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**PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS STATEMENT REPORT
Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game advisory Committee
Last Meeting December 12 &13, 2019**

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Date: 01/15/2020

INTRODUCTION STATEMENT: Hello I am John A Lamont a Lower Yukon Coastal Advisory Committee Member, I was selected to present are recommendation on proposals from are latest meeting in Bethel held on December 12 & 13, 2019. The Lower Yukon Coastal Advisory Committee is made up of six primary member and alternates, these people and villages they represent are:

Ray Oney;	Chairman representing, Alakanuk
John A Lamont;	Vice-Chair representing, Emmonak
David Bunyan;	Primary representing, Hooper Bay
Bernard Afcan;	alternate representing, Nunam Iqua
Anthony Ulak;	Primary representing, Scammon Bay
Joe Uisok;	Primary representing, Kotlic (was excused)

History, Culture:

Many of the villages are located along or near the Lower mouth of the Yukon River, and the Bering Sea Coastline. These villages are federally recognized tribes, and are Yupik Eskimo people known by our distinctive language dialect. Majority are traditional hunters and gatherers, living a subsistence life style by seasonal hunting animals, gathering fish, plants and berries form the land, rivers, and sea, some also commercial fish during the regulated season. Most village are located on the Yukon Delta Wildlife Refuge, located in Kusilvak Census area.

Most of the village have airports, to transport in and out to other villages and Cities, there are no highways or Interstate routes, so we can consider winter trails, and river, stream, and coastline, as part of our highways. Most store items and food product are flown in and cost more than urban city locations that is why we must utilize and practice subsistence, culture, and tradition gathering to offset cost of store bought items.

It is very important for villages to have AC committee members to represent them, because food security and subsistence is vital to our cultural and traditional needs. We must understand these proposals to protect our natural resources and manage them properly for the future for the Yupik people of each of the villages. We have also been challenged by climate changes, these changes in the weather affect the outcome of how we plan on gathering or practicing subsistence activities, so that these proposals are designed to assist the hunter and gatherer during this time of climate change, known as global warming, which affects everyone. These are the results from the last AC meeting on proposals.

See proposals; as follows:

Preliminary Recommendations
Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game
Advisory Committee

- X. ~~New Business~~
 - XI. ~~Select representative(s) for board meeting~~
 - XII. ~~Set next meeting date~~
 - XIII. ~~Other~~
- ~~Adjourn~~

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals
January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
N	4	0	No Action: We have plenty of moose in unit 18, waiting on other AC Board action w/ State BOG
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
S	4	0	Bernard Afcan absent; production is a problem to people this should be addressed, measures and actions should be taken to maintain a balance of animal control for food security
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	4	0	Bernard Afcan absent: This we see as house keeping we the Subsistence or Resident hunter have hunting licenses, TAGS would waste time to obtain them, adding requirements
4	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island		
S	5	0	this gives this Region, climate change effects hunting, and gathering, and time is limited, that DFC limits number of permits based on preliminary studies

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5	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island		
S	5	0	To keep population in check, manageable, control over grassing, but to take enough out of population to not over kill but to maintain healthy stock as regulated.
6	Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18		
S w/am Follow the Requirement Reports	5	0	Amend to add Nelson Island Teaching hunting is a valuable tool for the respect of our children this time to give lessons on cultural and traditional values, and begin new role models for the community they will teach what they learn.
7	Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18		
S w/am meet Requirement manager	5	0	This is understandable, Food Security, Preserve, and protect are Food is important this is why we go gather subsistence food to feed our families, our children means a lot
8	Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder		
S	5	0	this is simple both state and Federal could not confuse the subsistence hunter. we are trying are best to feed are children when time and money is limited a warrant tells a story how well are we
9	Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18		
S	5	0	supported with Opt. B asian climate change changes plans, This is a safety issue, not enough snow may cause over heating of snow machine engines, but time is limited to gather and risks are taken, Breakdown
10	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18 Search and rescue		
S	5	0	this is house keeping renew this proposal because it works, if it work we need to re-envent the wheel
11	Establish a minimum caliber rifle to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
S	5	0	We see this happen now! everyone is not always crack shot, what if we miss. a wounded animal is not bagged. we don't want to catch damaged game by someone else shot or old wounds We want fresh meat, preserved by nature we are what we eat. Again want and waist prevention.

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12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
S	5	0	We agree increases the hunter ability for more rifle power to possible plus game ratio, it just makes sense
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
S w/am	5	0	Knock them down. Add bartering and handicraft. Leads to money making not a true value or traditional value, Leads to want and waists, provisions should.
14	Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18		
S	5	0	be strengthened or reduction. We witness the decline of snow, called climate change. No snow, white ptarmigan they are easy do to the lack of camouflage they have no where to hide, sitting ducks
15	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit		
S	5	0	as before climate change effects all living organisms, we become vulnerable to what we can catch; because of depletion
16	Extend the hunting season dates for brown bear in Unit 18		
S	5	0	over harvest, predation. Amend 2 bears bag limit. We don't really hunt bears Bernard Afcan absent but we should have a right to, maybe accidental catch, because of weather fog, Rain, snow, miss judgment
17	Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18		
S w/m	4	0	Bernard Afcan absent. Supported will manage meat we don't hunt this
18	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18		
			No action

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____