hunters are not tied to the Tier I caribou why apply for a drawing permit? Just apply for your free Tier I permt and get a guaranteed caribou tag then go hunt moose where you want. Lots of drawing permits for caribou for this area. ADF&G would lose a significant amount of \$ if nobody applied for the drawing hunt in this area and went with the Tier I. ADF&G has issued the maximum number of permits(5000) for this hunt the last few years. Tim mentioned there is still opportunity for caribou on the 40 mile herd. Herb feels that such a high caribou population means allot more



			opportunity. Mel does not support, if they are separated you will have allot more people hunting caribou in Unit 13. Danny again states we are managing people not the resource. Mel asks the department if they would ever issue registration permits for this area if the herd keeps growing? The departemnt states that there would have to be a registration hunt on the books and there currently is not one. Mel does not apply for this Tier I as he wants to hunt moose elsewhere. Dan brought up how the number of Tier I permits has increased for this area and has lead to more pressure and people in the area. Andy brought up that we could probably have a general season hunt, but people like long seasons and want to hunt at different times. That the Tier I hunt is basically a registration hunt.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	8-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See notes for 99 Andy abstained

Other Business: Dan will be our representative at the Dillingham meeting.

Herb wants an AC deadline for the AC vs the BOG deadline of Feb 2nd. AC chose Jan 31st as the AC deadline.

Next meeting: might be Tuesday(1/9/18) to accomodate Dan. Then another meeting the 17th of January

Want to cover proposals 131, 132 and 133 at next meeting in addition to the others

Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis

Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee

Date: January 9, 2018 meeting



Matanuska Susitna AC
January 9, 2018
Palmer MTA building

- Call to Order: 7:05pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Hans Nordstrom, Steve Bartelli, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Andy Couch and Bob Marshall

Members Absent: Austin Manelick, Tim Stephans, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge, David Young, Terry Nininger, and Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Eight present

List of User Groups Present: None
- Approval of Agenda: Dan Motions. Steve 2nds. Approved without objection
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Hans Motions, Steve 2nds. Approved without objection (Minutes for Jan 3rd meeting)
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Rick Merizon Wildlife Biologist III, Chris Brockman Wildlife Biologist II, Todd Rinaldi Fish and Game Coordinator, Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
- Guests Present: None
- Old Business: Andy went to the DEC meeting on the Turbidity of the Little Su. Little Su has turbidity issues. Turbidity Issues mainly between one mile upstream and and 7.5 miles downstream from Little Su Public Use Facility and boat launch. Andy did not see any information on how many days a year this occurs. This was not a solutions meeting. The DEC will be looking for public comments on how to fix this issue. Hydrocarbon issues as well. Andy reminded us the BOF passed a regulation that someone could not fish from a boat with a two stroke motor. The boat has to have a four stroke or improved two stroke. BOF did what they could as their authority ends with the fishing part. Comment period is open until January 29th. Andy may form a letter for us to look at, at the next meeting to see if we as an AC want to send it in.
- New Business: Next meeting Thursday Jan 18th 7pm. Possible meeting the following week. Birch will be gone the week after the 18th, so he wanted to be sure to cover 140, 141 and 146 next meeting. Rinaldi did mention that Wolf control in Unit 17 has been expanded. So far much enthusiasm not many harvested (one).



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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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
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	7	1	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Birch likes the idea of spreading out the hunters. Dan supports but has reservations as to the bugs making it not as pleasant of a hunt. Steve likes the idea but is afraid that once a hunt is on the books it stays on the books. That currently we have a time of abundance in this Unit. Dan reminded us that the Legislature did pass legislation requiring Youth hunts. The Department is of course Neutral. The Department concurs that August 1-5th may not be the most opportune time to take a kid hunting due to bugs and heat. The Department also brought up that the BOG will have to figure out what kind of hunt this will be: registration, drawing etc. The Department also brought up that the Youth has to be accompanied by an adult who has to punch his harvest ticket for the Youth. That makes things a little cleaner for the Tier I and CSH issues. Andy is very concerned about how warm that area can be in early August. The Department did bring up that the proposer is a lodge owner in the area. Herb had talked to the proposer. Herb feels that from the author's perspective this is honestly to alleviate pressure and crowding. Steve feels we need to make a suggestion to the BOG as to what type of hunt we would like to see. Dan brought up that a five day season will not be on a weekend every season, and he does not feel that there would be more than a 20 caribou harvest with this hunt. Andy could see where this could become a very busy season similar to what is out there now. Andy fears a whole bunch of inexperienced hunters out there at once. Birch prefers a registration hunt. As does Steve. Hans likes the registration hunt idea too.</p> <p>Danny opposed due to the timing of the hunt. Too hot and too buggy. He has hunted the Unit since 1965. He has had spoilage issues in the past even when planning ahead for the heat. Danny also is opposed to the AC and BOG dealing with Safety issues. He feels we are here to manage game not people. He is not against opportunity or kids.</p>
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		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Dan asks how many permits are in the Draw. The Department states</p>



			<p>there are 5000 permits in the draw. Dan feels that 500 permits would be too much. Also that this would increase pressure. Dan wants to Amend to 100 permits not 10%. Andy 2nds. Dan mentions how few of the Draw permits actually go to guided clients. Birch would prefer a percentage not a set number of permits that would fluctuate with abundance. Dan does not feel a 100 permits is too much and that only about 60 of the 100 would participate. Andy states that if you did this you would have to change the objectives for the unit especially as it relates to subsistence. Andy states that the subsistence need takes all the current allocation. So to make room for NR have to change more than the proposal. Danny brings up that the proposer is a guide and that every proposal he has is for his personal gain. Dan states that the proposer just guides for black bear in this Unit. Danny can't support. Steve can't support with the subsistence issues Andy brought up. Dan asked the Department if they have made their harvest objectives. They made it last year and there is still 2.5 months left this year to reach it. Herb agrees with Steve and Andy. Birch agrees but asks the Department where can a resident hunt a caribou near Anchorage? Everything is a long drive or a Draw. Andy felt that once we got to a general harvest ticket or a general registration then maybe allow a NR allocation. Amend fails 1-7</p>
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	8	<p>We had the Small Game biologist from ADF&G present (Mr. Merizon) so we wanted to address those related proposals. Understood motion to consider and second with no objections. The Department states that in the adjacent units where they do monitor the grouse that they are at or near their near term peak. Steve is opposed to reducing opportunity with no biological concerns. Frank, the area biologist in Glennallen, had relayed to Mr. Merizon that this proposal may stem more from a social issue rather than a biological issue. Herb wanted to know how often the department has seen a small group of people harvesting the maximum? The Department states across the state they just get anecdotal information that this might occur along some road system areas. Birch wanted to know how fast these birds could recover if they had a bad winter. The Department states that the Spring is critical. A good Spring and they can rebound well. Department feels that most harvest is concentrated along the roadways. Dan can't support because the proposer is just worried about the potential, that if the grouse hunting was that good then the area can support it and he understand the road areas do get hunted harder. Andy does not have a problem with a five grouse limit but he can't support this proposal. Andy was curious why the department is so worried about the ruffed grouse with their bag limits. That the ruffed grouse have spread out well. Andy also feels that a lot of people have a hard time identifying a ruffed grouse from a spruce hen.</p>
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		



Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections. Birch does mention that some of the baby grouse are not quite ready for flight on the current opener but he still is opposed to this proposal.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections The Department states that the BOG reduced the season length in 2009 only in 13B. This proposal seeks to put the season back where it was prior to 2009. 13B and 13E get some of the most hunting pressure in this Unit due to the road access. Of course the Department is neutral. The Department has no conservation concerns on a Unit wide level for grouse. Currently all 5 subunits open at the same time but 13B closes earlier. Birch likes to simplify and make the whole unit close at the same time. Simplify for enforcement too. The Department states that the Rock and Willow Ptarms intermingle infrequently. Due to weather events they can co-mingle but generally the Rocks try to stay as high as possible while the Willows stay lower in the creek bottoms for winter and summer ranges. Dan asked how does one differentiate between the two in the Winter. The Department states that it is difficult to do unless you are well versed in the Ptarms. Andy states that in January not a lot of people want to access the area due to daylight and temps. That a later season will lead to more harvest and if the Department is concerned about that? The Department states that the harvest is largely road related. The Department has done mortality studies in 13B and 13E and that natural mortality rates are high for both species in the Fall and drop off in the Winter.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Birch states that due to our votes on 119 and 121 he cannot support. Andy notes that the Denali AC feels there is a biological concern. The Department states that after talking to the Denali AC that they are more concerned with the lower Willow Ptarms in 13E and that the surveys conducted by the Department do demonstrate a lower density in their Spring breeding surveys in 13 E over 13B. The Department does state that they do not have a conservation concern as of yet. Also that the Denali AC feels that because 13B closes earlier allot of the Ptarm pressure falls on 13E later in the season. Birch asks the Department what historical data they have and what the trend is. The Department states that they have surveys for Rock and Willow Ptarms back to 1997 in 13B and 13E. That the trend in both sub units were very similar until 2009 when 13B was closed earlier and that led to 13B having a more rapid increase in the surveys. Dan can't support also do to prior votes on 119 and 121. Dan feels that if there was a dramatic drop off in this area that the Department would be aware of it and could take action. Dan also feels that there is a lot of weather related population swings. Herb asks the Department if road corridors are where this proposal is



			more aimed at. The Department states that the Ptarms within 3km of the road corridor face a mortality risk 380 times more than those outside the 3km corridor.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	Dan makes a motion to see notes from 119 and use the same vote. Birch seconds. No objections
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and 2nd with no objections Birch asks the Department about any conservation concerns. Department stated that there is an "interesting phenomenon." There has been a decline in the bears there. A cohort loss possible. The Department is not sure how this will play out. Kodiak is having a similar issue. Populations are very similar. The Department is trying to decipher what the data is telling them right now. Steve had coworkers go to a place on Kodiak that is usually robust with bears and they saw none. Dan has guided down there since 1995. He has seen a definite die off especially in the middle class of bears. Dan feels there was a large die off in the Winter of 2011/2012, the Winter that never ended. Last three years have not been good berry years. Places he usually sees 20 bears he now sees a handful. Dan does not support proposal due to decline. Hans clarifies that this is a registration hunt. Hans asked the Department if that would give them a fail safe for over harvest, as they could shut down the hunt if overharvesting. Andy asked if the Department had an opinion on this, of course they are neutral on the allocative nature of this proposal. The harvest management goals for this Unit have been met since 1982. Dan read from the Department's notes about how more larger males are being harvested because not as many younger males are present. Steve can't support due to Department's conservation concerns
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		
Oppose	2	6	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Dan clarifies the current regulations of a season every calendar year, one in the Fall in odd number years and one in the Spring in Even number years. Dan states that access is very hard in this area. Expensive to get there. Dan does not see a lot of resident participation. Steve wants to support. He feels resident participation is not that great and would lead to more opportunity for residents. The Department's notes recommend reducing NR harvest before resident harvest as resident participation is so much lower in this Unit vs NR. Steve wanted to clarify with the Department that these are all registration hunts so the Department has more control of the harvest. Dan mentions the two prong proposal. He would prefer the resident only season rather than the early start for the residents as the bears get wary very fast. Dan also talks about how the weather there is very unpredictable and that is



			<p>why a lot of residents probably don't participate...too much risk. Birch too mentions the two prong proposal. His experience has been that the bears are not that wary there as they don't seem to mind following a trail he was just on or fishing from the same spot he was on. Andy mentions the proposer talks about the harvest disparity between the NR and residents but that those numbers fall in line with the hunter participation. Andy wanted to clarify that this would lead to increase seasons for residents and the department concurs that this would probably lead to increase harvest in a Unit with possible conservation concerns. Dan does not want to support. Dan brings up some history on these hunts. They used to be two week seasons not three week season. OCT 7-21 vs the new Oct 1-21. and same in the Spring, opening on the 10th and closing on the 25th of May now it closes on the 31st of May. The Department brought up that they had recommended to start both seasons a week later. Dan feels that if the Department is going to alter the Spring season to Close it on the 25th of May(May 10-25th) rather than start it on the 17th of May (May 17th -May 31st). Dan states the boars seem to come out earlier and sow harvest probably would not change. Hans likes the idea to separate out the residents from the NR. Birch states he does not like the two option proposals. Do we vote on one option or both options? Steve clarifies that we can vote and let the BOG figure out the options. That if we feel strongly on one option we can make that known. Andy brings up that the proposer states that there are conflicts out in this Unit but the proposer does not bring up any incidents. Andy asks the Department if they have heard of any. Andy likes the idea that everyone has the opportunity to go hunt and anybody can go due to this being a registration hunt. Andy wishes someone from RHAK could come and talk about their proposals to the AC. Some AC members are RHAK members but will not be supporting these proposals. Birch feels this may be better brought up in a few years when there is not a conservation concern. Birch asks the Department how many guides are registered out there as one of their areas whether on Federal, State or Native land. Department did not know. Birch states that he likes to beachcomb out there and he doesn't bother when the bear season is open out there as there is so much traffic. Dan states that the number of guides out there has dropped over the last few years.</p>
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Birch brings up the proposer guides in the area and that if the proposer feels there is too much guide pressure there that he should get DNR and APHA together to revisit the guide concession program on State land. Dan guides in the area as well. Dan states this year there were 4 guides in the area. Total of 8 bears harvested out of 17 guided hunters. Dan feels that the proposer could flood the drawing with clients as he is such a large operation. That the proposer's guide use area backs up to the Federal land. Dan states that the Spring</p>



			season there in the State land is very low harvest as it is tidal flats/lowlands but in the Fall that there are more bears there. The bears in the Spring are more in the Federal hills there. The Department does not know population size. The Department does feel there is a conservation concern with a current decline in the Unit as stated in the prior two proposals. Also see the notes in Proposal 132 on the season start and end dates. The Department does support a reduction in overall bear harvest in this Unit. Dan is concerned about the reduction in bears in this Unit. Dan would not mind going back to the original two week seasons. Dan is opposed to this proposal. Andy prefers a registration permit vs a draw permit.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
NA			Steve makes a motion to take no action. Birch 2nds. No objections
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
NA			Steve makes motion to take no action. Birch 2nds. No objections

Adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 1/24/2018 meeting



Members Present: Andy Couch, Bob Marshall, Danny Lewis, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge, Neal Dewitt, Steve Bartelli, Tim Stephens

Members Absent:and Excused: Austin Manelick, Birch Yuknis, Chad Lipse, Chris Alderman, Dan Montgomery, Terry Ninger.

Motion to approve January 9 minutes by Mike Buirge 2nd by Mel Grave.

Minutes approved without objection.

Motion to accept agenda. Friendly amendment to Include action on Comments to DEC.

Amended motion approved without objection.

Motion to Approve Comments to DEC's Little Susitna River Listings by Andy Couch 2nd By Mel Grove. Andy Couch read some typed up comments and the committee asked several questions. It was discussed that if comments are approved the Advisory Committee should also ask to be included in DEC's ongoing process for Little Susitna River listings including any discussion of regulation change. Motion approved without objection by all 10 members present. Comments to be attached and submitted with minutes. Will also need to be submitted to DEC.

Additional comments to DEC must be in writing and may be e-mailed to drew.grant@alaska.gov All comments must be received by 5pm January 29, 2018. Written comments may also be faxed to (907) 465-5117 or sent by letter to Drew Grant, DED Division of Water, PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99801.

Neal DeWitt wanted to discuss ADF&G's fish stocking plan, but with some other people absent who wanted to discuss stocking, Herb suggested taking up stocking at another time.

Mel Grove made a motion with Steve Bartelli's second that the Advisory Committee write a letter to support Teresa Albaugh's and Larry Van Dale reappointment to the Board of Game. Mel agreed to draft the letter. Motion approved without objection.

Neal DeWitt will be attending a federal subsistence meeting in Anchorage — and wanted Committee members to know incase the had comments they would like to add.

Game proposals — motions by Mel 2nd by Steve Bartelli

103. Steve mentioned that the Committee has a history of not supporting CSH hunts, but if CSH for Copper Valley were to continue this might be a way to shrink the impact. Steve would like to the whole committee to come to agreement in how to vote on this proposal. Bob Marshall says he likes the opportunity to align season dates. Steve mentioned that at the last BOG meeting dealing with Unit 13 all Advisory Committees were opposed to CSH, but the board continued the program anyway. Motion passed 9-1-0. The opposed vote felt like the vast majority of Advisory Committees had already opposed a CSH Hunt.



104. Steve asked Is winter portion of the hunt required? Gino Del Frate said no the Department could have a shorter season. Steve wants to oppose because of the winter hunt — March 1 - 31 dates and its impact on moose in the late winter. ADF&G started the March hunts in 2014. Motion passed 6-4-0.

105. Would eliminate Unit 13 Antlerless moose hunt. Motion Opposed Unanimously 0-10-0.

106. ADF&G neutral on allocative aspect. Regulation currently allows for small harvest of any bulls — proposal would eliminate. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

107. Would create a late season registration any bull moose hunt. ADF&G neutral on allocation. Permits would be issued from a Unit 13 village(s). Number of permits greatly limited. Steve opposed for possible unfairness of permit issuing process. Nelson Island hunt for musk ox was mentioned as one such big problem. With such a limited number of permits this is really not registration this is a race to get those permits. To be fair registration hunts should have an opportunity for everyone to obtain a permit — but if a reasonable number of permits were issued, so there was a reasonable opportunity for everyone to obtain a permit, permit numbers would be so high that excessive harvest would likely occur. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0.

108. Bull to cow ratios would likely start to decline with a more liberal antler restriction. ADF&G mentioned that season may need to be shorted if bull harvest were too high. Andy mentioned that this management strategy had been used previously in Unit 13 for several years and had worked successfully for a number of years. Herb asked about having alternate years of 3 brow tine legal or 4 brow tine legal moose? Would this be some kind of amendment the AC might support as a way to provide a more liberal hunt opportunity, but possibly offset and down turn in bull cow ratios. It was mentioned that with the requirement that CHS and Tier 1 permit caribou hunters required to hunt moose in the same area the number of moose hunters has expanded. This is a very popular hunt area with lots of moose hunter participation. Motion failed 3-7-0.

109. Would change the drawing hunt to full curl ram from any ram. Herb was opposed. Lot of large rams that may not be legal under full curl regulation in this area — some may still be legal under age criteria, but that make judging even more difficult. ADF&G does not make money off these hunts on a permit basis. According to ADF&G the approach currently used in these Units would likely be cost prohibitive if it was use statewide, because of the cost of doing sheep surveys in moe remote locations. Motion opposed 3-7-0.

110. Steve Bartelli favors this drawing hunt switching to registration. ADF&G may establish smaller hunt areas with specific quotas for these areas. Motion approved 10-0-0. Gives more people a better opportunity to participate.

111. Bob likes the opportunity to hunt brown bear over bait. ADF&G neutral — have not seen any biological problems, but population may be declining slightly. Steve mentioned hunting conditions are so thick in Unit 13D that he see this as the only way to take brown bear. Motion approved 10-0-0.

112. Motion approved 10-0-0.



113. last year 47 wolverine taken — 50 to 80 per year. Wolverine start denning to have young about mid Feb. How many area of refuge are there. Gino felt this partially a social issue. ADF&G has little wolverine information. ADF&G feels Wolverine harvest may be driven by a handful of trappers on how they manage their line for catching wolverine. Neal opposes because at present our regulations align with federal season. Mel asked what the incidental catch is. Gino mentioned that incidental out of season catch turn in has been very low. He mentioned he knew of two and one of those was turned in by a trooper. Mel agrees with aligned longer season if no biological problems. Season vary for other adjourning units. ADF&G feels their are upper end healthy wolverine populations in upper end of Unit 13. Herb mentioned that a lot of the good wolverine areas have poor availability during short winter days, but better conditions later in the winter — Herb would like to support. Motion failed 3-7-0.

114. motion opposed 3-7-0.

115. motion opposed 3-7-0.

116. Would allow incidental harvest of two out of season fur bearers. Mike and Herb both oppose. Mel feels this proposal would not fix anything. Hans feels people would be more careless and take more animals out of season. Motion opposed 0-9-0 (Neal Dewitt had to step out).

122. motion passed 10-0-0. Housekeeping / clarity to use of boats / launch in this area according to ADF&G.

123. ADF&G attempt to simplify regulation. A portion of this trail is in the controlled use area and a portion is out. This is primarily an attempt by ADF&G to clarify and keep hunters from being cited. Mel wants to make the trail motorized access to hunt. Motion passed 7-3-0.

124. Would maintain status quo. Members feel this change would cause more problems in Unit 13.

Herb asked AC members to give him a priority of items they would like to work on at the next AC meeting. He is planning to cover just proposals that members want to bring up.

Other items of business that were not dealt with at this meeting include comments to ADF&G's fish stocking plan. Comments to representation at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and implications of management of fisheries in federal waters of Upper Cook Inlet by the council. This items could be timely to consider at the Jan. 31 meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. Next meeting will be January 31, 2017.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch
Approved by AC
Date Approved: January 31, 2017



**Matanuska Valley AC
January 31, 2018
Palmer MTA Building**

- Call to Order: 7:03pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call: Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Steve Bartelli, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Bob Marshall, Tim Stephans, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman and Mel Grove
Members Absent: Hans Nordstrom, Mike Buirge, Austin Manelick, David Young, Terry Nininger and Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Eleven present

List of User Groups Present: None

- Approval of Agenda:
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (For Jan 24th, 2018 meeting) Dan motions, seconded by Bob. Clarity to proposal 103 statements. Minutes approved without objection
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Sierra Doherty Education Associate III, Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III.
- Guests Present: None
- Old Business: Clarify comments on proposal 103. That the AC supported this proposal, if they had to have a CSH, but that the AC is opposed to the CSH program.
- New Business: Ms. Doherty is going to be in Dillingham for the BOG meeting doing some education outreach. She wanted to see what an AC meeting was like. Andy brought up next Weds Dunleavy with be having an informational meeting with the Borough concerning fishing and hunting issues. NOT a political meeting. Stocking plan was mentioned. BOF deadline is Feb 23rd, 2018. Herb will try to book rooms for meetings before deadline. Hopefully a meeting next Thursday, 02/8/2018. Dan wanted to know if there were specific topics he should emphasize in Dillingham. Steve wanted Dan to remind the BOG of our opposition to the CSH permit system. Andy wanted Dan to emphasize our AC's position on wanting an any Bull component to 16B. Andy briefly discussed what the North Pacific Council is considering with Upper Cook Inlet fishing in the EEZ. He will email us additional information. Mel brought up the North Pacific Council's decision on limiting the charter fleet even more this year. The council is taking away six more Tuesdays for the Charters to fish halibut. Wednesdays have already been taken. Mel said this really kills a town like Valdez on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AC voted to allow Herb Mansavage the ability to approve minutes if there is no time to have a meeting before they are due. Motion passed unanimously.



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
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Oppose	0	11	(00:11 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second. with no objection. Steve asks Tim P if there is any ADF&G management out there? Tim P replies that there is not really much of a management presence, yet the Department is opposed to this proposal. The Department does not want to lose one of the only management tools they have out there(harvest tickets). Birch states based on the Department's position he is opposed. Dan asked the department about non local participation. Tim P states that harvest has been declining. Dan mentions that if the bulls are not trophy bulls out there people are less interested in going as they can go elsewhere cheaper for a trophy bull. Danny hunted there two years ago in October. 70 people had gone before him He feels the caribou get a lot of pressure. They hunted 10 days and saw one caribou.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	1	(00:15 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objection. Tim P states the department is neutral on this one, however this would align the seasons. Steve states that if there is no biological concern he will support the addition opportunity.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	1	(00:17 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Steve asked the Department if this would present any challenges to the Department. Tim P states the Department has recommended to the BOG to take NA. The Department wants to ask the BOG for clear direction on this. Andy liked the idea of not having to spend extra time getting a permit, that one could fly out and hunt without extra delays. Steve likes the idea of equal access to a permit for everyone. No comments from the opposed



137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	8	3	(00:21 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Department states that the moose population is fine out there. Of course the Department is neutral. Neil states that the people he has talked to want to move the season later due to the weather and heat concerns for meat Neil feels he may vote against it. Dan knows some guides that work out there and there is a two moose registration permit for residents. The area is hard to access. Most of the rivers are restricted for aircraft. Dan sees no reason not to pass as the unit is above population objectives. Opposition vote stated that it is too far into the season and too far into the rut.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	1	(00:25 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Neil points out that the proposer states the season is already slowing down at the end of the season. Dan wants to support. Again there is the two moose resident registration hunt. The Department is of course neutral. Andy prefers this one over 137. Dan states the nonresidents are limited to 20 draw permits.
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	5	6	(00:29 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Again only 20 nonresident draw permits that are not fully utilized. Only one guide in the area. Lots of Federal land. The guide there has a Federal Concession that allows for only four moose hunters, resident or not. Also again hard access. Neil asked Tim P that 50 permits are allowed but only 20 are issued and the proposal talks about that there was an agreement for this. Apparently there is/was a moose working group out there. Steve is cautious about this proposal that five extra days at the end of the season for guided hunters could be lethal. Andy feels that if you have made the commitment to go out that far you want to have a good chance at success. Birch brought up that those permits don't have to be guided. The guide in the area is the proposer and he bought the area last year.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	2	9	(00:34 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch is adamantly opposed to any hunt that requires a guide beyond the three species that are already guide required. Some committee members felt this proposal would benefit



			the one guide using the area currently. Dan states that the guide in the area can currently only take 4 moose, even though the proposal asks for up to ten permits. Danny feels that this proposal is just for personal gain for the proposer.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	11	(00:37 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch states to see his comments from 140.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	10-1	(00:38 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch asks the Department how they feel. The Department states that they are neutral, however there is active IM in the area. Herb does not like that the nonresidents leave most of the meat in the unit. That they are not there for meat. The abstention (Dan) would like to see the area out of IM before nonresident participation is allowed.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	5	6	(00:40 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Neil wants to vote against the proposal because he wants the Department to prove that the herd is improving. Neil talks about the new counting method and the cameras used. He was at the Western Arctic Caribou herd meeting and it was discussed there. The department is neutral, however the units are below objectives. The department details more about the new cameras for counting the caribou and how much more accurate their counts should be now. However the Department states that things like bull to cow ratios and calving numbers are not affected by the new cameras as those are done with spotter planes going to the collared animals they have. Residents can harvest two caribou with a registration permit. Dan states that with a three year cycle this won't be addressed again for three years. Dan feels a draw permit allows for more control over the hunt. Dan also states that he has heard that the wolves have been hit pretty hard out there recently. Also that a limited draw should not hurt anything. Andy feels there is enough caribou to allow for some nonresident harvest. Steve cannot support since the unit is in IM. Steve stated that if this was Unit 13 people would be screaming if there was nonresident participation. Dan wanted to know the



			<p>harvest data from the Department. 330 caribou in regulatory year 2016, (2100-2400 is amount necessary for subsistence, so well below that) Mel feels that as a resident we can get two caribou, that allowing for 50 nonresident permits is acceptable. The Department states that even though the harvest is well below the harvestable surplus of 1200 animals this is primarily due to lack of access more than the lack of caribou. Snow cover has not been good for several years. Dan states that the caribou used to be in the flats now they are up in the hills making access even harder. Dan brings up that with draw permits only about half the people go so really we are talking about 25 hunters. These are not required to be guided hunts. Dan likes the increased opportunity. Steve used to hunt this area all the time, as well as allot of Valley residents. It was a marvelous opportunity for the Spring fly and shoot hunts. Now if you don't live over there and have a snow machine doing the Spring hunt is very difficult as the caribou move so much. Steve would like to see the herd grow to those numbers agian to allow for that opportunity again. Mel brought up how much this hunt would add to the Department's budget, with license fees and P and R funds. Steve asked if that was our goal to sell hunts? Mel states that the State essentially recieves no money from a resident who harvests a caribou and that he feels the additional nonresident harvest would benefit the State. Danny can't support, he guides in the area, used to be able to get five caribou, then three caribou and now two. He wants to see the numbers go up before he could support. Birch brought up that if someone is coming to Alaska to hunt caribou, if they don't go here they will go somewhere else in the State, so the State will still get their money. Dan states that due to difficult access and limited draw opportunity you are probably talking about 12 animlas harvested which will not affect this herd of 27,000. Neil brings up that one bad winter and this herd could be knocked down significantly. Neil feels we will have better numbers with the State's new camera system and then we can consider this.</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	(01:00 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch wants to know waht the Department has to say about the beavers in these areas. Department has no biologic



			concern, however the Department feels that the beavers in the more accessible areas may see more harvest. The Department is also worried about lost beavers that sink and are not retrieved. Dan mentioned that he wrote the proposal. He feels there are allot of guys that would jump at the opportunity to buy a trapping license and harvest a beaver as an incidental to another hunt. Dan also states that he has seen many streams cut off from beaver dams and that it is affecting the salmon migration up some of these areas. Steve can support, Neil concurs. Andy states that the data is inconclusive on if beaver dams hurt or help salmon. Dams and ponds are great for Coho rearing. Dams can be hard for salmon to cross. That the Department does go and "notch" some beaver dams to allow for fish passage. Andy has no problem with people harvesting with a rifle. He is torn on the dam removal portion. Danny says there is allot of beavers out there and that some locals may be harvesting with a rifle already.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	1	(01:05 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch brought up that Kalgin used to be in our area but it isn't anymore. Danny does not like cow harvest.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	8	2-1	(01:08 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. The Department stated that 23 cows were harvested last year. Steve brought up that the BOG does not need our vote to authorize these hunts as these antlerless hunts are not in our area. Abstention was that this is not our area to authorize.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	10	1	(01:11 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. The Department states that this hunt has provided additional hunting opportunity. That these hunts help keep the population down to avoid winter die offs. Danny does not like cow hunts.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	10	1	(01:12 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. See Department comments for 155. Danny does not like cow hunts.



162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	11	0	(01:13 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Department supports. No biological concern. Dan says there is a robust bear population and the winters have been mild of late. With no tag fee leads to increased opportunity.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	11	0	(01:16 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections.

166 (01:17 01/31/2018) Dan motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Steve states that there is/was a 40 mile coalition and it appears that this is working well. Current population is 75,000. The Department feels that if the herd hits 100,000 there may be a crash. Mel asked the Department if the Canadiens were harvesting any animals? The Department stated that the First Nation people are not required to report harvest so there is no way to know. Tim S wanted to know from the Department why harvest quotas have not increased as the population has grown? Neil feels that the population increase may be due to the Canadian caribou migrating over to the Alaska side of the line from what he heard at the WAC meeting. Neil is for this proposal. Steve states that the proposal does not ask for anything specific, that it is just asking the BOG to look this over. Andy feels that Spraker is very cautious. That he will direct the BOG to do what he feels is best, whatever we vote. That he will want to avoid a crash. Birch just wants to make sure to avoid the rut. Support 11-0
Adjournment: 9:00 pm by Herb Mansavage

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair
Date: 2/2/2018