

**Ruby Advisory Committee
Public Meeting to Comment on Relevant BOF Proposals
December 27, 2018
Ruby Tribal Council Kendra B. McCarty Bldg., in Ruby, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: 5:10 PM by Dwight Edward Sarten
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chair-Person: Dwight Edward Sarten, Vice Chair-Person: Donald Honea Jr., Traditional Chief Adviser: William McCarty II, Secretary: Yvonne Adams, Member: John Tramm, Member: Dale Honea, Member: Tim Gervais: Alternate
- III. Members Absent: 0
- IV.
- V. Number Needed for Quorum on RAC: (4) Quorum Established
- VI. List of User Groups Present: Sara Longson from Juneau, Glenn Stout

Fish and Game Staff Present: Deena Jallen and Shannon from Anchorage

Jim Simon could not get through on phone.
- VII. Guest Present: John "Billy Honea, Ezekial "Zeek" Sarten, John Stamm, Willy Dozette
- VIII. Approval of Agenda: Ed Sarten made a motion to change the Agenda in reference to

Proposals 12, 28, 29. Rules of Operation in Committee. Board of Fishery items Seconded

by John Tramm. Accepted unanimously. Proposal 12. 25-mile radius for being in Advisory

Committee. Don Honea Jr. made a motion to leave things as is. Seconded by Billy

McCarty. Glenn Stout said can always table to vote on later. Ed Sarten also mentioned that

Nissa told him if we abstain from voting it is considered a neutral vote.
- IX. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ed Sarten made a motion to approve

Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2018. Motion is passed. All in favor.
- X. Reports: All present were given a copy of Area Management Biologist Jeff Estensen

and Fall Season Research Biologist Bonnie Borba's News Release dated 12/26/18
- XI. New Business: Ruby Advisory Committee actions on proposals scheduled for

upcoming meeting January 15-19, 2019.

Discussion:

-Deena Jallen said that if having a potlatch just contact her to issue permits and you can catch so many fish for the amount of time. If the ice goes out we are talking she fish and early king. We do allow early harvest, so Deena opposes as there is a process already in place. They are not being denied as they have fishing opportunity even if a lot of fish not going through at that time. Someone could abuse this and should apply for a cultural and educational permit.

-Don Honea Jr. said the Fish Committee supported to extend this to entire Yukon. (Amendments). He recommends supporting it with amendment saying to allow king salmon taken for religious and ceremonial use. Extend to entire Yukon and use language like ceremonial taking of moose and have the language in the regulation.

-Deena Jallen says the State of Alaska cannot discriminate and it would be tricky to have the troopers enforce this.

K. Proposal 151: Motion by Ed Sarten to Support. Don Honea Jr. second. Motion passed, John Tramm opposes.

Discussion:

-Glenn Stout said this proposal is asking for a 15-day season to be announced in the winter month of March for any moose for residents who did not fill their tag. Survey shows the moose population almost doubled due to a fire of 500,000 acres back in 2004. This fire resulted in the increased number of moose. So, the quota would be of the 25 moose allowed killed, 20 can be cows and must report in 2 days the kill. Highly suggested they know how to tell if a cow is pregnant so as not to kill pregnant ones or any that have a calf at their side. This is also a habitat issue as there are too many moose for the area. He said there are over 3,000 cows out there and the bulls lost their antlers so cows are harvested randomly. For example, there are 100 cows for every 30 bulls ratio. Therefore, every third

moose killed will be a bull and the other 2 will be cows.

-Don Honea Jr. asked Glenn if he was looking at aerial surveys and where was he getting his numbers from?

-Glenn Stout replied they are using aerial surveys and seeing the population of cows increasing more than the bulls possibly due to mild winters. There is also a decrease in the amount of black bears. If it were not for the fire as a distinguishing factor in the Koyukuk area there would be no population increase.

-John Tramm asked if this was across from Nulato? Near Galena on the south bank of Yukon River?

-Glenn Stout answered that we won't harvest the north side. He realizes that the slough to Ruby, the numbers are low, so we would be downstream from where that fire was.

-Don Honea Jr. said that in the past Ruby people abused this type of right. Someone who already got a moose would say they needed to get one for each grandchild so he worries on who would oversee this?

-Glenn Stout answered that if a person gets a moose they need to report it in 48 hours so the quota we set is not over harvested. He said even the online application process stops a person from getting another moose because it would disclose a second permit being applied for.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if Ruby does not agree with this, what do you deem the consequences would be? Would it be die off of cow moose from not enough habitat to feed on?

-Glenn Stout replied that he uses twinning surveys to watch how habitat declines. It is something to do with fewer twins and he has 15 years of using this method successfully. As a moose population grows it overshoots carrying the habitat. You have a yo-yo supply of moose. He reminded Ruby that they can veto it entirely.

-Don Honea Jr. mentioned a bounty was once set for predator control and 70 wolves were taken.

-John Tramm asked why can't people get their bull in the fall if the population has expanded due to this fire?

Glenn Stout answered John Tramm by saying it could be the hunting techniques people are using for example they hunt the river corridors which may not be as effective. Also, if extra rain, it grows willows that hide the moose on the sandbars so moose are not exposed when walking the sandbar along the river.

-Willy Dozette asked if Glenn is referring to rural or urban hunters?

-Glenn Stout said the ratio is 54% urban and 17% rural. He stated that the local rural hunters are more adaptable because the urban hunter has just a short window of time where they have to take time off work and get to the remote site. He mentioned also climate change affects all State of Alaska residents.

-Don Honea Jr. asked for numbers of hunters around Melozi (upstream from Grayling).

-Glenn Stout replied the general harvest from all residents and nonresidents is 50-60 hunters taking roughly 25-30 moose per year.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if this could be changed to a permit and why did Glenn change it? What is the rationale? Will Ruby be used as pawns to sign off on spoiled meat?

-Ed Sarten added that someone is using the meat transfer possession system and abusing it as guides.

-Glenn Stout replied that if bad meat still is abused let us make a date to further discuss this.

-Ed Sarten said it could be using on 2 moose instead of 1.

-Don Honea Jr. said meat is given to us in which we had to put to the dump. What options do we have open to us? There is a person coming from Galena and other transporters who know about this. What laws are there to bring compliance?

-Glenn Stout said he will look further into this and perhaps we could talk further about it in a newly scheduled meeting sometime in February 2019.

-Tim Gervais, could we finish this tomorrow say at 5pm?

-Glenn Stout replied sure as long as everyone sees the proposal deadlines: BOF; Arctic Yukon

Kuskokwim Meeting in Anchorage Comment Deadline January 2, 2019 and BOG Proposals due Interior Region and Arctic Western Region May 1, 2019.

XII. Set next meeting date: Ed Sarten set tomorrow at 5pm same place for completing these proposals.

XIII. Adjourn at 7:43 PM

**Ruby Advisory Committee
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Continued on December 28, 2018
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XIV. Call to Order: 5:05 PM by Dwight Edward Sarten

XV. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chair-Person: Dwight Edward Sarten, Vice Chair-Person: Donald Honea Jr., Secretary: Yvonne Adams, Member: John Tramm, Member: Dale Honea, Member

XVI. Members Absent: 0

XVII.

XVIII. Number Needed for Quorum on RAC: (4) Quorum Established

XIX. List of User Groups Present:

Fish and Game Staff Present: Deena Jallen and Christy Gleason

XX. Guest Present: John "Billy Honea

XXI. Approval of Agenda: Ed Sarten said this is actually considered the same meeting as yesterday, just continued due to time limitations.

XXII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: ...only continuation from yesterday.

XXIII. Reports: none

XXIV. New Business: Ruby Advisory Committee actions on proposals scheduled for upcoming meeting January 15-19, 2019.

L. Proposal 95: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Support with Amendment. John Tramm second. Motion is passed all in favor.