

Delta Advisory Committee

11 OCT 2017
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:35 pm by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Carl Taylor, Jeff Lipscomb, Vern Aiton, Jacob White, Tim Webb, Paul Dudgeon, Don Quarberg (ALT), Earl McNabb, Tony Williams (ALT)
 Members Absent: Rusty Craig(excused), Liz Neipert (Excused), Ross Baker (excused), Don Bunselmeier (ALT) (Excused), Jack Windsor (ALT) (Excused)
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6. 9 present
 List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as read. (April 2017)
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Clint Cooper, Doreen Parker-McNeil

 Clint – Handed out harvest summary which is also available at the Delta Office of ADF&G
 Briefly discussed habitat projects which Cam Carrol, the interior small game biologist will give a more detailed presentation on at NOV or DEC meeting. Draw permit booklets to be published soon.
 Doreen – Presented the ADF&G comments on the BOG proposals and stated they were also available on line.
- VI. Guests Present: Representatives from USARAK G-3 Range – Mark Adams
- VII. Old Business:
 Mark Adams from U.S. Army Alaska G-3 gave a recap of last hunting season on military land in Alaska. Closure maps were out in July. About 1528 hunters according to USARTRAK. About the same number of citations issued this year as in previous years. Don Quarberg commended USARAK on keeping DTA West mostly open in Moose Season.
- VIII. New Business:
 Calendar – Delta AC will conduct both officer and member elections in April. Next meetings will be 15 NOV and 13 DEC.

Vern gave an update on the 40-mile Caribou Herd: Population is up and seems healthy/growing. Canada is likely to start using their hunting quota which they have not been doing in past several years. The events on the Steese highway this year, the overkilling of the quota/harvest goal, and unethical /unsafe behavior by hunters sparked a lively discussion. All present support some measures to restore sanity, safety, and a sense of a quality hunt to this and other road accessible hunts. One suggestion isto make Hunter Safety course mandatory for anyone who has not hunted in Alaska before, regardless of age or what/where in Alaska they will hunt.

The AC then took up the BOG proposals (results attached)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 PM

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
SAA	8	0	Where the proposal says “Kill” amend to say “Kill or wound”
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
Oppose	0	9	
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
SAA	6	1	Because seasons go into two calendar years, amend to change the license year to match the regulatory year rather than the calendar year.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	9	
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	9	0	
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	9	
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
NAT	0	0	
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	3	
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Oppose	0	1	
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Support	2	0	
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
NAT			
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
NAT			
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Support	4	0	
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
NAT			
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
NAT			
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
Oppose	0	9	
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	9	0	

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18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
NAT			
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
Support	1	0	
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
NAT			
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
Support	7	0	
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
NAT			
23	Update the falconry manual		
NAT			
24	Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting		
Oppose	0	7	
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	6	
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Oppose	0	7	
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	7	0	
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
Oppose	0	4	
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
NAT			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit		
Oppose	0	9	
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	9	
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	9	
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Oppose	0	8	
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
Oppose	0	8	

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35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Support	6	0	
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Oppose	0	9	
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Oppose	0	9	
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Oppose	0	9	
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	9	
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
Oppose	0	8	
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Oppose	0	9	
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Support	9	0	
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Oppose	0	9	
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
Oppose	0	5	
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
Oppose	2	4	
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Support	9	0	
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
Oppose	0	5	
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
NAT			See Proposal 46 – we believe 46 solves this
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	5	0	
50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
NAT			

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51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
NAT			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	5	
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
NAT	0	0	
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	4	
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
NAT			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
NAT			
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
NAT			
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
NAT			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
NAT			
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	0	6	
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
NAT			
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	9	0	

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Oppose 0-4

Minutes Recorded By: __Jeff Lipscomb

Minutes Approved By: Carl Taylor

Date: 11/2/2017