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**Anchorage Advisory Committee  
2/1/2022  
William Jack Hernandez Fish Hatchery**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06PM by Kevin Taylor
- II. Roll Call
  - Members Present: Ernie Weiss, Harold (Ed) Horton, Willow Hetrick, Matt Moore, Kevin Taylor, Martin Weiser, Neil DeWitt, JR Gates, Lynette Hinz, Jim Nabulsi, Rick Rogers, Bryce Ekroth, Georgina Heaverly, Scott Crowther, Phillip Calhoun, Joel Doner.
  - Members Absent (Excused): Tyler Loken
  - Members Absent (Unexcused): None
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
  - List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Sylvester
- IV. Guests Present: Richard Person
- V. Approval of Agenda: Neil DeWitt motioned; Matt Moore seconded; carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: None
    - i. Game Subcommittee Chair – Central/Southwest meeting went well. There was a lot of discussion about the Emperor goose proposals. Proposals 32 and 33 were voted down and not other EMGO proposals were taken up.
  - b. ADF&G: None
  - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business: Board of Game proposal deadline for Southcentral (Southcentral Region - Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15) is upcoming for the meeting cycle:



2022/2023 and the Game Subcommittee may be developing proposals. The Board of Fish will be in a Bristol Bay year.

XI. Set next meeting date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery.

XII. Other

Adjourn

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<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>			
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
Oppose	1	13	Oppose b/c think that a crossbow should be not in the primitive weapons category. Support because would allow for more opportunity.
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
Support as Amended	15	0	Like the idea of having a primitive weapons category. Would suggest removing shotgun from the category or change to smooth-boar shotgun. Additionally, muzzleloader would have to be a breach muzzleloader. Establish a common definition to include crossbow with muzzleloader in all definitions.
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”		
No Action	--	--	Support that the Board move the discussion forward about the definition of hunting gear in general.
104	Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
Support as Amended	15	0	Support and suggest adding mountain lion to the list. Support penalty for people releasing wild animals.
106	Provide a definition for “feral”		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		



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Oppose	0	15	See Proposal 106, this one is too restrictive.
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
Support	12	0	3 abstain due to lack of knowledge. Support for reasons stated.
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
Support	13	0	2 abstain due to lack of knowledge. Support for reasons stated & see Proposal 114; Department is in support.
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Need more background information.
112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
No Action	--	--	N/A. See Proposal 108.
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Need more background information.
114	Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
115	Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
116	Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
117	Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field		
Oppose	0	15	Appreciate that there is an administrative burden to the Troopers and believe that enforcement is needed but suggest that this becomes a line item to a hunting license. Also suggest that electronic copies would suffice for all hunting licenses, education, and tags because hunters traveling from unit to unit without a stop at home could be impacted.
118	Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.
119	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
Support	15	0	As long as the population is controlled by the Department based on previous years' surveys and there. The expectation is that the harvest rate



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			will improve, and the Department must manage with permit # restrictions as needed.
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
Support	15	0	The expectation is that the harvest rate will improve, and the Department must manage with permit # restrictions as needed. This is a technicality between hunts that needs to be worked out.
121	Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game		
Support as Amended	15	0	Support if track only.
122	Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game		
Oppose	0	15	The minimum draw weights are set to ensure that big game are ethically killed. Conditions in Alaska are very different that in the states and must be taken into consideration.
123	Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game		
Oppose	2	11	Oppose because this will make people more accurate and proficient but also enables people to take longer shots which increases the risk of injuring the animal without killing it. Electronics are not allowed to be used in other hunts. Support because of safety reasons and believe it would be wise to use the sights in populated area hunts where the reason for bow hunting was to better protect local residence and not to give special privilege over other hunters. 2 abstain due to lack of knowledge of bow hunting and the ethical reasons for or against this proposal.
124	Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows		
Oppose	2	11	See comments on Proposal 123. 2 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
Support as Amended	15	0	Amended to allow the use of crossbows in muzzleloader hunts. Exclude crossbows from archery only hunts. See comments on Proposal 102 re: weapons.
126	Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game		
Oppose	0	15	Use a rifle at this point as this addition to a muzzleloader too efficient.
127	Allow air rifles for hunting big game		
Oppose	0	15	The rifle restrictions are set to ensure that big game are ethically killed. Conditions in Alaska are very different and must be taken into consideration. There is more discussion to be had around the use of air riffles.



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128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
No Action	--	--	--
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
Oppose	0	15	Difficult enforcement with multiple round types carried in the field
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
Support	15	0	Support department efforts to prevent CWD in AK
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
Support	15	0	Support ethical use of not typically consumed bird parts for trapping
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
Support	15	0	See comments on 131
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
Support	15	0	See comments on 97
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
Oppose	0	15	There is too much potential for to mis-apply as a trapline checking device
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Support	15	0	Prop 207 was a failed attempt to limit participation in the sheep hunt. the board of game needs to limit entry through drawing or other established methods is the way forward.
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Support	15	0	See comments on proposal 135
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Support	15	0	See comments on proposal 135
138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
Oppose	0	15	This follows the unenforceable prop 207
139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
Oppose	0	15	See comments on proposal 138
140	Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area		
Oppose	0	15	Excessive ask.
141	Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart		



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Oppose	0	15	Enforcement issues and can be mis-used to block reasonable access by others
142	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action	--	--	--
143	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action	--	--	--
144	Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	15	No need for cats to be released into the wild
145	Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations		
No Action	--	--	--
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Oppose	0	15	Our understanding is ADFG already accounts for certain amount of tags to go un utilized
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
Oppose	0	15	Concerns about commercial participation in hunting and monetizing trophy value along with poor description of permit requirements by proposer.
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
Oppose	0	15	See comments on proposal 147
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		
Support	15	0	Provides reliability for guides forecasting and we support only if taking the 2dk tags out of the NR allocation
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
Oppose	0	15	Allows too much over requesting for an area where less financially able hunters are unable to compete
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		
Support	15	0	no loopholes to the draw process that all residents have to be constrained to
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
No Action	--	--	--



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153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Support	15	0	Creative and fair way to give a resident preference
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
Oppose	0	15	Allotment is not perfect. This is also not perfect.
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	15	3 brow tine system was promoted as best practice
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
Oppose	0	15	See notes on crossbow equivalent to muzzle loader
157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
Support	15	0	Tighten up medical exemption permit process a good idea
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
Support	15	0	Good use of Alaskan game that may otherwise go to waste
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
Oppose	0	15	Waste of limited resources and cumbersome for households
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
Oppose	0	15	Too much waste for the implied risk
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
Support	15	0	Good requirement for the resource
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
Support	15	0	Believe this is ethical and prudent, but concerns about enforceability. our hope is all hunters would self police
164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
Support	15	0	See comments on proposal 163
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
Oppose	0	15	It could lead to a money grab where ultra rich could lock out any other opportunity
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		



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No Action	--	--	--
167	Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit		
No Action	--	--	--
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
No Action	--	--	--
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
Oppose	0	15	These animals should continue to be legally harvested
170	Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries		
No Action	--	--	--
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
No Action	--	--	--
172	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
Oppose	0	15	We feel there is enough access to the DHCMA
173	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Oppose	0	15	DCMA is a good way to hunt a potentially concentrated area
174	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
175	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
176	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
177	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
178	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
179	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
180	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		



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181	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
182	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
184	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
185	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
186	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
187	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
188	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
189	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
193	Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A		
Support	15	0	Support for additional hunting opportunity.
196	Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25		
Oppose	0	15	Oppose ADF&G may issue emergency order closures as necessary.
230	Change the definition for "full-curl horn"		
Oppose	0	15	We oppose the taking of rams younger than 8 years of age.
231	Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans .		
No action	--	--	See proposal 131
232	Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers		
Support	15	0	Support as it would conserve the resource by increasing recovery of furbearers



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233	Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species		
No action	--	--	See proposal 122
234	Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.		
Support	11	2	Bear baiting is designed to provide more opportunity, more time to judge animal before taking animal. Using technology provides more opportunity. Opposed took the position that too much technology is being utilized in hunting and more is not needed. Should add electronics not authorized in any other hunts. 2 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
235	Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit		
Oppose	0	15	Opposed as spotlighting is perceived as unethical.
236	Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location		
No action	--	--	See proposal 141
237	Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation		
Support	15	0	Support sharing the liability with ADF&G to be sure the bait station location complies with regulations.
238	Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
Oppose	0	15	Oppose as the Vlcak is a wolf hybrid.
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
No action	--	--	See proposal 152
240	Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust		
Oppose	0	15	Anyone can have a revokable trust. Prohibiting the sale of trophies limits black market activities.
241	Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters		
Support	15	0	The allocation of guided hunt permits versus 2nd degree of kindred permits should come from the same pool.
242	Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"		
Support	15	0	The concept of fairness was considered and we support allowing military members the opportunity to hunt after returning from deployment.



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243	Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts		
Support	15	0	This will happen in very limited cases and is fair to the surviving family.
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	15	0	Unanimously support for reasons stated
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
No action	--	--	See proposal 161
246	Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns		
Support	15	0	Many hunters do not like horns drilled and plugged. There is enough data in databases to track the horns. Also, electronic chips could be utilized by drilling in the bone base under the horn and placing an id chip permanently.
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Oppose	0	15	This is a tool for predator management.
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
Support	15	0	This allows a youth to hunt with an adult family member and take an animal on their tag. We support getting youth in the field and participating in hunting. We see no negative impact from supporting this proposal.
249	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
250	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
251	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.



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254	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
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Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.		
Support	15	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
263	Allow the harvest of sea otter.		
No Action	--	--	Not considered as it is outside of Board of Game authority.
264	Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power		
No Action	--	--	Not considered as it is outside of Board of Game authority.
265	Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
No Action	--	--	Allows for better planning for hunters out of the unit which could put more pressure on the resource. Also benefits those that are good on the



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			computer and have time to wait for the registration opening online. Defer to the Fairbanks AC and support them on their decision.
266	Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas		
Support	15	0	Standardizing unit boundaries leads to less confusion in the field for hunters.
267	Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall Sheep		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated. Increases resident hunting opportunity.
268	Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated. These animals have the potential to do a lot of damage to habitat but most importantly the wild sheep population.
269	Create a tiered hunt structure and open a hunt for the Unimak Island caribou herd		
Support	15	0	More opportunity for residents to hunt. The herd has been growing and it's a remote area with hardly any natural pressures.
270	Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E		
Support	15	0	Support for reasons stated.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick/Matt Moore

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: 2/1/2022

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:07PM

**ROLL CALL/ QUORUM ESTABLISHED:**

Present: Jaimie Kassman, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Mike Riley, Robert Lekandar, Jerry White, Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle; Excused Absence: Rafe Johnson, Robert Hoffman; Vacant: 4 seats

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Doug Carney, SHAC Chairman; Nick Smith, ADFG Commercial Fisheries Manager; Aaron Moses, USFWS Subsistence Coordinator; Danielle Lowery, ONC Fisheries Biologist

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion- John LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jerry White, Unanimous Approval

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** February 25, 2021: Motion- Mike Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon LaValle, Unanimous Approval

**COMMENTS:**

- **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

- Doug Carney- Introduction of two (2) proposals and request for support (171- Boundary Line) and request to oppose (239- Online Registration Hunts).

- **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:** (*Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting*)

- Robert Lekander- Concern for the Chum & Chinook Salmon. Gave history of how fishing was back in the good old days.
- Mike Riley- Wondering if Moose are moving down from Paimiut. The amount of moose we seen in Paimiut was 1 moose in three days, prior years was 12 moose per day. *ADFG Pat Jones- Moose wander a distance during spring- fall, but as soon as winter hits they are really loyal to their winter ground.*
- Bethel AC Discussion: Online Drawing hunt for Bison and Musk Ox, is to incorporate the following language instead of using a point system: "A successful draw permit is not permitted to reapply for the same drawing permit for (years are optional, suggested 3-5) years."
- Bethel AC Discussion Mulchatna Caribou Herd: Specifically, Unit 18, Yukon Kuskokwim Bethel Area:
  - In the history of Caribou through the eyes of Robert Lekander, an elder of the BAC, he tells us the witnessed accounts of want -n- waste happened more and more each year as snow machines got faster and higher caliber semi-automatic to automatic guns became more popular to utilize for hunting. Hunters would run the herds down until they got tired or to where they can single out a few caribou. Some hunters would find one big herd and then just shoot right into the herd, not thinking about the bullets going through the caribou. This type of sloppy hunting resulting in killing more Caribou or wounding non-targeted Caribou. When Caribou are wounded, they get sick, then pass that sickness to healthy caribou or just die. When you are driving to the wintering grounds of Caribou, you can see Ravens flying and you will find dead gut shot Caribou. Another recommendation for future Caribou hunting, would be to shorten the hunting dates, it will only take hunters 1-2 days to get their quota.
  - For future Caribou hunting opportunity, I, Chairman Jaimie Kassman, would like to make sure that people in the region to have opportunity to that resource; as apart of their lifestyle and a way to gather food. Right now, we are lucky to have the Moose as another good source of protein.
  - All the members of the Bethel AC were in support to bring back the Caribou Working Group.

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- I really like the idea of a Caribou Permit.
- A Tier II system for Caribou will be determined by the population and who will be able to hunt based on the category they are in. If the Mulchatna Caribou Herd was to go into a Tier II system, our Unit will never be able to get out of that Tier II system. As our past commentator Greg Roczicka at ONC said, "One you get into a Tier II, no matter what you do, you almost never get out of it." The discussion is once you go into a Tier II permit, it will never go away in our lifetime anyways. There are pro's and con's to a Tier II system, but you have to be ready to take the cost of going into a Tier II.
- Currently, there is a lot of Moose on the Yukon River that needs to be killed. There aren't very many people there compared to how many people are on the Kuskokwim. Moose can be harvested so the Caribou population can rise.
- As the Bethel AC, we would like to see about raising healthier Caribou, brainstorming ways of decreasing calf mortality, research ways to prevent diseases by methods or means, advocate against poaching, increase predator harvesting for three or more consecutive years. We would like to have the Department get with FWS to keep the Caribou Harvesting closed or go into a moratorium for 5-10 consecutive years. In the future of Caribou hunting and opportunities will need to strategize adequate population means to harvest and continue to keep the population stable.

### Alaska Department of Fish & Game Update:

- a. Wildlife, Patrick Jones:
  - a. Moose Spring 2021 Goodnews Bay Survey: Count 450 Record High
  - b. Moose Spring 2021 Kanektok Survey (Assisted by Togiak FWS): Count 234 Record High
  - c. Moose Kuskokwim River 2021 Survey: Count Zone 1- 3200 & Count Zone 2- 568 (Best Ever)
  - d. Musk Ox Nunivak 2021 Survey: Count 701, 130 calves (Upper End- Higher Harvest)
  - e. Musk Ox Nelson Island 2021: Count 213, 100 calves (Upper End- Higher Harvest)
  - f. Moose Yukon (Paimiut- Emmonak & Kotlik) 2021 Survey: Count 20,000 (Concern- Too High)  
Yukon Moose Population is too high that it is alarming and off the chart #'s. **Bottom line we need to figure out how to kill more moose before they crash.**
  - g. 2021 Results Yukon River Moose Studies: 60 calves, June 25 died, 24 Starvation. Predators not making a difference on the population.
  - h. 2022 April Yukon River Moose Studies: Goal 50 more calves
- b. Fisheries, Nick Smith:
  - a. Chinook Salmon Escapement Goals: All goals were met. Run-reconstruction model preliminary Estimate: 129,000 Estimate with a total Escapement of 101,000. Drainage wide: 65,000-120,000
  - b. Sockeye & Coho Escapement Goals:
    - i. Kogrukluk (Met)- Coho was a mixed bag
    - ii. George (Met)- Below Average, but within the goal
  - c. Chum Escapement Goals (Not Met): Worst on Record that he could find all over Alaska.
  - d. Aerial surveys: Due to bad weather we were not able to fly as planned. We were able to get Goodnews and Kanaktok Rivers. Goals met for Kuskokwim Bay.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

#### I. Alaska Board of Game Proposals: 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
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows.		
Table-No Action	7	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Assisted Introduction by Patrick Jones</p> <p>Discussion/ Question: History of the Mulchatna Caribou in Unit 18, long ago, when the herd was called the Kilbuck Mountain Herd. The Kilbuck herd was a small mixture of wild Caribou and tamed Reindeer that interbred. When the Mulchatna Caribou moved into the area, it was huge, approximately 300,000 that covered the whole side of three step mountain. There was so many that their antlers looked like small moving alder trees. Hunting Caribou was also conducted differently in the old days; traveling was done by dog teams and the use of single shot or bolt action rifles were used as weapons. The Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) was set when the Caribou population was over 100,000. Since, the population has drastically declined the ANS may not be a realistic figure for the near or long-term future of this herd.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Proposal 19; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table</b></p>
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH)		
Table-No Action	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon LaValle Introduction by Patrick Jones. Recommendation from the department is neutral.</p> <p>Discussion/ Question: The saying goes, "Once you get into a Tier II system, there is no way getting out of it." Even the recommendation from the department is neutral, there is too many foreseen complications that are not ideal when there are so many different managing agencies. We already know that we are not going to have any allowable hunting in the near future. This gives the agencies time to create, develop, and propose a management plan that has been thoroughly thought out. In addition, there is support to bring back a Caribou Working Group for this herd that has all the parties involved and proposes regulations in the best interest for this herd and all the units involved.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Proposal 20; Tabled; Unanimous Approval</b></p>
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna Caribou on Federal Lands in Game Management Unit 17 & 18		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mike Riley Introduction by Patrick Jones.</p>

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			<p>Discussion/ Question: Unit 18 has no predation control, it is all happening in Unit 17 on the Dillingham side, focusing on the calving grounds in the spring. In Unit 18, most of our lands are either corporation lands or federal lands. The State-owned land is up by Kisaralik Lake &amp; Aniak Lake. The most interesting fact is that the Caribou migrate through that pass to the calving grounds during Spring and Fall. There are wolves in this area, at least one pack had 22 wolves. For this to pass, it will require the corporations to open their lands to aerial hunts every flyable day. To be effective with predator control 80% of the wolves will have to be killed consecutively for 2-3 years in a row firmly. Public wolf harvesting will be open until March, then the department will do a firm 80%. There is a historical precedence of Corporation being on board. Depends on the hunt and the corporation and allowance. Recommendation: Writing a letter to the corporations to open up their lands or support allowing predator control. Writing a letter to the tribes to support or jump on board with providing wolf bounties and incentives for wolf harvests.</p> <p><b>Proposal 21; Supported; Unanimous Approval</b></p>
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
Oppose	2	4	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jerry White Introduction by Patrick Jones, No recommendation by the department. Discussion/ Question: We are one of the only states that separates crossbow and archery. The accuracy rate of a cross bow is a higher to ensure clean kill. Archery only areas are for close range hunts and to limit the amount of harvest and protect our pipeline. In Unit 18 during the Moose hunting season, 80% of the moose that get away are caused by Archery hunters. It is not a biological issue it is a preference for hunters.</p> <p><b>Proposal 101; Opposed; Opposed Justification: Cross bows should not be used in archery only and populated areas. Supported Justification: No disagreements with hunters who want to use crossbows. 1 Abstain: No stance on this proposal.</b></p>
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader.		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: None.</p> <p>Because it is already established regulation. <b>Proposal 102; Opposed; Unanimous Denied</b></p>
119	Include Musk Ox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
Support w/ Amendm ent	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon LaValle Amendment- “Strike Tier II from the Musk Ox section. Motion-Jon La Valle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mike Riley Introduction by Patrick Jones, ADFG Recommendation- Neutral Discussion/ Question: There are no downsides to this proposal. As long as the population is stable, it doesn’t matter who kills a Musk Ox. Yukon &amp; Kuskokwim Musk Ox hunters already know why this is not a subsistence animal.</p> <p><b>Proposal 119; Support as Amended; Unanimously Supported</b></p>
120	Allow proxy hunting for Moose		

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Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: To allow elders and people incapable of hunting, to have the family members do it for them. If there is anywhere in the state that really need a proxy hunt, it's here. <b>Proposal 120; Supported; Unanimously Supported</b>
121	Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Conflict between users. When someone is out hunting and then get chased off. <b>Proposal 121; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</b>
123	Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows to be used for hunting big game		
Support	6	1	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jerry White Discussion/ Question: Hunters should know where they are at. Over the last couple years there are more guided or transporter hunters that use these devices. Some of these range finders also have GPS tracking and they adjust your site accordingly. If you know where it is at, you need to know your range for a more accurate kill.  <b>Proposal 123; Supported; Supported Justification: More efficient and accurate way of killing game faster. Oppose Justification: Advancing technology for hunting at this point isn't ideal. Hunters in Bush Alaska are not advanced with these types of technological hunting or have much experience. This proposal is more geared toward Urban and Rural (road system) hunting.</b>
124	Allow use of integrated bow sights/ laser range finders for hunting big game with bows.		
Support	5	3	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jon LaValle Discussion/Question: None. <b>Proposal 123; Supported; Supported Justification: More efficient and accurate way of killing game faster. Oppose Justification: Advancing technology for hunting at this point isn't ideal. Hunters in Bush Alaska are not advanced with these types of technological hunting or have much experience. This takes away equal opportunity from hunters and gives leverage to the rich.</b>
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
Opposed	2	4	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: None. <b>Proposal 125; Opposed; Opposed Justification: Cross bows should not be used in archery only and populated areas. Supported Justification: No disagreements with hunters who want to use crossbows. 1 Abstain: No stance on this proposal.</b>
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jon LaValle Discussion/ Question: It is getting hard enough to find ammunition. If you use a soft point, it will blow a big hole in the fur. It is hard enough to tell the difference between the bullets. This would be very hard to enforce.  <b>Proposal 129; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</b>
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
Support	5	1	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jerry White

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			Discussion/ Question: The definition of edible meat is defined between state and federal regulations. You still have to use it. You can now use other uses for it.  <b>Proposal 131; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Support Justification: Oppose Justification: Native Values are different. 1 Abstain
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
No Action based on 131	0	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jon LaValle Discussion/ Question: None.  <b>Proposal 132; No Action; Unanimously Voted No Action</b>
133	Add bow and arrow as legal method for taking beaver		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: No reason to oppose this proposal. <b>Proposal 133; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/Question: More humane way to trap animals. This will not have an impact on your taking of game. Here in bush Alaska, these wouldn't work out here anyway.  <b>Proposal 134; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported
146	Limit big game registration permit to one per species, per year		
Support w/ amendment	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Amendment: "A person should be limited to one Big Game limited registration permit, per species, per year." Motion- Lucinda Alexie, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: Hunters have the capability to get as many tags as they want for any registration, regardless of the area. Here in the Yukon Kuskokwim, people want to be covered for any big game that is harvested. They need to clarify which  <b>Proposal 146; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
Support	7	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jon La Valle Discussion/ Question: Clarification on the change in the proposal in understanding that this proposal is trying to allow hunters to sell their own trophies for profit.  <b>Proposal 147; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: Support those that are over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs.  <b>Proposal 148; <u>Supported</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported

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151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the during the application period		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: This proposal doesn't affect us.  <b>Proposal 151; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action</b>
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online.		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Go to Proposal 239 <b>Proposal 152; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action</b>
239	Require all registration permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
Oppose	1	6	Motion-Jon La Valle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Currently, registration permits are allowed in the communities that gives the residents of that are a priority to get registration permits. This also limits other hunters from outside the area to obtain a registration permit.  <b>Proposal 239; No Action; Support Justification:</b> Allows preference for bush residents to hunt in their own area. <b>Opposition Justification:</b> Every hunter who wants an opportunity to hunt a specific species in any area, should be able to without taking the financial risks.
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and musk ox drawing hunt		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: Bison and Musk Ox are the most sought out hunts in Alaska. When you buy into drawing permits, you will earn a points and the more points you earn the greater chance you get at winning a drawing. For Bison, when you win a permit, regardless if your successfully take one or not. You can't enter the same draw for the same species for 10 years. If this proposal passes, 10 years from now, anyone who enters the drawing system will never be able to get a permit, unless everyone died off. Concern for the State's capability to handle this online. Unit 18: Musk Ox is an equal chance to win year-to-year.  <b>Proposal 153; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed</b>
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive big game meat from the State by permit		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones. No recommendation at this time. Discussion/ Question: For road kill moose, if is not suitable for human consumption. The department can issue a permit a permit for trappers to use that meat. This would be hard to enforce, given the difficulty to determine where the meat came from.  <b>Proposal 158; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed</b>
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion: There is no reason to leave dead rabbits and not be able to use them for something. You can use rabbits for dog food, trapping, or human consumption.

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			<b>Proposal 162; <u>Support</u></b> ; Unanimously Supported
163/164	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field form hunter that attempt to take game		
No Action	0	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers  Introduction by Patrick Jones &amp; Walter Blajeski  Discussion: Regardless if the hunt was successful or not locating any wounded big game. The permit would be punched and the hunter would be tagged out for the remainder of the season. For the Yukon area, this would work against GMU areas, where we want the population to go down. One example is when you know you have killed a big game and it truly is irretrievable. What it truly comes down to is the ethics and values of the individual and hunting party.</p> <p><b>Proposal 163/164; <u>No Action</u></b>; Unanimously Voted to take No Action. Justification: This proposal would affect too many different areas in different parts of the state depending on the species and types of hunting regulations.</p>
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
No Action	0	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers  Discussion: This is already in regulation. There is no point in tying managements hands.</p> <p><b>Proposal 168; <u>No Action</u></b>; Unanimously Voted to take No Action</p>
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers  Discussion/Question: This proposal is poorly written and not stated clearly.</p> <p><b>Proposal 169; <u>Opposed</u></b>; Unanimously Supported</p>
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose hunt in Unit 18		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers  Discussion/Question: No brainer.</p> <p><b>Proposal 253; <u>Supported</u></b>; Unanimously Supported</p>
262	Reauthorization for to take a Brown Bear without paying the tag fee.		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers  Introduction by Patrick Jones  Discussion/ Question: None.</p> <p><b>Proposal 253; <u>Supported</u></b>; Unanimously Supported</p>

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WP 22-41	Caribou: Delegate Authority to announce harvest limits, set sex restrictions, and open/ close seasons in Units 9, 17, 18, &, 19.		
			<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Assisted Introduction Alissa Nadine Rogers &amp; Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: History of the Mulchatna Caribou in Unit 18, long ago, when the herd was called the Kilbuck Mountain Herd. The Kilbuck herd was a small mixture of wild Caribou and tamed Reindeer that interbred. When the Mulchatna Caribou moved into the area, it was huge, approximately 300,000 that covered the whole side of three step mountain. There was so many that their antlers looked like small moving alder trees. Hunting Caribou was also conducted differently in the old days; traveling was done by dog teams and the use of single shot or bolt action rifles were used as weapons. The Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) was set when the Caribou population was over 100,000. Since, the population has drastically declined the ANS may not be a realistic figure for the near or long-term future of this herd.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p>
Table	0	0	<b>Proposal 22-41; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table</b>
WP 22-42	Moose: Increase harvest limit in Unit 18 remainder.		
			<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: To increase harvest due to over population and avoid a crash from over harvesting. The third moose should be a cow or antler bull.</p>
Support	7	0	<b>Proposal 22-42; Supported; Unanimously Supported</b>
WP 22-43/44	Moose: Delegated authority to the Refuge manager to adjust harvest quotas based on water levels in Unit 18		
			<p>Discussion/ Introduction: Both are different proposals and should not be combined. Motion to split 43 and 44-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon La Valle, Unanimously Supported.</p> <p>WP 22-43: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: This proposal was in attempt to increase harvest in Zone 1, as a request from Kuskokwim hunters who do not have jet motors to reach areas in Zone 2. Unfortunately, Moose do not migrate between the two zones and are biologically two different populations. ADFG Recommendation is to Not Support (Oppose). <b>Proposal 22-43; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed. (- Support, 7- Opposed.</b></p> <p>WP 22-44: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alissa Nadine Rogers Amendment to add language, "Specify Zone 2 as the winter hunt and encourage a joint permit with State." M- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon La Valle Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/Question: There are two components to this proposal. The first component is the extension to Oct. 15, which became permanent this previous Moose Hunt to meet the quota of 120. The second component is to allow an antler moose hunt when the quota is not met in the fall hunting season for only Zone 2. There is confusion in the proposal of the language of the</p>
Oppose 43; Table 44			

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			boundary or definition of Zone 1 or Zone 2. Both State and Federal will have to figure out how to determine/allocate how the remainder quota will be harvested and managed. <b>Proposal 22-43; Tabled; Unanimously Voted to Table</b>
WP 22-45	Hare: Establish season/ harvest limit for Alaska hare in Unit 18, 22, and 23.		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Housekeeping regulation to match State and Fed. <b>Proposal 22-45; Support; Unanimously Supported</b>
WP 22-47	Caribou: Allow calf harvest in Unit 22		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: This may not no longer affect Unit 18, specifically the village of Kotlik. <b>Proposal 22-47; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action.</b>
WP 22-01/02	Define who is/ is not participant in a community harvest program and effects on harvest limits/ (2) Rescind restrictions for designated hunters in areas with community harvest systems in place.		
Table	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: These two proposals are really confusing and possibly are housekeeping issues. These are submitted by the Office of Subsistence Management proposals with AHTNA Commission to figure out community harvest quotas and designated hunters. There is no definition for community, there needs to be a definition of community. <b>Proposal 22-01/02; Table; Unanimously Voted to Table</b>

- **Call for Board of Fisheries Proposals:** Contact Savannah or Alissa, due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- **BOG:**
  - **Central & Southwest/ Statewide- Mulchatna Proposals (Wasilla)- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**
    - Alissa Nadine Rogers, In person or Teleconference
    - Jaimie Kassman/ Jerry White

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Call of the Chair, March 2022

**ADJOURN:** 9:34:44PM

Minutes Recorded By: Alissa Nadine Rogers

Minutes Approved By: Jaimie Kassman

Date: 01/15/2021



**Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee  
December 15, 2021  
Aniak Community Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 11:01 by Savannah Hollingworth, Regional Coordinator opened the meeting in the absence of officers and to announce election results

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Joe Kameroff

Walter Morgan

Nick Kameroff

Darlene Heckman

Teresa Simeon-Hunter

William Alexie

Patricia Yaska – teleconference

Mike Robinson

Denny Thomas Jr.

Ricky Ciletti

Members Absent (Excused): Tim Zuakar – sick, Rebecca Wilmarth – at a funeral

Members Absent (Unexcused): Theresa Morgan - absent

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; Members present: 10

III. Officer Elections:

Seats up for Election: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Chair:

Mike nominates Nick Kameroff; Denny 2nds

Nick nominates Denny; Mike seconds

Walter nominates Teresa Simeon-Hunter – Teresa declines

Teresa Simeon-Hunter nominates Patricia Yaska; Patricia declines.

Nick – 6

Denny – 4

Nick is voted chair by majority vote

Vice Chair:

Mike nominates Denny

Nick nominates Joe

Denny - 6

Joe – 6

Denny is voted vice chair by majority vote

Secretary:

Nick nominates Darlene; Denny 2nds. Darlene declines

Walter nominates Teresa Simeon-Hunter. Teresa declines

Walter nominates Joe, Denny 2nds

Joe is voted secretary by unanimous vote



Alternate:

Denny moves to nominate Ricky Ciletti; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike

No other nominations. Mike moves to close; Walter 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ricky is voted in as alternate by unanimous vote

Savannah makes note that Doug Carney is on the line to speak to AC about Proposal 171 is on a time restraint.

Savannah passes off meeting to the new chair.

AC decides to address Doug Carney before all other business

Doug speaks about proposal 171 and why the AC should support it

- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Savannah Hollingworth, Boards Support  
By Teleconference: Josh Pierce, Unit 19 Wildlife Biologist; Nick Smith, Fishery Biologist; John Chythlook, Sport Fish division; Sean Larson, Fishery biologist; Chuck Brazil, Area manager

Boyd Blihovde – US Fish and Wildlife

- V. Guests Present:  
Doug Carney; chair of the Stony Holitna Advisory Committee  
Doug presents case for Proposal 171 – 2 hunt boundary and 239 online registration  
AC decides to take up these issues immediately

Discussion:

Proposal 171

Josh – keep the two moose hunts separate

Doug also brings attention to Proposal 152 and 239. Local preference is preferred.

Proposal 239 would remove local preference.

Ricky – In between, doesn't see the harm in splitting the unit. Protect their stock. Camp after camp can create pressure. Ricky will support.

171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
S	9	0	Unanimous Ricky calls question; Mike 2nds

- VI. Approval of Agenda:  
Walter moves to amend agenda to include a discussion about a vendor for tags in Kalskag – No vendor in 5 years.  
Ricky makes motion to approve agenda with amendment; Denny 2nds; AC approves
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2020  
Ricky makes motion to approve meeting minutes; 2 by Walter; AC approves



## VIII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: Finally meeting!
- b. ADF&G:

Sean Larson Fisheries update: escapement met all goals; record low chum escapement; strong coho. George weir sockeye met goal. 129000 Kings goal; 101,000 final goals. Not strong king run. No aerial surveys taken due to bad weather.

Nick Smith: Brings attention to Pg. 32 meeting proposal; January 2023 meeting. proposal; January 2022 Board of Fisheries meeting

Josh Pierce: Moose: survey 2017-2020, moose number increased to almost 1 moose per square mile in TM680 hunt area, 2010: 0.3 moose per square mile. Harvest surplus increase. Potential changes for hunt structure.

2024 – BOG Western Arctic/Western Region. May 2023 Proposal deadline

Composition survey not complete.

200 Tier II Permits. 100 FM 19 permit harvest. Harvestable surplus = 100 bulls per year. 45 bulls in federal permits. 250 applied for Tier II last year. Mortuary moose about 10 moose per year.

150-160 moose per year harvest

Musk Ox: Portage mountains. Time of year to count. 89 count 2018. June -39 muskox last hunt. Hard to see. Hopefully 2 surveys next year.

Mulchatna Caribou: Dillingham office managed. 13,000 animals; well below 30-80K. More state permit per hunt. Poor reporting from federal permit. Closed in Unit 18

175-225 harvestable moose -> Tier II goes away. 2017 data continued Tier II registration area. Submit a proposal for harvest. Lots of options.

2020 Wolf control proposal approved – asked for language and how to address 2024. Discuss proposals at next meeting.

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119	Include Muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit <i>(The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Western Arctic / Western Region meeting in January 2020, as amended to apply to muskox hunts in all units. It was previously numbered as Proposal 30.)</i>		
S w/A	10	0	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Denny Joe makes a motion to amend; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Denny Amend to all muskox hunt by proxy, not just Tier II
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose <i>(The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting in March 2020, as amended to apply statewide. The original proposal was Proposal 110, and it applied only to Unit 19D)</i>		
S	10	0	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Denny Common practice to proxy hunt
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
O	0	10	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ricky: How would this be enforced? Denny: Not about bullet choice, about doing it right. Training and learning; bullet choice, shot placement, and tracking. Should be left up to hunter. Mike and Nick: Agree problem exists. Mike: Too broad of a proposal; too vague. Needs to be clarified. Joe: Too vague
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
S	10	0	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Do not want to bring Chronic Wasting disease here
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
S	10	0	Ricky called Question Not wasteful



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146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
O	0	10	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Walter Concern over borders and how it would limit subsistence hunting, especially for moose. Many in this area hunt many units, 18, 19, and 21 and get multiple permits.
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
O	0	10	Ricky called question: Because was replaced by Proposal #239 – Drawing permits already available online
239 (152)	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application <i>online (updated submission for Proposal #152)</i>		
O	0	10	Motion: Joe 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ricky Denny: Would like to move away from Tier II and move to a registration permit to help limit hunt and provide priority to local people. If this passed it would take away the local advantage. Mike: Concerned about trophy hunters, or unused permits when local people need them. Would create an unfair advantage to people in the city. First people that get online would get permit.
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
S	10	0	Motion: Ricky 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mike Ricky mentioned potential to be abused Important to make sure that meat must be reported to state and receive permission. Supported as long as state has a role to keep abuse from happening.
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
S	10	0	Motion: 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ricky called question Wasteful



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245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou, and bison		
O	0	10	<p>Motion: Ricky 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny</p> <p>Many members felt it was wasteful and ethical to leave the ribs. Also discussed how people cut in between ribs but do not salvage meat to make it look like they took the meat. By requiring that rib meat be taken it closes loop holes that can be abused to leave meat that should not be left.</p> <p>Joe: Leave up to individual units. Packers in some areas that hike for miles can understand. End up with spoiled meat.</p> <p>Mike: Brings up problem of people flying in leaving trash to reduce weight to fly back with and that this proposal is statewide. Lots of people fly and hike to hunt.</p> <p>Denny and others: Opposed to any potential for waste.</p> <p>Comment – Leave up to individual units and areas</p>
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
NA	-	-	<p>Move to take no action: Ricky 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe</p> <p>Ethical issue, not a legal issue. Hard to vote for or against</p> <p>Split on the issue. Worried that people would be given ticket or loose ability to get the animal they need for food after best efforts to track animal and still could not be found. Possibly the animal lives.</p> <p>How would you enforce?</p> <p>Hunter education and traditional values should be taught.</p> <p>(Ricky needed to leave to take care of airport runway. Still have quorum with 9)</p>
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
NA	-	-	<p>Move to take no action: Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe</p>



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169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
O	0	9	Motion: Joe 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Denny Cannot support as written – ptarmigan, hare, etc... Ricky had to leave due to snow to maintain airport runway
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation programs		
O	0	9	Wolf control is needed.
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	9	0	
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
S	9	0	
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
S	9	0	
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	9	0	

### I. Public Comment

Dan Gillikan. (member of the public who joined meeting late): Will write Fisheries Proposals to address at next meeting before April 11<sup>th</sup> deadline

1. Asking for AC support on proposals – agreed to review
  - #271 – Reauthorize salmon permit sunset clause
    - 10 Chinook salmon harvest permit
      - Motion to discuss, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe
      - Byself – motion passed
  - Box closed to keeping fish, size limit to keep 18" and below
  - Jack salmon retention



- Improve genetics
  - a. Draft proposal
- 2. Fishing closed July 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup> – Buckstock River closure to all fishing to Aniak river
  - a. Proposal draft
  - b. Protect Chum Spawning
- 3. Institute basin wide Chinook harvest system – entire drainage
  - a. Tier permit system
  - b. Would give limit
    - i. Would address combat fishing
  - c. To discuss at next meeting

II. Old Business

III. New Business:

Permits for Lower Kalskag. Savannah agreed to get proper people in touch

IV. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Nick; Vote: Unanimous

V. Set next meeting date: 3/22/23

VI. Other

Adjourn

Adjournment: Motion: Walter 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Minutes Recorded By: Joe Kameronoff Jr

Minutes Approved By: Nicholas Kameronoff

Date: 2-11-22



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 1-18-72

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, David Martin  
Madeline Thompson, Ron Vanek, John McCombs  
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom Jr., Greg Celewski  
Dan Presley, Keith Presley, Gary Deinen

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger  
Joe Simpson

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Milt Booz, Jason Hersemann

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary



## Central Peninsula AC meeting

January 18, 2022

Call meeting to order

Roll call

Quorum: need 7

Fish and Game staff present Mike Booz, Jason Herringman

Approval of Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Reports: Statewide Stocking Plan

2021 moose hunt and population update

2021 clam population update

~~Statewide Stocking~~

Public comments:

Old Business

New Business:

Advisory Committee Elections

Board of Fish clam proposals.

Board of Game Statewide proposals

Select representative for board meetings.

Next meeting date

Other

Adjourn



January 19, 2022

## Central Peninsula Advisory Minutes

1. Announcements: The sport fishing stocking program is out
2. Reports from the Department of Fish and Game.

Moose survey and hunting results: Jason Herreman

Clam survey results: Mike Booz

3. A motion was made and seconded that our representative to the BoG and BoF would be the President or his designee for all of 2022.

4. We then took up game proposal followed by fish proposals

See attachments:



# 255 close clamming in the Bay

Y NO

11 0

Locals who have dug there said there were not many and it needed to be closed.

# 256 western COOK INlet

yes NO as amended.

9 2

Dave Blossom moved that the limit for Raptor clams on the western Cook Inlet be 5 gallons instead of 10 gal. John McCoules second it. Passed 9-2.

Those opposed felt if there was a commercial fishery on the clams there should be at least 10 gals also, people would not pay to be transported over there for one bucket.

# 257 East side of Cook Inlet

yes NO passed unanimously as

11 0 amended.

Madeline Thomas moved that the bag limit be change from 30 to 15. Since this is an arbitrary number we felt it was still too high amendment passed unanimously.



# 258 Close clamming for small clams.  
This is a proposal like 255. It should be closed until they come back.

Yes	No	passed unanimously
11	0	

# 259 West Cook Inlet; Res. Bay.

Yes	No	passed as amended
9	2	

It was moved and seconded that the bag limit be reduced from 10 gal. to 5 gal.  
See proposal 256. Same arguments.

# 262 Subsistence Clams

Yes	No	
10	1	as amended

It was moved and seconded that subsistence be closed if sport and personal use is closed.  
If there isn't enough for sport there isn't enough for subsistence. Everyone in the state is a subsistence person so it does not good to leave it open for subsistence. passed 10-1



Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
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Prop. 249 7yes 4no:

Those in favor support the Department's position for the cow hunt. One opposed is opposed to all cow hunt. The others opposed though there was enough habitat to carry a larger moose population in the area

Prop. 251 10yes 1no:

Those in favor support the Department.  
The one opposed, opposed all cow hunts because not warranted.

Prop 252 6yes 5no:

Those in favor support the Department.  
Those opposed felt there was enough habitat to carry more moose and a cow hunt was not warranted



# Game proposals

Jan.

Central Peninsula Fish &amp; Game Advisory Committee. DATE

# 141 Bear Bait stations at least  
1 mile apart.

yes 0 NO 11 unanimously NO.

NO one thought this was an issue.

# 150 Change number of times a hunter  
can apply for a permit from 6-10.  
yes 0 NO 11 unanimous opposed. Moneyed  
people would have an unfair advantage  
over others.



Central Peninsula Advisory Committee Election Sign-In Sheet  
January 18, 2022

No.	Last Name	First Name	Residence Community	Email (optional) To be notified for future meetings
1	<del>Martin</del>	<del>David</del>	<del>Ninilchik</del>	
2	Martin	David	Ninilchik	
3	Thompson	Madeline	Ninilchik	
4	MASON	ARNOLD E.	NINILCHIK	
5	MASON	Joan	Ninilchik	
6	Doyle	Brenda	Ninilchik	
7	Doyle	Edward	Ninilchik	
8	Oliver	Cory	Anchor Point	
9	Hansen	Torvald	Anchor Point	
10	Vanek	Teague	Ninilchik	
11	Enkelowski	Greg	Ninilchik	
12	McCombs	John	Ninilchik	
13	Stone	Vanek	Ninilchik	
14	Herrera	Don	Homer ADPG	



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January 18, 2022

No.	Last Name	First Name	Residence Community	Email (optional) To be notified for future meetings
14	Booz	Mike	Homer - ADFG	
15	Blossom	Dave	Kasilof	
16	Blossom	Doug	Ninilchik	
17	Deley	Danny	Homer	
18	Deimar	Gary	Ninilchik	
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## Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting - December 20, 2021

Meeting called to order by Josh Hayes at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call - Members Present:

Josh Hayes  
John Pearson  
Billy Coulette  
Mike Adams  
Tom Lessard  
Jason Lesmeister

Members Absent:

Todd Donahue  
Alex Kime  
Robert Gibson

Alternate Members Present:

Lorraine Temple

Fish & Game Representative Present:

Jacob Spelham  
Fari Sylvester

Guest Speaker:

Ed Holsten

Minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved.

Guest speaker Ed Holsten discussed trap setbacks on federal land being rejected. Holsten also stated the Federal Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to see more written proposals from local residents and local Advisory Committees (AC). Holsten discussed the last round of proposals were accepted with addendums added to all of them.

Elections were held for three AC positions.

Josh Hayes was elected as Chairman  
John Pearson was elected as Vice Chairman  
Billy Coulette was elected onto the board.

First topic of discussion was Proposal 141. Black Bear stations being one-mile apart. The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.



Next topic of discussion was Proposal Eight. A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska. The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. It will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

The next agenda item was Proposal 198. No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin. The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.

Board of Fish Proposal 238 was discussed. It would set netters to put their nets within six hundred feet from the mouth of Kenai River if an escapement of 13,500 king salmon was met. The AC unanimously opposed this proposal because this law would affect not only the Kenai River but all of the tributary that drain into the Kenai River. There are indirect implications to the Coho fishery. This proposal was brought to the table on an off year out of the normal cycle which decreases public input and conflicts with paired restrictions. It directly conflicts with the late-season king salmon management plan. Set nets have a substantial bycatch of king salmon and coho salmon. This law would be passed on the lowest of escapement goals which leads to poor biological management and even worse conservation practices. We believe this proposal may be due to last year's larger sockeye escapement. We also believe this is not a good reason to make changes based on just one year of sockeye escapement data. The Cooper Landing community believes there is a lack of knowledge on the Kenai River's carrying capacity.

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Lesmeister - Secretary



## **Board of Game Central and Southwest GMU Proposals**

### **Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: January 7, 2022

#### **Proposal 8 A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska:**

Vote 7-0

The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal because it will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

#### **Proposal 198 No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin.:**

Vote 0-7

The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.



## **Board of Game Statewide Regulations Proposals**

### **Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: February 18, 2022

#### **Proposal 141 Black Bear stations being one mile apart.:**

Vote-0-7

The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.



**Board of Fisheries Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward Arctic Shellfish, and  
Shellfish General Provisions and Prince William Sound Shrimp**

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee**

Comments Due: February 24, 2022

C. IN THE COOK INLET AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY: Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* to allow fishing with set gillnet gear within 600 feet of the mean high water mark in the Upper Subdistrict when sonar passage of large late-run Kenai River king salmon exceeds 13,500 fish, and Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon escapement objectives are being met. (*newly assigned Proposal 283, formerly BGP #1*)

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**Copper Basin of Advisory Committee**

**Date: 12/14/20**

**Location of Meeting: telephonic**

- I. Call to Order: 5 pm by Alysia Hancock
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Alysia Hancock, Chuck McMahan, Brad Henspeter, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, Kirk Wilson, James Horrell  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Lee Adler  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Mercedes Knighten, Chris Gene, Nick Jackson, Brad Sinyon, Dave Bruss  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher, Troopers McGinnis and Davil, Mark Somerville, Todd Rinaldy, Tracy Hansen
- IV. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business: Federal Subsistence Fish proposals that affect our area, decide to wait to go over Fish proposals, take action on Central/Southwest and Statewide Game proposals
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting



XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

Adjourn 10:56 pm

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support	8	0	We feel this restriction is very hard to enforce. We do not like making regulations you can't enforce. We believe same day airborne rule is easier to enforce. use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunt
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
support	8	0	We feel this restriction is very hard to enforce. We do not like making regulations you can't enforce. We believe same day airborne rule is easier to enforce.
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
support	8	0	We feel this restriction is very hard to enforce. We do not like making regulations you can't enforce. We believe same day airborne rule is easier to enforce.
138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
oppose	0	8	This is very hard to enforce. How do you know what a person flying is actually doing, are they looking for a camp spot, areas to land, or spotting sheep. We do not like making regulations you can't enforce.
139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
oppose	0	8	Hard to define "near". This will lead to confusion. If you are landing in a new area you probably will make several passes of the landing area. You may not even see the sheep someone else thinks you are flying near.



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support	8	0	We believe in trying to find a use for meat that may be inedible for human consumption but ok for dogs. We would like to add dog mushers to be allowed as trappers are to be called upon by fish and game to be able to take a road kill or seized animal that can't be used by humans. Hopefully this will give fish and game more people to contact to be able to get meat to so it doesn't go to complete waste.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_Alysia Hancock\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_Chuck McMahan\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_1/26/21\_\_\_\_\_



**ADF&G Copper Basin Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2021  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Alysia Hancock
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Chair Alysia Hancock, Vice-Chair Karen Linnell, Secretary Sarah Gallt, Chuck McMahan, David Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Mercedes Starr Knighten @5:22PM, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, James Horrell, Greg Parish, Kirk Wilson  
Members Absent: (Unexcused) Christopher Gene, (Unexcused) Nick Jackson  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Mark Spencer: AK Expeditions, Sterling Spillpnek: AITRC, Odin Miller: AITRC
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher, Joelle Hepler, Fari Sylvester
- IV. Guests Present: Ruth McHenry, Ryan Ford, Jim Simon, Barbara Wallace, Barb Wallice, Greg
- V. Approval of Agenda – N/A
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – N/A
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair’s report – N/A
  - b. ADF&G – Heidi Hatcher gave an update on wildlife animal populations.
  - c. Others: Karen gave an update on the recent Board of Fish meeting held in Cordova.
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business: Vote to move forward to Board Original Proposals from 12-14-2020 meeting for Southwest/ Central comments pre covid. 10 approved, 2 abstained as were not present during meeting when discussed. Will send forward these proposals for upcoming meeting.
- X. New Business: Comments to central and southwest additional proposals in “blue” book
- XI. Set next meeting date: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 PM AKST.
- XII. Other



Adjourn at 10:06 PM AKST

## Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 21-28, 2022 | Wasilla, AK

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197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the central/southwest region		
	12	0	Helps remove barrier so people can take a brown bear if they have an opportunity without having a tag. Has been in place for years, housekeeping in our eyes.
198	Prohibit bear-baiting within 50 miles of inhabited buildings		
	0	13	Discussion ensued, Heidi presented on Unit 13. Cons: would practically eliminate bear-baiting stations all together. The current standard of ¼ mile is reasonable. This would not work for unit 13.
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards within multiuse trails		
	0	13	<p>Discussion included information and history. Cons: too broad of a proposal, covers too many areas. We understand there are specific areas that are populated in residential areas now that are having issues of dogs getting caught in traps. Solutions: work with local fish and game and wildlife troopers. Put on classes on trapping safety, what to look for.</p> <p>Many of the trails people are using today were originally put in by trappers. Trappers need to follow ethical trapping but there is a responsibility of the public to manage their dogs (keep on leash...) also. Many trails are maintained and broken in by trappers and then other people take advantage of it.</p>
209	Increase bison permits from 24 to 50		
	13	0	Pros: Help reduce population so they don't eat themselves out of the area, might increase odds of receiving permit Cons: public comment said would increase people and conflict with private land use, no biological reason. Fish and game can use this as a tool, they don't have to issue all if population declines
210	Eliminate Community Moose Harvest hunt in Unit 13		
	0	13	Other groups don't live here; the community hunts allows people to be able to help others who cannot hunt get meat, it is not interfering with



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			ability to hunt. The general season is meeting ANS. If bull to cow ratio drops fish and game will lower the quota of the any bull tags given out.
211	Repealing Community Harvest of moose and caribou		
	0	13	Comments: The CH is not unconstitutional, AITRC managed hunt is not exclusive. Similar reasons as 210
212	Clarify the Unit 13 Tier 1 subsistence caribou permit conditions that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations		
	13	0	Reviewed Tier 1 stipulation. State has no authority over federal hunts. This proposal clarifies that the condition of the Tier 1 tag that you cannot hunt caribou and moose in any other STATE hunt. You can have state and federal permits for moose and caribou if you qualify for the permits, but it still doesn't increase the ultimate bag limit.
213	Remove Tier 1 requirements for Unit 13		
	0	13	Could be overrun with 20K people, big concerns, keep way it is. If you remove the requirement to hunt moose more people from all over the state will apply and come to fill this tag. The increase in permits this will cause will also cause the quotas to be filled very quickly after opening day.
214	Eliminate non-resident draw hunts for Unit 13		
	2	11	Not a large impact to populations, antlerless moose hunts are a useful tool for management, non resident draw hunts brings money to our local economy. Should be focused on animal resource, not economy. Draw hunts do not count toward ANS, Fish and Game controls number of permits issued
215	Reauthorizing the antlerless moose hunts in 13A		
	13	0	Yearly proposal, help control moose population, antlerless moose hunts are a useful tool for management, traditionally Ahtna has been opposed because it could lead to taking of cows
216	To establish antlerless moose in 13C		
As ammended	9 as ammended	4	AMEND to: changing the dates to Sept 1-20. Pros: population management tool for fish and game to use if they need to, if you are above abundance objective population becomes less productive. Cons: as it is originally written Oct 1-Oct 31 could disrupt late rutting season especially in the upper Chisto and Gakona areas. If there was a



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			March hunt you could have problems with shooting bulls with dropped antlers so we dismissed this possibility.
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permits in Unit 13		
	0	13	Popular hunts for youth, residents and non resident opportunity, will cost state money from people who put in for this drawing hunt: that goes to important research
218	Increase brown bear limit to 2 in Unit 13		
	0	13	Harvest level is stable right now with limit of 1. Moose populations are doing well. We allow brown bear over bait also in 13. There is important concurrent studies happening with several agencies and groups on Brown bears: need 1 more year until complete, without skewed data.
219	Modify Predator Program to add 13D to wolf management plan		
	12	1	Pros: Would help meet objectives for moose in that area, important tool for population management: Turn wolf control on and off as needed. Cons: compete with trappers in that area. Wrangle St Elias NPS (next to unit 13) and Denali are wolf refugias.
220	Closing moose and wolf in Unit 13		
	0	13	Manage wildlife according to constitution and regulation. Suppose to manage for sustain yield. There have been some other moratoriums to help populations. We are meeting objectives right now
221	Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13		
	0	13	Cons: Beaver and otter pelts are not in good condition in May, and this would extend into breeding season for otters. Otters are carnivorous so don't compete for veg with beavers.
222	Extend ptarmigan season and bag limits align seasons		
	0	13	The birds that make it to February are the ones that add to the population. We have taken this up at previous meetings in 2020 for a similar proposal.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Gallt and Alysia Hancock \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Alysia Hancock \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1-7-22 \_\_\_\_\_

**Copper Basin ADF&G Advisory Committee**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Glennallen – Teleconference & Zoom**

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:08 PM AKST by Alysia Hancock
- II. **Roll Call**  
*Members Present:* Alysia Hancock (phone), Chuck McMahan (phone) Sarah Gallt (zoom), Nicholas Jackson (zoom), Don Horrell (phone), Jim Horrell (phone), Greg Parish (phone), Karen Linnell (zoom), Dave Sarafin (phone), Jim Odden (phone), Kirk Wilson (phone), Dave Bruss (phone)  
*Members Absent (Excused):* Brad Henspeter  
*Members Absent (Unexcused):* Christopher Gene, Mercedes Starr Knighten  
*Number Needed for Quorum on AC:* 8  
*List of User Groups Present:* None
- III. *Fish and Game Staff Present:* Fari Sylvester, Joelle Hepler
- IV. *Guests Present:* Christine Bremmer w/ Chugach Regional Resource Commission, Gloria Stickwan
- V. Approval of Agenda – N/A
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - yes
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report – met previously on 12/14/2021
  - b. ADF&G
- VIII. Public Comment – Gloria Stickwan asked about upcoming meeting logistics: in-person vs not due to pandemic. Fari answered there is an option to attend online, and to attend in-person register online, and if meeting cancelled will provide notice.
- IX. Old Business – Alysia make motion to approve comments from 12/14/20 meeting commenting on Statewide proposals, motion approved
- X. New Business – Don Horrell discussed bonus tag programs, comment on Statewide proposals in 2021/2022 supplemental “blue book”
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Karen inquired about the Southcentral/Southwest meeting – Alysia will be attending. Statewide meeting – don't usually send person. Karen: there are important issues regarding community harvest hunts.



XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

Adjourn @ 7:19 PM AKST

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-11, 2021 | Fairbanks, AK

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230	Change the definition for "full-curl horn"		
oppose	0	12	Low numbers already, don't take earlier in life cycle. This would make it easier to take a sheep.
234	Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.		
oppose	0	12	Keep hunting hunting, stick to the spirit of hunting, boots on the ground, do the work, without more technology. If this went through a person could sit in their vehicle or at home and wait to go out until they see an animal they want to take. You could sit at home and wait till a moose walked down your trail to a pond, or a bear you want to take on a bear bait. This would be hard to enforce.  This seems like two proposals in one and seems confusing.
237	Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation		
oppose	0	12	too much burden on ADF&G, removes personal responsibility of person to make sure they are following the laws
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
oppose	0	12	There is inequity in internet service for rural vs urban residents. Bandwidth in rural Alaska tend to have slower speeds, people who have fast band width would get the permits before other people. Harder on local residents. Some people have satellite internet.  Having people go to the local fish and game office will allow them to ask questions and get information.
240	Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust		
support	10	1	(1 AC person dropped off call) Pro: needed language to add revokable to already permitted situations (one person did not give reason for a oppose vote)



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241	Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters		
oppose	0	11	(1 AC person dropped off call) too broad, hunts have guides required for non residents for safety among other reasons. This would likely cut way back on use of guides in Alaska and will likely increase the number of search and rescues and other accidents.
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
oppose	0	11	(1 AC person dropped off call) In some areas of the state, this is the only hunt they have. We support our local subsistence users, and this is not perfect, but the best we have. The community hunt allows for "community hunt members" to hunt for each other, giving meat to people who can not hunt for themselves any longer.
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
oppose	0	12	Con: Too broad (maybe this needs to be done on hunt specific), leaving meat on the bone prevents spoilage. There is value in the bone. Salvage requirements have been in place for a long time and people have been following these rules and getting meat out. Pro: would reduce weight when hiking and packing meat out. When people go home they bone out the meat
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
oppose	0	12	The science is sound, predator control is an important management tool fish and game can implement if needed.
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
	0	12	16.05.255(i) statute allows for resident children on behalf of resident relatives. Nonresidents need to have a guide if not going with a relative for certain species. Incorrect info in proposal: Some units like unit 13 do have a hunter education requirement for all hunts not just youth hunts.

Adjournment: 7:19 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Galt and Alysia Hancock\_\_\_\_\_



Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Alysia Hancock \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/22/22 \_\_\_\_\_



**Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee**  
**February 15, 2022 7:00 pm**  
**CDFU Union Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 pm by Dennis Zadra
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Bret Bradford, Dennis Zadra, Robbie Mattson, Brad Sapp, Ardy Hanson, Makena O'Toole, Mike Collins, Jamie Foode, Chelsea Haisman  
  
Members Absent (Excused): John Renner, Garrett Collins (alt.)  
Members Absent (Unexcused): 0  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
List of User Groups Present: Sportfish, commercial fish, subsistence hunting and fishing, sport hunting, hunt guide, photography.
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeremy Botz - fisheries, Charlotte Westing - wildlife  
Fari Sylvester - Board Support
- IV. Guests Present: Milo Burcham - USFS, Christine Brummer - CRRC, Shayna Gurtler-Rowe – Nenana
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report - Proposals due April 29 for Southcentral Region, 7, 15, 14c, 6,
  - b. ADF&G - Charlotte Westing provided a wildlife report on deer, moose, black bear population status and surveys. Provided information as requested on Proposal 239 - would make all permits available online (vs. in person). Currently used as a tool that prevents us from going to a drawing hunt in some areas and allows for local residents to participate in certain hunts.
  - c. Others  
USFS - Milo Burcham reported on the Federal subsistence program here in Cordova and about the SCRAC. Upcoming meeting – lower Copper dipnet meeting SC EI joint meeting, March 16. No public comment but recommendation for FSB in April. Will be hosted online.  
Goat Season – 17 federal subsistence goat permits issued, Don't know how much being taken.



Federal subsistence Copper River Delta Moose tags 35/35 given out, 34/34 hunted, 30 harvested cows, 27 bulls harvested (31 total including state tags). All had high effort.

Federal draw next week, results to be verified and posted after that. USFA received 775 applications for federal subsistence.

- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date – before end of month.
- XIII. Other

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals			
March 4-12, 2022   Fairbanks, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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239			
<b>OPPOSE</b>  <i>Motion by Mike Collins, second by Ardy Hanson</i>	Support 0	Oppose 9	<p>The current regulation gives ADFG discretionary authority and this proposal would remove flexibility and tools for management. There is concern that this could result in a draw for what has traditionally been more localized hunts, and may possibly result in less opportunity for resident hunters.</p> <p>This is a regional issue, should be handled at regional meetings, is not appropriate for statewide. In person registration engages hunters with management and allows for hunt-specific education with ADFG biologists.</p>



			It also shows commitment on the part of hunters and allows for more accurate game management, resulting in fewer tags going unfilled.

Adjournment:  
Adjourn 8:58 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chelsea Haisman\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: Dennis Zadra\_\_\_\_  
Date: 2/18/22\_\_\_\_



## Craig AC Meeting Feb. 16, 2022

Call to Order: 6:13pm

Roll Call:

Members present:

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Unexcused	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x			June 2023
Fred Hamilton	Vice Chair	Subsistence		x		June 2023
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x (phone)			June 2023
Kirk Agnitsch		Charter		x		June 2024
Brian Castle		Trapping	x (phone)			June 2023
Dave Creighton		Charter	x			June 2024
Mike Douville		Longline		x		June 2022
Ray Douville		Shellfish	x			June 2024
Chuck Haydu		Charter		x		June 2022
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x			June 2022
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound		x		June 2024

Number needed for a quorum: 6

Guests present: None

ADFG Staff present: Craig Schwanke (sport fish)

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.16.2022

Moved and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from 12.8.2021

New Business:

Prop 234

Moved and seconded to support.

Dave Creighton, Ellen Hannan & Mike Kampnich discussed the pros and cons. Kurt Whitehead asked Craig Schwanke for his thoughts. Craig said he is satisfied with their data collection so he is neutral. Bryan Castle thinks it is a good idea but thinks it will be hard to enforce. Guides are already giving the data but the unguided nonresidents don't currently give accurate data due to the time lag with the end of year surveys so if implemented this will be valuable data for ADFG and will likely force many to be more legal. We agree that it might be difficult to implement and enforce but there are many benefits to it if brought online.

Unanimous vote-yes.

Craig AC - February 16, 2022



**Prop 235 & 236**

**Moved and seconded to support both prop 235 & 236.**

Bryan Castle asked about the nature of these props and Kurt Whitehead said it is to give the courts/enforcement more teeth to convict the "seasonal residents" that are fishing under resident licenses when in fact they are residents of another state and should be fishing under non-res licenses.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 241**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Sportfish regs need clarification as well as enforcement.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 252 Commercial shrimping**

Ray Douville gave his input and is neutral on it.

**No Action**

**Prop 261**

Dave Creighton & Brian Castle gave their input.

**No action**

**Statewide Board of Game proposals:**

**Prop 101 & 102**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We prefer that archery hunts are specifically for bow and arrow and do NOT allow crossbows for healthy hunters.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 107**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Kurt Whitehead spoke about feral cats, how many birds they kill, how many diseases they transmit.

This prop would help deal with these issues.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 230**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this prop due to conservation concerns of Dall sheep.

If passed this prop would cause an increase in the harvest.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 117**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt this is a good solution, a low burden and an easy ask.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 118**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt it is an easy ask, a low burden for the hunter and helps makes a better hunter.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**



**Prop 121**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all like the current regs and do not like using dogs to hunt big game. We have no problem with them retrieving wounded game.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 122**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Brian Castle: Lowering the draw weight to 35lbs for deer wasn't an issue but for the other big game animals it could very well be a problem. None of us liked lowering the draw weight for larger game animals other than the deer.

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**Prop 123**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We discussed the merits of having a range finder mounted on a bow and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 124**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Virtually the same prop as 123 and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 125**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agree to keep the archery hunts for healthy bow and arrow hunters only.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 126**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion on the pros and cons but we like the current regs.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 127**

**No action.**

**Prop 128**

**No action.**

**Prop 129**

Lots of discussion about how expanding bullets definitely reduce wounding loss and are more ethical.

We did not like the extra regulation of making it illegal if a hunter uses solids to kill a deer or caribou especially in the villages.

Most ethical hunters will use better bullets for bigger game but making it illegal to use solids on deer and caribou caused us to take no action.

**No action.**

**Prop 130**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG to do everything we can to limit the spread of CWD and prevent it from coming to AK.

**Unanimous-yes.**



**Prop 131**

We agree that trappers should be able to use wings and non-edible meat for bait but took no action because we weren't sure if this would redo the harvest requirements which we all like as currently written.

**No action**

**Prop 133**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agreed that beaver are very hard to kill cleanly and ethically even with a rifle and felt the bow/arrow would cause a very high wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 134**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with the proposal.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 141**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We do not like this proposal at all for SE AK. It might work up north but is a definite no from us. We've got enough regulations plus the enforcement issue of this would be onerous.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 236**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this proposal for the same reasons we oppose prop 141.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 155**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this well written prop and would like to see it enacted in GMU 3 for moose especially since the GMU 2 deer population is low. Many of the PoW locals are filling their freezers with GMU 3 moose. GMU 3 moose are not and likely never will be trophy quality.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 156**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG that physically disabled hunters that cannot pull a traditional bow should be allowed to use crossbows for archery only hunts.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 159**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this prop to make it easier to get <sup>antlers</sup> ~~hides~~ sealed.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**April 29, 2022 is deadline for SE AK board of game proposals.**

**Next meeting tentatively set for March 15-30.**

**Ellen Hannan volunteered to represent the Craig AC at the state wide meeting Mar. 4-12, 2022.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm**

**Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**

**Minutes approved by:**

**Date:**

Craig AC - February 16, 2022



## Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

26 JAN 2022

I. Call to Order: +\_\_\_\_\_PM by \_\_\_\_\_

II. Roll Call

NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Jacob White (Chair)	X		
Alan Waldo	X		
Earl McNabb	X		
Tisha Kennel	X		
Carl Taylor			X
Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary)	X		
Rusty Craig (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vern Aiton	X		
Tim Webb			X
Mike Bender	X		
Robert Matthews			X
<b>ALTERNATES</b>			
Don Quarberg	X		
Tony Williams	X		

Members Present: 10

Members Absent (Excused): 0

Members Absent (Unexcused): 3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Brandy Baker

Bob Schmidt

Clint Cooper

Toni Hollis

Jeff Wells

Mark Nelson

Graham Fry

Savannah Hollingworth



Guests Present: Art Cummings – AST Fish & Wildlife Enforcement, Gary Gruwell

- IV. Approval of Agenda  
Motion: Mike Bender  
Second: Tisha Kennel

U   X   Aye:            Nay:            Abstain:           

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Motion: Mike Bender  
Second: Jacob White

VI. U   X   Aye:            Nay:            Abstain:           

VII. Reports

Brandy Baker, Delta Office Fisheries Biologist:

Brandy provided several proposals to the BOF that she thought we might want to consider. They are 235 thru 254, and concern domicile, ID, and Shrimping in Prince William Sound.

BOF calls for proposals for the Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim regions open soon. Deadline to have proposals in is 11 APR 2022.

Brandy offered to do sportfishing regulations presentation at a future meeting, and also said the Burbot tagging study results are available and a presentation on that could also be arranged.

Tony Hollis, Fairbanks Office Moose Biologist:

Tony reported on unit 20A & 20B moose. Aerial population survey conducted in 20A late NOV thru MID December. This is later than they like to do it due to bulls dropping antlers, but that is what the weather allowed. His plan is to ask for reauthorization of the antlerless hunts in 20A, but issue no antlerless permits in 2022.

Tisha Kennell asked how many potlatch moose were harvested in 20B annually. Toni replied that is hard to determine since there is no reporting requirement on potlatch harvest. He estimates around 40/year.

Jacob White asked if ADF&G was planning to continue moose surveys on an alternating basis between 20A and 20B, or if they would change due to post-storm conditions in different areas.



The answer is there is no current plan to change, but all depends on how things go on several fronts between now and then – additional weather, funding, etc.

Jeff Wells, TOK office Wildlife Biologist reported on 20E moose:

Requesting reauthorization of antlerless moose hunt in 20E, with a plan for a hunt this year in southern portion of 20E.

Jacob White asked what year was the intensive wolf control stopped in the 40-Mile? Spring of 2018 or 2019.

Don Quarberg asked that given how “We have been brow beaten with plans over the last few years, should we wait a year for the browse survey? Answer: effectively, we will be, as first hunt opportunity would be fall 2023.

Don Quarberg: Twinning rate is high, yet the cow-calf ratio is low – is that wolves? Answer: some, but grizzlies likely have a greater impact on calf survival.

Rusty Craig: Is this on a three year cycle for the BOG consideration? Answer: This is an out of cycle request and would move to the Spring of 2024 if not considered this year.

Jacob White: Why was the Eagle AC opposed to this hunt, while the Upper Tanana/4—Mile AC approved unanimously? Answer: Unknown Potlatch harvest, and generally opposed to antlerless hunts.

Don Quarberg: If this passes, and the Browse survey has unexpected results, will you come back and brief your harvest plan? Answer: Yes.

Alan Waldo and Earl McNabb: If all there is within goals, this could wait and be reauthorized next year. RESPONSE: It would be 2024 unless another out-of-cycle request was approved.

Tony Williams: In an area this remote, hard to get numbers sufficient to make short range impacts.

Bob Schmidt, Delta Office Wildlife Biologist:

Bob gave a presentation on reauthorizing the antlerless hunts in area 20D.

Don Quarberg: At what Bull-Cow Ration do you expect pregnancy rates to decline. Answer: Unknown, fewer bulls would likely still get the job done.



Vern Aiton: I am leaning toward the Tony Hollis methodology – reauthorize the antlerless hunt tool, but don't use it in 2022.

This spurred a good bit of conversation, with most of the AC members expressing concern with plans to continue with a plan to issue antlerless tags while the effects of the unprecedented winter weather in the area are still unknown. Calf survival is expected to be low due to the weather. Art Cummings has responded to 6 roadkills and Bob Schmidt said fish and game knew of 12 DLPs since the storm, with someone else commenting that the AST has killed or responded to moose deaths "something like 23". With those numbers, and a lot of winter weather left, the AC felt there was likely to be more moose mortality due to weather than the harvest goal for this hunt, and would like to know the toll before authorizing antlerless hunts in 20D, other than perhaps the Youth and Veterans hunts.

VIII. Public Comment – NONE

IX. Old Business – NONE

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: NO ACTION – NEED TO DO THIS on 9FEB

XI. BOG Proposals (See Attachment)

XII. Set next meeting date: 9 FEB 2022 – to allow us to vote on remaining proposals in time for comment deadline.

XIII. Other: NONE

Adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_10:42 PM

Minutes Recorded By: \_JEFF LIPSCOMB\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
OPPOSED	0	9	1 abstained – not enough knowledge on subject to know.  There are already provisions in place to allow for medical exemption to allow crossbows in archery-only hunts.
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
OPPOSED	0	10	Shotguns are not primitive weapons. Some muzzleloaders should not be primitive weapons, either.
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”		
NO ACTION			
104	Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes		
NO ACTION			
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
NO ACTION			

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106	Provide a definition for "feral"		
NO ACTION			
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of "deleterious exotic wildlife"		
SUPPORT	10	0	The Delta AC believes all domestic animals should be controlled by their owners and kept on the owners' property. Stray cats are detrimental to songbirds, and small game animals, and foul other people's property with their excrement.
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.

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112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
114	Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor		
NO ACTION			The Delta AC did not consider any of the raptor proposals, as no one felt they had enough knowledge it make an informed decision.
115	Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters		
SUPPORT	7	0	2 abstained  The majority felt that we should not be lessening hunter education requirements anywhere. Also, with the availability of totally on-line courses from other states with reciprocity in Alaska, anyone who needs a course can get certified, without attending any in-person lessons.
116	Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986		
NO ACTION			
117	Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field		
Oppose	3	4	3 Abstained  This was a debate regarding enforcement, with some agreeing that post-field research and follow-up on the part of AST Wildlife Troopers not being the best use of their time, while the opposed

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			majority was mostly concerned with having to carry yet another card/paper in the field.
118	Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application		
NO ACTION			
119	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
NO ACTION			
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
Opposed	0	9	1 Abstained  Since there was no indication that the McGrath AC did submit support for this proposal, we opposed it.
121	Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game		
OPPOSED	0	10	This wording is too general in this proposal and it does not include the required changed wording to the statute/reg.
122	Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game		
OPPOSED	0	10	The fact that it is possible to kill game with a lighter draw weight bow does not mean it is a good idea. Penetration when an arrow does not hit bone is no problem, but a small error by the hunter or movement by the animal, and you hit ribs, scapula, or shoulder bones. In these cases, more energy at the target does equal more penetration.
123	Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game		
SUPPORT	9	0	1 – ABSTAINED  Majority supported this proposal in the interest of cleaner kills and less wounding. Range estimation errors are the number one cause of archery wounding of animals. Hunters are allowed to carry and use an electronic range finder detached from the bow, so this

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			would just streamline the process and improve accuracy. It was also mentioned that a range finder hanging around your neck presents a hazard if caught by the bowstring upon release.
124	Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows		
SUPPORT	8	1	1 – ABSTAINED  Pretty much same discussion as above.
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
NO ACTION			
126	Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game		
NO ACTION			
127	Allow air rifles for hunting big game		
Opposed	1	6	3 ABSTAINED  Concern over adequate projectiles and power to get the job done efficiently. This proposal is too general and is missing the required wording of the suggested change to statute/reg
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
NO ACTION			
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
OPPOSE	0	10	An enforcement nightmare. There are hunting situations that call for a different bullet choice, like a charging Grizzly.
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
NO ACTION			

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131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
SUPPORT D	9	0	1 – ABSTAINED concern over killing birds just for bait use as opposed to using the by-products of birds a person would have killed anyway.  If the rest of the edible meat is used for human consumption, majority was OK with this.
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
NO ACTION			SAME AS 131
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
NO ACTION			
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
Opposed	4	5	1 – ABSTAINED  Those for this proposal agreed with the anti-theft and more rapid dispatch of animals in a trap rationale of the author, and added that it would allow remote monitoring and save a trip to that set if it was undisturbed. Concerns expressed were a proliferation of cameras, and potential for abuse.
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Opposed	2	7	1 – ABSTAINED
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Opposed	2	7	1 – ABSTAINED
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
Opposed	2	7	1 – ABSTAINED
138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
SUPPORT	4	3	4 abstained

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139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
NO ACTION			
140	Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area		
Oppose	0	8	2 Abstained
141	Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart		
Oppose	1	5	4 Abstained
142	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
144	Exempt “sterilized community cats” from the list of species prohibited form being released into the wild		
OPPOSE	0	9	1 Abstained
145	Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations		
NO ACTION			
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
OPPOSE	0	10	
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
NO ACTION			
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
NO ACTION			
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		
OPPOSE	0	10	

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150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
OPPOSE	0	9	1 Abstained – AC was concerned that wealthy people could buy an advantage in the draw
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		
NO ACTION			
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
NO ACTION			
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
OPPOSE	0	10	DELTA AC is OPPOSED to a POINT system for any drawing hunts
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
OPPOSE	0	10	System works fine as is regarding this uncommon occurrence
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
NO ACTION			
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
NO ACTION			They already can based on medical reasons
157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
OPPOSE		8	2 Abstained
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
SUPPORT	9	0	1 Abstained AC majority believe counting days when offices are not open is unfair
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
NO ACTION			
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		

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NO ACTION			
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
OPPOSE	0	9	1 Abstained – uncomfortable with a game animal that you can just kill all you want for no reason except to kill them, but since there is no season and no limit, hard to find biological reason to support.
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
SUPPORT	9	1	
164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
SUPPORT	7	2	1 ABSTAINED

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Lipscomb

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 26 JAN 2022



# Eagle Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Final Meeting Minutes 2/15/2022

- I. Call to Order: [4:01pm] by [Karma Ulvi]
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: In Person: Karma Ulvi, Ben Juneby, Chalia Selman, Steve Robbins  
On Teleconference: Mike McDougall, Sonja Sager, Don Woodruff  
On Zoom: Arrived Late Andy Bassich  
Members Absent (Excused): Jackie Helmer  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Zach Liller, Deena Jalen, Jeff Gross, Kyle Campbell, Sam Decker, JD Ferguson, Carl, Naomi, Shane
- IV. Guests Present: Ruby Becker, Bruce Erwin
- V. Approval of Agenda  
Don makes motion to approve agenda. Chalia seconds.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Minutes from last Meeting not available. Tabled until the next meeting.
- VII. Reports  
Karma notes that we need a new secretary. Kyle explains that a new secretary can be appointed outside of election, informally. Also noted that recordings are helpful. Kyle sending a word document template to take notes during meeting in the future.  
Andy Bassich arrived via zoom  
  
**AC COMMENT OR CONCERNS**  
Don Woodruff: My discussions with fish and wildlife etc. tells me that we are going to be in the same position as last year as far as fish stock population and harvest (which is pretty much no harvest) except for 4inch whitefish net. Still problematic for reaching escapement. If we dont meet escapement this year it will be 4 years in a row. Diminished viability of chinook stock for future sustained runs.  
Notes 30,000 + fish missing discussed last meeting. If we discover the chinook are dying in river



then we need to allocate more for escapement to get to the spawning grounds.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business:

Karma asks if anyone is interested in being Secretary.

Steve nominates Sonja, Sonja declines.

Steve says we could hire a Sec. Kyle explains that this position does not have to be a member, but someone who has a vested interest. Ruby volunteers, Karma nominates, Ruby accepts, Don seconds. Sonja expresses that Ruby be compensated for filling secretary role. Kyle says there may be compensation available and will check before the next meeting. As a non committee member Ruby will only be allowed to vote for officer elections.

Kyle will send Ruby minute template and new member form.

Unanimous vote to approve.

New Business:

Ichthyophonus Presentation and Discussion:

Zach F&G Thanks AC for the chance to bring information to the meeting and be available for questions.

Explains basic flyer concept and background.

Direct action on behalf to address the concerns raised by f&g, f&w, bfo, stakeholders, other AC's, what is happening to chinook salmon to explain why the discrepancy in numbers observed at the lower river are not making it to the upper river and spawning grounds.

There is expectation and questions that the agency dedicate resources.

Agencies use pilot sonar and genetics - and us harvest estimates and sonar.

Typically these methods align well

Primary hypothesis is resurgence of ICH to enroute mortality. Cyclical disease. Severity level is high Now.

Ich is not the only research direction being pursued but is high priority

Drainage wide problem. The canadian origin fish counted at pilot should have been enough to meet escapement and allow for a small subsistence harvest.

Foundation studies fall short and detailed description of project begins.

Create new assessment tools, while utilizing the current platforms available.

Timing is critical. Since Ich is cyclical it is important to gather data during the High level



of infection.

Ich infection is being recorded at Historic levels. How to best estimate disease associated mortality. Combined with small run sizes is extremely difficult. Reality is that sub fishing may be closed. Samples need to cover representative of the run as far as beginning, middle and end of run. The samples need to cover all age classes and size ranges and M&F fish. Community driven samples will be challenging.

Eagle sonar is already operating through the entirety of the run, fishing across the channel, fishing with all mesh sizes. Also interacting with and affecting chinook/ caught handled and impacted. By using sonar platform will minimize impacts on all fish.

Sonja Asks Karma for permission to speak.

Mike and I disagree with the premise of this study. We are the ones sacrificing and shorting our food supply year after year. Psychologically its hard too. These are the fish we have been avoiding all these years by using small mesh size and fishing small eddys avoiding the places where we might catch a big female. It's not worth the sacrifice for us to give up our lifestyle. Too many variables.

Zach: Outlines options available for ways to proceed with study noting that the 3 options in the supplement are not the only options and that they are happy to listen to and discuss any ideas on how to implement this study.

State, Federal and International pressure and questions asking what is happening to these fish and what can be done about it?

Zach is confident that there is drainage wide interest and demand to address the Ich question.

The 3 locations are necessary especially the upriver location is the linchpin.

We need to understand the disease mortality threshold. (Diagnosis)

That does not exist for Ich. Need to measure the dropoff. We need to understand the difference in estimates.

Coordinating with subsistence fisherman will likely not be an option because the run size will likely be below the threshold that would allow fishing.

Zach explains option 2 and 3

Mike M asks to address. Karma tells Mike to go ahead.

He recommends that in no sub fishing year that the salmon be allowed to pass by. Possibly sample post spawn, moribund fish on the spawning grounds. Fish that are still alive, have already spawned on tributaries like the Big Salmon and other projects that BFO already has. Eagle sonar to function under normal operation plan.

In years when sub fishing is allowed, we can work with subsistence users to gain samples under their harvest permit.

Encourages long term view and involvement of river wide users.



Mike asks if this would be a good time to read the letter?

Zach offers to respond to valid points first, if that's okay.

Andy asks permission to provide comments. He emphasizes the importance of the locations of the study, because Eagle has a tremendous amount of data. The comparisons drawn between pilot and Eagle are comparable because of that data.

Also, this is time sensitive. Ich is in the river now.

Explains how data collected will allow managers to make adjustments, and if and how they will allow fishing to occur, and how to meet escapement goals when they know Ich is in the river.

Andy asks about fish distribution and how that option would work.

Sonja asks to address the board and disagrees with Andy.

Karma says she does see the urgency in this study, she does understand the relevance between pilot and Eagle. If subsistence users are able to benefit some from this study I would be more inclined to approve of it.

Steve wants clarification on the process. Does F&G have approval already from the state or are they asking for permission from the AC's first.

Zach answers that this is a multi agency effort and a high priority research question.

The concept and basic funding has been approved. How to implement is the question.

1:33:43

Other comments and discussion among members filtered out for sake of time.

Sonja reads the resolution

Sonja makes a motion to vote on the resolution. Mike seconds.

3 approve and 5 against.

Zach emphasizes that the end of March is the deadline for implementing.

Andy suggests a working group outside of the AC.

We will plan something soon and be in touch.

Moving on to the BOG Proposals.

Select representative(s) for board meeting

X. Set next meeting date



## XI. Other

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121	Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game		
	0	7	Imperative that we set a standard for people that want to hunt with dogs across the state. If you hunt with dogs they are going to get injured, shot or trapped. The presence of dogs would also interfere with normal hunting practices.
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
	0	7	see comment below.
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
	0	7	"Repealing this restriction would remove an important conservation measure for Dall Sheep... They are a fragile population and gives hunters with access to aircraft an unfair advantage. It could also pressure pilots to make unsafe decisions and flying practices.
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
	0	7	see comments above
138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
	0	7	see comments above
141	Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart		
	6	1	For safety reasons this makes sense. While black bears are plentiful this practice of using scent lures and bait stations need to be monitored and watched. Especially the distance between stations.
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
	0	7	



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196	Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25		
	1	6	F&G already have the ability to target hunts. Andy asks for clarification. Jeff Gross says they do not have the ability to codify hunts. This proposal would allow targeted hunts during the fall hunt. Karma asks for clarification. Jeff says it will not replace the normal registration hunt, but in addition to and any geographic area within the 40mile hunt area. Jeff Gross asks for comment to explain why Eagle AC is opposed. Don says that once the hunt is in progress that changing the requirement of the hunt changes the hunt dynamic. Communicating with people in the field may be difficult once the hunt begins. Andy states that it is a safety issues, a good tool and conservation method, which is why he is supporting.
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
	0	7	Communities really rely on this hunt. It affects many areas, maybe address the trouble or problems or people abusing this hunt.
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
	0	7	
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
	0	7	Concerns about this being abused.

Karma Reads Letter from Charlie Wright

Discussion about having an informative meeting with Randy Brown to talk about salmon life cycle. Karma will let Kyle know when we schedule this meeting.

Andy apologizes about not having the meeting minutes ready, and stepping away from the secretary position. He is being taxed too much. Supports Ruby being the new Secretary.

Adjournment: Unsure of time

7:53 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_Michelle Becker\_\_\_\_\_



Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*  
Date: 2-17-22



**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Game/Trap Subcommittee Meeting  
January 31, 2022  
JP Jones Community Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:12pm by Mark Richards
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, John Wisniewski, Mark Richards, Mike Tinker, Virgil Umphenour, Kirk Schwalm
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A
- IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Karen Gordon, Jim Simon, Dave Lorrington

Meeting is to go over the Statewide proposals for the upcoming Statewide Board of Game Meeting March 4-12, 2022. Meeting is hybrid with some members of public and AC joining via phone.

AC would like to note that the Department A&Rs on Statewide proposals are not out at this time, which is becoming more frequent, making it extremely hard for the AC to make informed decisions on certain proposals without Department information and opinion.

Public comments: Karen Gordon would like to comment in opposition to Statewide proposals 230 & 267, Proposal 230 (change the definition of full curl horn) is not needed, oppose. Proposal 267 to limit nonresident sheep hunters in Unit 19C, oppose. 95% of the funding from sheep hunting in Unit 19C comes from nonresident hunters that helps fund the Division of Wildlife Conservation. Limiting nonresident sheep hunters there would cause that funding to be reduced greatly. Funding is necessary. There is no conservation concern for sheep in 19C. Proposal is not necessary.

David Lorrington will speak to the falconry proposals as president of the Alaska Falconers Association: Proposal 108 (increase opportunity for nonresident take of certain eyas raptors for falconry), explains what “eyas” means, birds born still in the nest, different falcon species, that this proposal would allow increased opportunity for nonresidents to take eyas goshawks and Peale’s perigrines, no conservation concerns and shows willingness to allow more nonresident take of these falcons. Proposal 109 (modify microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents), explains one aspect of the proposal is to require that any microchipped birds be registered in a recognized database, which is not currently happening. Subcommittee has concerns that the proposal would remove the microchip requirement for all raptors exported from the state, and then only apply to gyrfalcons exported from the state, would like input of the full AC. Proposal 110 (Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors), explains what “passage” means, bird has left the nest, captured in passage.



Proposal 110 identical to the Department proposal 114, changing season dates to a more conservative approach based on conservation concerns for Gyrfalcons. Proposal 111 (limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year), explains that Gyrfalcons, particularly white Gyrs, are the main raptor nonresidents are after, and the chances of a nonresident drawing a capture permit are low, and some of the same nonresidents are drawing a permit in consecutive years. Similar situation to big game draw permits, but with those the board of game has set limits on how many times one can successfully draw and participate, such as one brown bear every four years, and if one successfully draws a big game permit that person cannot apply again the next year. This proposal seeks the same for nonresident raptor capture permits. Proposal 112 (increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors), points out that both resident and nonresidents must have a current hunting license before applying for a capture permit, and that this proposal is overly broad with no quotas on nonresident take of raptors.

Subcommittee moves on to the proposals, all votes on proposals are by unanimous consent unless otherwise noted. The full AC after seeing these minutes will decide whether to accept the votes and recommendations of the subcommittee at the next full AC meeting. Notation “**FULL AC**” under any proposal indicates that proposal will be heard and voted on by the full AC at the next AC meeting.

Proposals that the subcommittee took no action on, with a bold asterisk (\*), may want to be reviewed by full AC based on comments from Al Barrette that the Board of Game values input from ACs, and some proposals we took no action on we had opinions that the board may want to see.

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<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>			
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
<b>FULL AC</b>			
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
<b>FULL AC</b>			



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103			Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Hay & grain should not be considered “hunting gear”
104			Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes
<b>TNA</b>			
105			Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
<b>TNA</b>			
106			Provide a definition for “feral”
<b>TNA</b>			
107			Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
<b>TNA</b>			
108			Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry
<b>SUPPORT</b>			No conservation concerns, allows slight increase of nonresident take of eyas Goshawks and Peale’s peregrines from nest sites
109			Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents
<b>FULL AC</b>			Concerns on removing other raptors from microchip requirements when exported from the state
110			Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Season changes promote better conservation of Gryfalcons
111			Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Makes sense, allows more fairness in opportunity for nonresidents to draw a capture permit, similar to current regulations on big game permits
112			Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Asks for too much, no quotas on nonresident capture, conservation concerns, as well as concerns of lucrative capture and breeding programs by nonresidents
113			Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Based on comments on proposal 112
114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Based on comments on Proposal 110
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters



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<b>SUPPORT</b>			Fairbanks AC Proposal, see our comments within proposal
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Housekeeping issue, aligns with other exceptions for users of longbows, recurves, compound bows
117			Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field
<b>FULL AC</b>			
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Aligns with other existing application requirements
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
<b>SUPPORT</b>			No reason not to allow proxy hunting of Muskox under a Tier II permit, would like to see proxy hunting of other species in other units revisited
120			Allow proxy hunting for moose
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 119
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
<b>*TNA</b>			
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
<b>*TNA</b>			5 lbs not much of a difference, don't think change is necessary
123			Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Seems unnecessary, handheld range finders in wide use, no need to mount one on bow, doesn't align with primitive weapon definition
124			Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 123
125			Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts
<b>FULL AC</b>			
126			Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 123, similar rationale doesn't align with primitive weapon definition, proposal doesn't define scope, whether a dot sight, power magnification etc.
127			Allow air rifles for hunting big game



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<b>*TNA</b>			Too broad, no definition of bullet weight, energy, as we have now for center-fire rifles for different species
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
<b>*TNA</b>			Some have not heard of these body suits, others have, military design, allows carry of heavier loads, longer distances before tiring, subcommittee not sure of actual availability and expense
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
<b>*TNA</b>			Overly broad, concerns about availability of ammo in certain areas, what about hard cast lead bullets, what real benefit if passed
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Concerns of spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, per Dept. comments
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			AC fully supports salvage requirements, but it is an individual ethical choice on the consumption of bird wings and backs, fine if one wants to utilize those parts for human consumption or bait, as long as rest of bird is salvaged for human consumption
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 131
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Wherever it allowed to take beaver with a firearm, it should also be allowed to take beaver with a bow
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			as long as this only applies to trapping locations, we support to help protect trapper interests
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			This is Fairbanks AC proposal, our AC fully supports the repeal of the restriction on use of aircraft to spot sheep during hunting season, is not enforceable, can lead to bad piloting decisions, and is contrary to other board allowances to spot caribou from the air for the purpose of taking during same-day-airborne hunts in other parts of the state.
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 135
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		



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<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 135
138			Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons
<b>*TNA</b>			We want the restriction on aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting repealed, but if it stays in place that restriction should apply to ALL open sheep seasons, including the youth sheep hunt Aug 1-5
139			Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting
<b>*TNA</b>			AC supports full repeal of restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep during sheep seasons. This proposal seems to already be in place with wildlife harassment laws, is also unenforceable.
140			Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area
<b>OPPOSE</b>			This is too many bait sites for each guide use area, no definition of "temporary" as to when it would sunset, guides have plenty of opportunity now with 10 bait stations per GUA
141			Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart
<b>OPPOSE</b>			No clear rationale on why 1 mile between bait stations, what about bait stations across rivers less than 1 mile apart, 1 mile can be a world away depending on terrain/location
142			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
<b>TNA</b>			
143			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
<b>TNA</b>			
144			Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
<b>TNA</b>			
145			Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations
<b>TNA</b>			
146			Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Would unfairly limit hunters, other species besides goats would be included, don't believe it's necessary
147			Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit
<b>SUPPORT</b>			We don't have any concerns this would lead to selective overharvests or abuse, agree with proposer that all Alaskans



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			should be allowed to sell a prepared big game trophy legally taken
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Similar to proposal 147, we support the concept
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			All nonresidents should be treated equally, with no distinction between a nonresident using a guide or a nonresident hunting with second-degree-of-kindred resident relative as their guide. AS 16.05.407 is clear in that regard and makes no distinction on treating the two differently
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			We believe that increasing to 10 draw permit applications per species is too much.
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		
<b>FULL AC</b>			
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
RESCINDED BY PROPOSER	Replaced with proposal 239		See our comments on proposal 239
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Overly broad, Department has opposed in the past
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Corrects an error in how party permits are awarded when there is only a "last" permit available
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			AC has always supported more "any bull" hunts in areas where we have no conservation concerns for those hunts, request amendment for "up to 10" any-bull permits if passed
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Housekeeping issue, agree with Department



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157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
<b>TNA</b>			
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More options to utilize road kill or other inedible for human consumption meat
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			This should have always been the timeline for sealing, when ADF&G offices are open for sealing
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
<b>TNA</b>			
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
<b>*TNA</b>			Not hard to take rib meat between ribs; "rolling" the rib meat off the bone gets all the rib meat, including between ribs, all in one piece
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Was a mistake to not include salvage requirements for snowshoe hare, we support requiring salvage of meat or hide
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
<b>*TNA</b>			Impossible to enforce, don't always know when animal is wounded
164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
<b>*TNA</b>			See comments on proposal 164
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Governor's tags bring in much needed revenue to the Department, we don't believe the bag limit should apply to any Governor tag hunts that are auctioned/raffled off
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		
<b>TNA</b>			



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167			Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit
<b>TNA</b>			
168			Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear
<b>*TNA</b>			More of a legislative issue to redefine AS 16.05.407
169			Prohibit the harvest of white animals
<b>*TNA</b>			Overly broad, no definitions, Dall sheep are white
170			Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries
<b>TNA</b>			
171			Divide Unit 19A into two subunits
<b>TNA</b>			AC believes this is best decided and worked on by the two ACs in differing parts of 19A
172			Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Fairbanks AC proposal 173 seeks to resolve some of these same issues, board needs to address these as stated during last cycle and fix the problems outlined by the Department
173			Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
<b>FULL AC</b>			Not supported by all AC members
<del>174</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
<del>175</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
<del>176</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
<del>177</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
<del>178</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
<del>179</del>			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.



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180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
181			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
182			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
184			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
185			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
186			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
187			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
188			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
189			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
193			Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Department proposal, no conservation concerns with this limited number of permits
196			Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25
<b>FULL AC</b>			Needs more clarification, expansion of hunt areas with caribou now moving farther west outside current hunt boundaries
230			Change the definition for "full-curl horn"
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary, conservation concerns with excessive harvest of 7-year-old rams
231			Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans .



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<b>OPPOSE</b>			See our comments on proposal 132
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
<b>*TNA</b>			Not needed, waterfowl are not furbearers
233			Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species
<b>*TNA</b>			See comments on proposal 122
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.
<b>TNA</b>			
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit
<b>SUPPORT</b>			No conservation concerns, meat or hide should be salvaged per Department proposal 162
236			Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location
<b>*TNA</b>			Too broad, some bait stations across rivers may be less than one mile apart
237			Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Bait station registrants should not be held liable for bait stations approved by ADF&G that are near prohibited areas, responsibility of the Department to NOT issue permits for locations near prohibited areas
238			Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit
<b>TNA</b>			
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
<b>SUPPORT</b>			All resident hunters should be treated equally, regardless of where they live in the state, unless in Tier 1 or II hunts
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 147
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
<b>FULL AC</b>			See comments on proposal 149, all nonresidents should be treated equally
242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"



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<b>OPPOSE</b>			Too broad, should only apply to mandatory deployments
243			Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Housekeeping issue
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
<b>*TNA</b>			AC does not support repeal of ALL CSH Hunts
245			Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Fairbanks AC proposal, see our proposal comments, AWT comments in opposition don't make sense because many other areas do NOT have requirements to salvage rib meat on bone from big game animals and there are no issues. Rib meat is still fully salvaged, but off the bone making for much lighter loads.
246			Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns
<b>TNA</b>			
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
<b>OPPOSE</b>			IM Law mandates predation control for certain big game populations when they are below population objectives and predator reductions are reasonably expected to improve those populations
248			Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder
<b>FULL AC</b>			Concerns of abuse, adult permit holder should be resident Alaskan
249			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
250			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
251			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
253			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18



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<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
254	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			AC supports based on information from AB Hollis there will be no antlerless hunts in 20A in 2022
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
<b>*SUPPORT</b>			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
<b>*SUPPORT</b>			
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
<b>TNA</b>			
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
<b>TNA</b>			
260	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
263	Allow the harvest of sea otter.		
<b>TNA</b>			
264	Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power		
<b>TNA</b>			
265	ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
<b>TNA</b>			
266	ACR 3 - Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas		
<b>TNA</b>			
267	ACR 4 – Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		



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<b>FULL AC</b>			
268 <b>TNA</b>	ACR 5 - Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>		
269	ACR 6 - Create a tiered hunt structure and open a hunt for the Unimak Island caribou herd		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			There is a need to harvest caribou on Unimak Island that are overgrazing the habitat
270	Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E		
<b>TNA</b>			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview

Adjournment: 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/1/22



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
2/9/2022 Meeting Minutes  
J.P. Jones Community Center  
204 Rickert Street  
Fairbanks, AK  
&  
Teleconference

**I. Call to Order:** Chair at 6:52PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b> Kirk Schwalm	<b><u>VICE- CHAIR</u></b> Mark Richards	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								<b>X</b>
Abs/Excused								
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Jim Simon, Diana Leinberger (DNR), Jennifer Yuhas, Mckenzie Mitchell, Al Barrette (BOG), Dave Lorrington, Tom Kirstein

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Reed Morisky, Kyle Campbell, Klaus Wuttig, Sgt. Valentine (AWT), Shane Ransbury

**IV. Comments**

**Chair Comments:** none

**Vice Chair:** none

**Trapping:** none

**Game:** none

Fairbanks AC - February 9, 2022



**Fish:** Discussion of hatchery comments will take place at the March subcommittee meeting. Notes from February subcommittee meeting will be sent to AC members by Gale Vick.

**AC Member Comments:** Mike Kramer brought BOF proposal 283 regarding increased set-netting opportunities in Upper Cook Inlet made by McKenzie Mitchell. He has concerns about this proposal and would like official comment on this proposal by unanimous consent from the AC. Concerns focus on generation of out of cycle proposal for increased commercial opportunities in a fishery that has failed to meet escapement goals. Kirk Schwalm noted that public comment due date is March 11. Discussion of this proposal added to agenda for this meeting.

Mike Tinker suggested that all members should look at fisheries forecast for 2022. Forecast is terrible and follows 2 years of missed forecasts. Seems unlikely that forecast will be met this year either. Copper River fishery is extremely important to this AC's constituents, and AC will need to address this forecast.

Virgil Umphenour reported that Yukon River Panel discussion has included emphasis on effects of rising ocean temperatures on plankton and salmon. This likely contributes to smaller salmon sizes. Canadian and American members are attempting to figure out new ways to determine escapement goals based on data from recent runs.

**Public Comments:** none

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approval of Jan. 12, 2022 minutes by unanimous consent

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** approved as amended by unanimous consent

**VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

**Dept./AWT Update:** Sgt. Valentine reports that since Christmas AWT in Fairbanks area has been busy dealing with moose conflicts with dog teams, etc. DLP incidents have been very frequent due to deep snow.

Mark Richards asked about proposal 117 requiring hunters to show evidence of completion of hunter education requirements in the field. How will this be enforced and will it result in increased violations? Sgt. Valentine believes this will not be a big issue. Most hunts requiring specific certifications have not been a problem in the past as hunters normally carry certification with them. Jeff Lucas asked what



happens if troopers stop someone without proof of certification. Sgt. Valentine stated that he would not end a hunt and finds it unlikely that a hunter would harvest an animal without required certifications after having contact with a trooper in the field. Mike Tinker stated that this proposal shifts the burden from the troopers to the hunter. How many citations are there every year? Sgt. Valentine does not know the answer to this, but can find it and report back to the AC.

Chuck Derrick asked about calls regarding starving moose. Sgt. Valentine reported that they have received numerous calls about this (5-6 per day).

Klaus Wuttig reported on pike in Harding Lake. It has been closed due to low water for about 20 years. This may allow catch and release fishing for pike. Grayling in the Chena may also open to 1 fish limit downstream of the dam. Levi Llewellyn asked if grayling change on the lower Chena would discontinue the weekend opportunities for kids to keep grayling in the Chena. Klaus Wuttig stated that this would be the case.

Tony Hollis confirmed information from Sgt. Valentine regarding situation with moose in the Fairbanks area. Snow conditions seem to be most severe close to Fairbanks, extending south of the Tanana about 10 miles and western 20A near Healy and Denali. Rain did not appear to hit foothills and mountains in 20A as bad as originally feared. Sheep habitat appears to be in good shape. Minto Flats did get hit with ice, but snow seems to be lower than close to Fairbanks. Tatalina and Tolovana drainages appear not to have received rain and look to be in good condition compared to close to Fairbanks. Al Barrette asked if there will be any targeted hunts in the Fairbanks area due to current snow conditions. Tony Hollis reported that these would have had to be offered in October, but were not due to lack of utilization in the past few years. Bill Larry asked about 20A near Little Delta. Tony Hollis reported that conditions look about normal for this time of year.

**Discussion of BOF proposal 283:** Mike Kramer's concerns regarding this proposal include the fact that this was generated out of cycle with lack of input from affected user groups aside from the commercial sector. There are also concerns regarding increased commercial harvest due to failure to meet escapement goals for Kenai kings the past 3 years. Increased commercial opportunity in spite of missed escapement goals would set a dangerous precedent for other fisheries around the state. Prepared statement regarding this proposal was presented to the AC asking that BOF member Mitchell withdraw this proposal, consult with the Fairbanks AC regarding Fairbanks interests, and become more familiar with BOF voting process.

McKenzie Mitchell doesn't wish to speak directly to the statement provided by Mike Kramer, but believes that the issues addressed in proposal 283 are more complex than presented in the statement. She believes that she met with all concerned user



groups and continues to make herself available to anyone who wishes to discuss this issue.

Mark Richards asked if McKenzie Mitchell is aware of the criteria for submitting a board generated proposal outside of the normal cycle. McKenzie Mitchell confirmed that she is aware of the criteria.

Mike Tinker asked if McKenzie Mitchell considered this proposal to address an emergency justifying introduction out of cycle. McKenzie Mitchell confirmed that she believed introduction of this proposal was justified by continued delays to BOF cycle due to COVID and repeated ACRs related to this issue. Mike Tinker believes that this is not an emergency situation and that based on run numbers this was not necessary at this time.

Chuck Derrick stated that McKenzie Mitchell's vote against the proposal to extend the boundaries of the Chitina sub-district did not make sense and that the stated reason for her vote was inconsistent with the Board's primary responsibilities.

Al Barrette reminded all present that being a new Board member is a learning process.

Jennifer Yuhas is disappointed in Board member Mitchell's actions and would prefer that she proactively reach out to stakeholders rather than making herself available.

Virgil Umphenour stated that over-escapement is a myth. Fish runs sustained themselves before any commercial fishing existed and still can. This is not justification for the proposal in question.

Kirk Schwalm reminded the AC that Fairbanks has sometimes benefited from board generated proposals in the past, and has not opposed them in those circumstances. This proposal was generated 4 months ago with adequate opportunity for public comment. The AC has the opportunity to provide comments on this proposal prior to the comment deadline. The AC should be addressing issues, and not individuals.

Al Barrette pointed out that the BOF accepted proposal 283, suggesting that other members believed it had merit.

McKenzie Mitchell stated that when she is considering her votes on issues for the BOF she makes decisions based on input from all stakeholders, her background in fish economics, and material presented to her. She realizes this may not please everyone, but she will continue to do this to the best of her ability.



Mike Kramer stated that he does not believe a motion is necessary regarding the prepared statement on proposal 283 presented to the AC. Discussion was productive and he appreciates member Mitchell attending the AC meeting to address this issue.

**Review recommendations of the Game & Trap subcommittee and comments to Board of Game on statewide proposals:** Mike Tinker stated that it is important for the AC to remain consistent on proposals that we have previously expressed an opinion on.

Proposal 101 (changing definition of bows to include crossbows); Levi Llewellyn believes these are significantly different weapons and should be treated differently in regulations. Kirk Schwalm stated that there are already provisions for individuals who are incapable of shooting bows to hunt with a crossbow in archery hunts. Jeff Lucas believes that crossbows should be allowed as primitive weapons, but not classified as bows. AC will oppose the proposal by unanimous consent.

Proposal 102 regarding the definition of primitive weapons should exclude inline muzzleloaders and magnifying optics. AC supports the proposals with the preceding caveats.

Proposal 109 regarding modification of microchip requirements for raptors exported out of Alaska to eliminate requirement for all raptors except large falcons. AC supports the proposal by unanimous consent.

Proposal 117 requiring hunters to possess evidence of required certifications in the field. Kirk Schwalm states that this information is easily verifiable after troopers have made contact with a hunter in the field. Motion by Mike Tinker to support Proposal 117; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion failed by vote of 12 opposed with 3 abstentions.

Proposal 121 allowing use of dogs to hunt big game. Mike Tinker moved to support the motion; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 122 to lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game. Opposed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 125 allowing use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts. Opposed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 127 to allow use of air guns for taking big game. Mike Tinker believes that this proposal is too broad and needs to specify energy and caliber minimums. AC will take no action on this proposal.



Proposal 128 prohibiting use of mechanical powered body suit or device. Motion to support by Mike Tinker; seconded by Mark Richards. AC supports the motion by unanimous consent.

Proposal 129 requiring use of soft point expanding bullets for big game hunting. Proposal is too broad and does not provide definition of soft point or expanding. Motion to support by Mike Tinker; seconded by Jeff Lucas. Motion failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 130 to prohibit urine from deer family species being used as bait or scent lures. Motion by Virgil Umphenour to support with exception for moose harvested in the same GMU. Discussion by AC members regarding enforcement difficulties. Motion by Mike Tinker to TNA the proposal; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 135 to repeal restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting. Virgil Umphenour opposes this proposal due to support for the restriction from sheep hunters who attended previous AC meetings and talking to sheep hunters since the restriction was enacted. Move to support by Jeff Lucas; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion passes by vote of 9-4.

Proposal 138 restricting aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting during all seasons. AC will TNA with comments from subcommittee.

Proposal 144; motion to support by Mike Tinker; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 145 supported by unanimous consent.

Proposal 151 requiring all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period. Discussion among AC members regarding payment of application fees in guide areas and undersubscribed hunts. Motion to support passed by vote of 11-2.

Proposal 161 changing salvage requirement for sheep, goat, and deer. Motion to TNA by Jeff Lucas; seconded by Mark Richards. TNA by unanimous consent.

Proposal 163 to count wounded game towards hunter's bag limit for all units. Motion to support by Mike Tinker; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion failed by vote of 14-0.

Proposal 173 to repeal Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. Motion to support by Mike Tinker; seconded by Jeff Lucas. Levi Llewellyn worries about potential for road hunting in this area similar to Steese Fortymile hunt. Kirk



Schwarm and Al Barrette point out that repeal of the management area would not change statute. Mike Tinker stated that the original reason for the management area and corridor restrictions were to protect the pipeline, which has been proven to be unnecessary. Motion to support comments from the subcommittee regarding this proposal by Mike Tinker; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Motion passed by vote of 12-1 with 1 abstention.

Proposals 255-257 reauthorizing antlerless moose hunts in Units 20A, 20B, and 20D. AC supports the proposals by unanimous consent with the understanding that no antlerless hunts will be held next year.

Discussion of remaining proposals deferred to Feb. 16.

**Discuss quorum issues at subcommittee meetings:** deferred to Feb. 16

**Discuss issues arising from Fisheries subcommittee:** deferred to Feb. 16

**Other:** deferred to Feb. 16

**IX. Recess until Feb. 16:** Chair at 10:00PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
2/16/2022 Meeting Minutes  
Teleconference

**I. Reconvene from Feb. 9 & Call to Order:** Chair at 6:36PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b> Kirk Schwalm	<b><u>VICE- CHAIR</u></b> Mark Richards	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
Absent							<b>X</b>	
Abs/Excused								
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	
Present		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								
Abs/Excused	<b>X</b>							

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Al Barrette (BOG)

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Dan Valentine (AWT)

**IV. Comments**

**Chair Comments:** none

**Vice Chair:** none

**Trapping:** none

**Game:** none

**Fish:** reminder of virtual subcommittee meeting on March 7

**AC Member Comments:** none

**Public Comments:** Al Barrette reported that Lynn Kiel had a stakeholder

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meeting in the Wasilla area regarding Proposal 199 regarding restrictions on trapping along trails; report should be available for public comment within the next few days.

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approval of Feb. 9, 2022 minutes by unanimous consent

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** approved as amended by unanimous consent

**VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

**Dept. Update:** Situation regarding moose confrontations remain the same as last week.

Mark Richards asked Trooper Valentine about proof required for second degree of kindred for hunt bookers/guides vs. relatives. Trooper Valentine reports that troopers usually ask this question when making contact with hunters in the field. Application for locking tags requires this information. For drawing applications applicants sign an affidavit attesting to second degree of kindred. There is concern that lack of verification could lead to lost hunt opportunities for both residents and non-residents. Virgil Umphenour stated that this information is required on the big game tag record for guides. Kirk Schwalm asked how often hunters push the limits of second degree of kindred. Trooper Valentine reported that this is fairly rare.

**Continuation of Review recommendations of the Game & Trap subcommittee and comments to Board of Game on statewide proposals from Feb. 9 AC meeting:** Proposal 196 (targeted hunt for Fortymile caribou in Units 20 & 25). Subcommittee felt this proposal was over-broad and unsure of all of the implications as herd range expands to the west. Al Barrette stated that the Elliott Hwy is the current border for the hunt and expansion would require action by the BOG. Historically, targeted hunts in the Fairbanks area have been logistically complicated and infrequently utilized. Kirk Schwalm is not opposed to another tool to manage the hunt and population, but this proposal seems vague. Targeted hunt structure works best in areas where demand exceeds supply and allows significant road corridor hunt without overwhelming the hunt area. Al Barrette concurred that the conditions in the Fortymile are different from typical targeted hunts in urban areas. Chuck Derrick believes that this might be necessary if a major part of the herd moved across the Elliott Hwy and the quota could not otherwise be reached. Al Barrette stated that the bag limit in the Sawtooth Mtns is 1 caribou under current regulations. The season could be extended in this area with no other action by the BOG, but nothing else could be done under current regulations. Motion to take no action and submit comments from subcommittee by Mark Richards; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Motion passed by unanimous



consent.

Proposal 232 to allow use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers. Jeff Lucas stated that he has spoken to ATA, who does not support this proposal. Kirk Schwalm believes this would create enforcement issues determining if someone is using dogs for recovery or for hunting. Motion by Virgil Umphenour to support the proposal; seconded by Mark Richards. Motion failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 233 eliminating peak draw weight for bows. Motion by Virgil Umphenour to support the proposal; seconded by Mark Richards. Virgil Umphenour believes that there is good reason for minimum draw weights and is opposed this proposal. Kirk Schwalm believes that creating more draw weight categories will create new enforcement difficulties. Motion failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 236 requiring ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a 1 mile radius. Motion to support the proposal by Mark Richards; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Mark Richards believes that F&G should be able to notify people if bait stations are close to other bait stations. This may resolve some conflicts, which could be beneficial. Kirk Schwalm stated that the regulatory language in this proposal does not prohibit stations within 1 mile of other stations, but does provide information for bear baiters to choose if they want to move to another location. Trooper Valentine stated that this would require GPS coordinates for all bait stations. Bait station descriptions will not be good enough for troopers to find all bait stations as required by this proposal. Mark Richards believes that this could also be an issue with Proposal 237, which the subcommittee voted to support. Mark Richards amended his motion to support to require the F&G only notify registrant of bait stations within ½ mile; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Al Barrette questions how enforceable this would be. Trooper Valentine believes this is impossible without GPS coordinates. Motion 6 in support, 6 opposed, with 1 abstention.

Proposal 241 to remove allocations between guided and non-guided non-resident hunters. Motion to support by Mark Richards; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Mark Richards states that this will treat all non-residents equally under the draw permit system. Virgil Umphenour opposes the proposal because the allocation is intended to prevent guides from not having any clients. Without allocations number of non-guided non-residents is likely to be significantly higher. Allocation system was implemented after significant study and input from working groups. Changes should be on a case by case basis for each affected hunt. Kirk Schwalm believes that allocations provide stability in the drawing permit process. Al Barrette believes that this proposal is relevant to the hunt situation on Kodiak, but may be different in other areas of the state. Mark Richards makes motion to support proposal with an amendment that all non-residents should be in the same pool of tags regardless of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of kindred or must be guided application status;



seconded by Jeff Lucas. Virgil Umphenour believes that this proposal would have a significant negative impact on guides in the villages. He is glad that Mr. Richards has amended this proposal, but would need more research before he could support it. Al Barrette understands the amendment to affect 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of kindred applicants, which has minimal impact on guides. Mark Richards clarified that the amended proposal would only affect Kodiak brown bear hunts. Gale Vick stated that she has a conflict of interest and will have to abstain from voting on this proposal. Motion to support passed 9-2, with 2 abstentions.

Proposal 242 allowing permits to be reissued for military personnel under “any official military deployment; requested reconsideration by Levi Llewellyn. Motion to support by Mark Richards; seconded by Mark Oppe. Mark Richards relayed comments from Levi Llewellyn restricting qualifying deployments to avoid abuse; moved to support the proposal with amendment proposed by Levi Llewellyn; seconded by Virgil Umphenour. Discussion among committee members regarding USARAK training for soldiers new to hunting in Alaska. Trooper Valentine stated that he has taught the hunting orientation at Fort Wainwright, which is generally voluntary. He is not aware of any plans for this to be a requirement. Austin Smith clarified that reception battalion at Fort Wainwright does not provide any required training on hunting in Alaska. Chuck Derrick asked if this could result in loss of opportunity for other hunters due to deferred permits for military members and if permits not utilized due to deployment could be reissued. Kirk Schwalm believes that both of these things could happen. Al Barrette believes that it would be easy to reissue unused permits to next individual drawn. Motion to support Proposal 242 as amended passed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 244 to eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts. Motion to support by Mark Richards; seconded by Kirk Schwalm. Kirk Schwalm stated that the AC has history of opposing CSH in Unit 13, but there may be other CSH hunts around the state that have different circumstances. Mike Kramer believes that all CSH hunts have the same legal/constitutional weaknesses and that the AC should not make exceptions for individual hunts. Al Barrette stated that CSH hunts were established prior to proxy hunts and that the availability of proxy hunts may undermine the rationale for CSH hunts. Mike Kramer concurs with Al Barrette’s comments regarding proxy hunts. Virgil Umphenour believed that proxy hunts pre-date CSH hunts and asked for clarification of this point. Gale Vick has concerns about this proposal being over-broad. The proposal merits more in-depth conversation, but she cannot support it as is. Motion to support Proposal 244 fails by vote of 5 in favor, 8 opposed.

Proposal 248 to allow non-resident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder. Motion to support by Mark Richards; seconded by Kirk Schwalm. Mark Richards stated that there is concern that the proposal does not specify that the adult hunter must be a resident. Virgil Umphenour believes that all permits



are non-transferable, so he does not see how this can be done. Kirk Schwalm clarified that as written the proposal would allow non-resident youth to hunt on behalf of non-resident or resident adult hunters based on Dept. ANR. After clarification, Virgil Umphenour supports the proposal. Chuck Derrick suggests amending the proposal to clarify that non-resident youth can utilize non-resident permits and resident youth can use resident permits. Bill Larry asks about youth attending school out of state. Mark Richards questions legality of transferring a resident permit to a non-resident youth. Gale Vick would like clarification regarding opportunity for non-resident grandchildren to hunt under this proposal. Al Barrette believes this provides an opportunity for children who do not live in Alaska to hunt with their non-custodial Alaska resident parent. Mark Richards cannot support the proposal as written. It should not apply to draw permits. Trooper Valentine confirmed that under current regulations in youth hunts the adult hunter must be an Alaska resident but the youth may be a non-resident. Motion to support the proposal passes by vote of 8-5.

Proposal 267 to limit all non-resident sheep hunting in Unit 19C. Motion to support by Mark Richards; seconded by Kirk Schwalm. The AC has previously supported the corresponding ACR. Mike Kramer asked for clarification of conservation concern referred to in this proposal; he does not believe that hunting full curl rams does not negatively impact sheep populations. Mark Richards stated that the proposal is clear that conservation concerns are related to climate and weather issues, not hunting. Al Barrette asked if Mark Richards believes in sheep management through full curl harvest strategy. Mark Richards does not believe that this is always suitable in all hunts. Virgil Umphenour pointed out resident sheep success rates (85%) in 19C and contributions to the Dept. through Pittman-Robertson funds vs. contributions from non-residents. Sheep will recover from weather-related declines. Kirk Schwalm appreciates the dollars that come into Alaska game management from non-residents/guides are significant and important and that harvest ticket hunts that do not restrict residents shouldn't restrict non-residents. Elimination of subsistence hunt in this case justifies restrictions on non-residents, and he believes that statute requires reduction in non-subsistence uses. Mark Richards re-stated that the Dept. has conservation concerns for this sheep population and that they have said current regulations contribute to that. Virgil Umphenour stated that the subsistence hunt that was eliminated was a ewe hunt, which has a significant impact on the population. Mark Oppe believes elimination of the subsistence hunt is a deciding factor in supporting the proposal. How is it possible to legally justify restricting subsistence opportunities without restricting other opportunities? Mike Kramer believes it is important to clarify the subsistence opportunities available and to distinguish between subsistence harvest of ewes vs. rams. The BOG needs to have a serious discussion about existing subsistence regulations for this sheep population. Al Barrette believes that the Dept. could have done a better job in restricting subsistence opportunities more narrowly. Motion to support the proposal passes 12-1.



Proposal 271 (board generated) defining “position” in context of using snowmachines to take game. Kirk Schwalm believes that the definition proposed restricts snowmachines to such an extent that they should just be banned. Mark Richards believes that this would simply align definitions statewide. Kirk Schwalm believes that this would be difficult for troopers to enforce in the field. Trooper Valentine believes that the distance specified in the proposal is pretty far and troopers would likely not cite anyone for this now. Mike Kramer believes also believes this would be difficult to support and cannot support it if troopers don’t support it. Al Barrette believes that this is the type of issue that troopers will be caught in the middle of. Motion to support the proposal by Kirk Schwalm; seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion to support failed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 199 to restrict setting traps near trails has been opposed by the AC in the past. Kirk Schwalm believes that not every bad idea needs to be banned. While setting traps near recreational trails may be rude, it should not necessarily be criminal. Previous comments in opposition to the proposal in the Region IV meeting can be forwarded to the BOG.

Mark Richards would like to emphasize that not having Dept. ANRs available to the AC makes it very difficult for the AC to discuss these issues and make informed decisions.

**Discuss quorum issues at subcommittee meetings:** deferred to a future AC meeting

**Discuss issues arising from Fisheries subcommittee:** deferred to a future AC meeting

**Other:** none

**IX. Adjourn:** Chair at 10:22PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



PROPOSAL 120

MOTION BY BRUCA WERBA  
SECOND BY RICHY RICH  
KEN  
ROGER  
DAVID  
BRUCA  
NO

PROPOSAL 131

MOTION BY RICH  
SECOND BRUCAY RICH  
KEN  
ROGER  
DAVID  
BRUCA  
NOEUGENE WAS EXCUSED AT 1:30  
ANOTHER MEET TO ATTEND

PROPOSAL 239

MOTION BY RICH  
SECOND BRUCAY  
NO RICH  
KEN  
ROGER  
DAVID  
BRUCA

PROPOSAL 163

MOTION BY BRUCA  
SECOND DAVIDY RICH  
BRUCA  
NO KEN  
ROGER  
DAVID

PROPOSAL 171

MOTION BY BRUCA  
SECOND RICHY RICH  
KEN  
ROGER  
DAVID  
BRUCA  
NO

PROPOSAL 230

MOTION BRUCA  
SECOND RICHY  
NO RICH  
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ROGER  
DAVID  
BRUCA

PROPOSAL 245

MOTION RICH  
SECOND BRUCAY  
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BRUCA



PROPOSAL 247	MOTION BRUCE SECOND RICH	Y	NO RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE
PROPOSAL 254	NO ACTION BY COMMITTEE		
PROPOSAL 261 & 262 TOGETHER	MOTION <del>261</del> RICH SECOND ROGAR	Y RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE	NO
PROPOSAL 259	MOTION RICH SECOND BRUCE	Y RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE	NO
PROPOSAL 267	MOTION RICH SECOND DAVID	Y RICH KAN DAVID ROGAR	NO BRUCE
PROPOSAL 271	MOTION BRUCE SECOND RICH	Y	NO RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE
PROPOSAL 129	MOTION BRUCE SECOND RICH	Y KAN ROGAR BRUCE	NO RICH DAVID
PROPOSAL 130	MOTION BRUCE SECOND ROGAR	Y RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE	NO



**Homer Advisory Committee  
2/15/2022  
Kachemak City Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:01 by Dave Lyon chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vide chair), George Matz (secretary), Dan Anderson, Michael Craig, Matt Hakala, Doug Malone, Bob Nathanson, Marvin Peters (arrived later), Tom Young (arrived late).  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman
- IV. Guests Present: Joe Brewer
- V. Approval of Agenda; Approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business
  - Board of Game Statewide Regulations Proposals
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting; NA
- XII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday March 9 at Kachemak City Center
- XIII. Adjourn; 7:45



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-11, 2021 | Fairbanks, 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>			
104			
Support	8	0	Clear, unambiguous definitions are needed to avoid unnecessary controversy.
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
Support	8	0	List needs to be complete
106	Provide a definition for “feral”		
Support	8	0	Unambiguous definitions are needed to avoid controversy.
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
Support	10	0-2	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting.
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
Oppose	0	8	Proposals 108, 110, 111, 112, and 113 are all fatally flawed because they essentially create an incentive for nonresidents of Alaska to capture wild falcon’s native to Alaska for the purpose of meeting lucrative international markets for birds that can be used in falconry. This, in essence, is market hunting. We know from many other examples, that market hunting is often the demise of healthy, robust populations of wildlife. Currently, it is legal for ADF&G to issue up to five permits annually for nonresidents to capture falconry species. These proposals would triple that, indicting the market pressure for Alaska’s falcons is likely to be much greater than any sustainable harvest. Market hunting often results in demand far exceeding supply, especially under our current global network to serve markets (legally and illegally) far, and wide. Approving any of these proposals opens the door for further exploitation with little regards by the profitters as to whether this is sustainable or even based on defensible data regarding sustainable harvest numbers. This makes these proposals fatally flawed and inconsistent with Alaska’s constitution mandate to manage wildlife based on “sustained yield principle”.
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		



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Support	8	0	There should be no loopholes in the microchip requirements. This proposal would solve this problem.
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
Oppose	0	8	See #108
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
Oppose	1	7	See #108
112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
Oppose	0	8	See #108
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		
Oppose	0	8	See #108
114	Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor		
Support	9	0	Better alignment with raptor migration.
115	Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters		
Oppose	3	7-1	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting
116	Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986		
Oppose	1	8-1	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting
117	Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field		
Support	10	0	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting
121	Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game		
Oppose	0	9	Not a well written proposal and seems more applicable to other states, not Alaska. Doesn't make a distinction between dogs used to hunt and dogs used to track wounded game.
122	Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game		
Oppose	0	10	This proposal would likely result in more would result in more wounded animals that aren't recovered. Issue doesn't exist. It's not draw weight that matters, it's penetration.
123	Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game		
Oppose	0	10	Since bow hunting is usually done at close distances, it isn't clear why a range finder is needed. Also, the intent of bow hunting is to use more primitive means, rather than the latest technology. Allowing rangefinders would be inconsistent with this intent.



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124	Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows		
Oppose	0	10	See #123
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
Oppose	0	10	This is another case of going of allowing more technology as a substitute for skill. Also, inconsistent with the intent of bow hunting.
126	Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game		
Oppose	0	10	Muzzleloaders are meant for short range hunting situations which is inconsistent with the need for a scope.
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
Support	10	0	Too much technology. Another case of using technology as opposed to one own ability. Also, if this were to give a hunter a body suit, which are apparently expensive, an advantage over other hunters, it favors those who can afford to buy the technology.
139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
Support	9	0 - 1	This proposal seemed to draw the best balance among the other proposals that address this issue
144	Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited form being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	10	Completely impractical. Also, who decides what is a "community cat". This has no legal definition and consequently, this is not enforceable.
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Support as Amended	10	0	Unanimously approved amendment. Add after per year "for all hunts with limited entry registration. "The concern here was to make a distinction between hunts with and without limited entry.
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
Support	10	0	Allowing more permits will increase ADF&G revenue.
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	10	The AC opposes regulations that would force decisions on biologists. The example being "department shall issue".
167	Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit		



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Oppose	0	10	Unenforceable. Who would have enforcement authority?
251	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	From Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> AC meeting

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: 2/17/2022



**Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee  
12/22/2021  
Soldotna Library**

I. Call to Order: 6:03pm by Mike Crawford, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Chris	Hanna		X	
Cody	Rutter	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	@6:40	X	
John	Ellanbass		X	
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts		X	
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	@6:09pm		
Scott	Miller	@6:09pm		
Todd	Smith			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

IV. Guests Present: 0

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes



VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Discussion about the latest razor clam closure. Will take up at a future meeting.

Nick gave us a summary of the previous hunting season  
658 Black Bear Harvest, highest ever on the Kenai Peninsula  
2020 – Highest Brown Bear harvest since 2012  
20 females | 24 Males | 9 Other  
2021 8 females | 24 Males | 4 Other

Goat Harvest – 86 early season | 338 permits | 12 Late season, very average

Moose – 15A 33 calves per 100 cows

66 bulls per 100 cows

15B 54 per 100

33 per 100

15C – 35 per 100

32 per 100

400 Total Harvest

266 C

40 B

66 A

18 / 7

Research on Moose is on going and there is active research going on within the current fire areas.

Kalgin Island | 124 permits / 23 harvested

Caribou

Fox River – Hard to access 50 to 100 animals

Killeys River – 22 Harvested, 479, almost back to pre-avalanche numbers

Low Lands – Not growing

Kenai Mountains – 150



Sheep – 6 killed | 5 Full-Curl | 1 non-full curl – No expectation of any recovery.

Bever – 39 Total Harvest

Lynx – 307 Total Harvest

Otters – 45 Total Harvest

Wolves – 22 Total Harvest

Wolverines – 16 Total Harvest

### Board of Game Proposals

197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	12	0	Healthy bear population
198	Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.		
Opposed	0	12	50 mile radius is unreasonable and would be hard to enforce, this is excessive and would decrease opportunity
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		
	0	12	This is very broad and far sweeping that it would also prohibit public access. Though this is a dog issue, 50 yards is not much for a dog to cover. Dogs are supposed to be leashed on public trails. 6 of 12 members have actively trapped in the last 10 years.
202	Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Would allow the ability to take beaver during times when there is open water. The current limitation in the early part of the trapping season is open water. December 1 <sup>st</sup> opener with firearms, there is mostly ice.  There is currently no limit in this unit, there is no advantage to having firearms closed.  Assuming there is no biological concern to the beaver population
203	Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Assuming no biological concern, this aligns regulations better.
204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support	12	0	Supported to lengthen the season in 9B & 9C
205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	12	0	This allows the department continue management as needed.
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
Support	12	0	Increased opportunity as the herd has grown



213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
			Lots of discussion and issues, need a solution or a reason to remove the pair moose harvest requirement with the caribou. There could be some moose concerns within unit 13. Table for later meeting and more information.
251	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	12	0	No biological concern, population can provide the extra opportunity.

- Discussion about AC elections
- Set meeting dates for 2022
  - January 4<sup>th</sup>
  - January 10<sup>th</sup>
  - February 1<sup>st</sup> | Election
    - 2020 Expired Seats to be filled

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date | January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm @ TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_Will Lee\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_Mike Crawford \_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_1-4-2022\_\_\_\_\_



**Ketchikan Advisory Committee Vote Summary**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Alaska Department of Fish and Game Conference Room, Ketchikan**

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<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>			
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
Oppose	0	10	Rather than change the definition of bows, a discussion should occur to include crossbows. Current regulations allow for the use of crossbows if the hunt doesn't specifically prevent the use
102	Establish a definition for "primitive weapons" to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
Oppose	0	10	We don't have anything specified in regulation regarding primitive weapons only hunts. We should take into consideration the ability of the weapon to successfully harvest the target species
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as "hunting gear"		
No Action			
104	Modify the definition of "deleterious exotic wildlife" with several housekeeping changes		
No Action			
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of "deleterious exotic wildlife"		
No Action			
106	Provide a definition for "feral"		
No Action			
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of "deleterious exotic wildlife"		
Support	9	1	It is generally understood the deleterious effect domestic cats can have on native/migratory birds, rodents and other small animals
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
No Action			
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
No Action			
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		



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No Action			
111			Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year
112			Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors
No Action			
113			Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around
No Action			
114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
No Action			
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters
No Action			
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
Support	9	0	This would align crossbow requirements with existing archery regulations. We support reducing complexity.
117			Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field
Support	9	0	We support possession of required certification documents in the field to simplify enforcement.
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
Support	9	0	We support having hunt requirements met before applying for a permit
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
No Action			
120			Allow proxy hunting for moose
No Action			
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
Oppose	0	10	There would be support if it was only to retrieve wounded game
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
Oppose	0	10	The would create dangerous situations
123			Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game
No Action			



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124	Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows		
No Action			
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
No Action			
126	Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game		
No Action			
127	Allow air rifles for hunting big game		
Oppose	0	10	Lack of support because it doesn't indicate what caliber is appropriate in the pursuit of game. Question how these guns would perform in the varied extreme environments in Alaska.
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
Oppose	4	5	1 Abstain (thinks it's ridiculous). Hesitate to support because it is yet to be a problem. The could change the fundamentals of fair hunting
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
Oppose	0	10	With the difficulty in purchasing ammunition and its components we hesitate to take away viable ammunition. We agree with the intention of the proposal and personal responsibility.
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
No Action			
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
Support	7	1	1 Abstain(merit to both arguments), Some of the meat that is currently required to be salvaged doesn't add up to much edible meat.
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
No Action	9	0	
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
No Action	9	0	This is already legal in most of the state, this isn't an issue
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
No Action	8	1	We would support the proposal if the ATA supports.
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
No Action			
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
No Action			



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137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
No Action			
138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
No Action			
139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
No Action			
140	Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area		
No Action	9	0	
141	Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart		
No Action	8	1	Could be difficult to enforce, one mile seems arbitrary
142	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action			
143	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action			
144	Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support cats being released into the wild
145	Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations		
Support	8	1	We do not support cats being released into the wild
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Oppose	0	9	This would prevent people from legally pursuing game in the state where they can harvest more than one animal in a registration hunt.
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
Support	5	4	Some concerned this could result in trophy hunting with the purpose to sell. Others believe we should have the right to sell our prepared trophy if we wish.
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
No Action			
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		



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No Action			
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support pay to play, those with the biggest wallet have the best odds.
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		
No Action			
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
Oppose	0	9	We aren't quite sure what they are specifically trying to address. We don't this is an issue for draw tags but have heard about it for registration tags
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	12	
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
Support	12	0	
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
Support	12	0	
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
No Action	0	12	
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
Oppose	0	12	
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		



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163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
No Action	12	0	
164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
No Action			
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
No Action			
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		
No Action			
167	Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit		
No Action			
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
No Action			
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
No Action			
170	Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries		
No Action			
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
No Action			
172	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
No Action			
173	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
No Action			
<del>174</del>	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
<del>175</del>	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
<del>176</del>	<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		



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177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
179			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
181			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
182			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
184			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
185			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
186			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
187			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
188			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
189			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
193			Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A
No Action			
196			Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25



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No Action			
230			Change the definition for "full-curl horn"
No Action			
231			Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans .
No Action			
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
No Action			
233			Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species
No Action			
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.
No Action			
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit
No Action			
236			Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location
No Action			
237			Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation
No Action			
238			Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit
No Action			
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
No Action			
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
No Action			
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
No Action			
242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"
No Action			



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243	Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts		
No Action			
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
No Action			
246	Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns		
No Action			
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Opposed	0	12	
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
No Action			
249	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
No Action			
250	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
No Action			
251	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
No Action			
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
No Action			
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
No Action			
254	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
No Action			
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
No Action			
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
No Action			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
No Action			
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		



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No Action			
259			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
No Action			
260			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
No Action			
261			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
No Action			
262			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
No Action			
263			Allow the harvest of sea otter.
No Action			
264			Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power
No Action			
265			Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions
No Action			
266			Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas
No Action			
267			Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>
No Action			
269			Create a tiered hunt structure and open a hunt for the Unimak Island caribou herd
No Action			
270			Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E
No Action			

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Allen  
 Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Ketchikan AC  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2/15/2022



## Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** 2/1/2022

**Location:** ADFG Conference Room

**Call to Order:** 5:33 pm

**Roll Call:**

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
Clay Bezenek	Chair	Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Absent/Exc.	Commercial Fishing
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present	Salmon Enhancement, hunting, sport fishing, trapping, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Keenan Sanderson		Present	Subsistence, Comm/Sport Fish, Tlinquit, Haida
Beau Dale		Present	4 <sup>th</sup> generation Alaskan, hunter, fisherman, local locksmith
Chad Crittenden		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Photography, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist, Alaska Native
Robert Jahnke		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Joseph Roth		Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Assoc./Corp., Conservationist
Ginger Fox	Saxman	Absent/Unexc	Community of Saxman, Commercial/Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Alaska Native
Jeremiah Sullivan		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Chris Foster	Alternate	Absent	Hunter, Fisherman
Kenny Shaw		Absent/Unexc	Trapping, Hunting
Nick Martin	Alternate	Absent	Commercial Fishing
Perry Leach		Present/Zoom	Comm/Sport Fish, Subsistence
Randy Williams		Absent/Unexc	
Brian Ringeisen		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Devin Dalin		Present	Hunting, Sport Fish

## Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance



## **Public Present:**

Clint Cole (Zoom), Ben Atwood

## **Department Present:**

Ross Dorendorf (ADFG Wildlife)

## **Meeting Agenda:**

### **Old business items:**

- 1.) Set meeting for BoF proposal 87 review
- 2.) Set meeting to write letter to BoF

### **New business:**

- 1.) Set Date to hold elections for non-participating AC members and those members with expiring positions
- 2.) Discussion of Statewide BoG proposals
- 3.) Etolin Elk proposal committee

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

None

## **Chairman's Report:**

Called the Assistant Director of Sportfish to compliment them on the implementation of the new app and to pick his brain about using the app to record the harvest of sport caught fish. On the app you can record the harvest of every other kind of harvest except sport caught fish. I asked the question why? The explanation was that no one wanted that capability. Well we have a rockfish problem and any biologist would agree that you need to know three things.

1. Have to survey the biomass
2. Understand the animal you are harvesting and set quota's
3. You have to know what the harvest is



The feeling was that the creel survey and end of year harvest survey are adequate. I disagree that those management tools are adequate. The concern again with the app was the cost of developing/implementing harvest logging for sport caught fish. Well, what is the cost going to be for residents that can't go out and catch a rockfish and eat it for dinner?

Several years ago there was creel census data regarding king crab harvest in Juneau. The Department stood by that data. The commercial fishermen wanted to fish because they thought there was biomass there. At the end of the season the harvest data indicated a 2 ½ fold increase in harvest over what the creel indicated. That creel survey didn't hold water.

I'm looking for the day when we are designated a federally qualified subsistence community. Right now when we have an area designated for personal use you can't have any other type of fishing.

We're going to pen a letter to the BoF to support the cell phone app, to support acquisition of the ROV and support the pillars of sound management.

### **Committee Reports:**

None.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **AC Comment:**

None

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Statewide BoG Proposals

### **Prop 101**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

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Discussion: If you have difficulty pulling back a bow you will have difficulty pulling back a crossbow. The current regulations for bows are in place for a reason, including crossbows would extend the range of a range limited weapon. Current regulations allow for the use of crossbows if the hunt doesn't specifically prevent the use. Everyone has to pass a crossbow certification course to participate in any hunt. Rather than change the definition of bows, a discussion should occur to include crossbows.

Call the Question: Dale

Second: Bezenek

Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Opposed Unanimously

### **Prop 102**

Move to Adopt: Dale

Second: Allen

Discussion: If we are comparing other states, not all states have the same definition of "primitive". In some states it's about safety, not whether a weapon is primitive or not. We don't have anything specified in regulation regarding primitive weapons only hunts. We should take into consideration the ability of the weapon to successfully harvest the target species.

Call the Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Opposed Unanimously

### **Prop 107**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: It is generally understood the deleterious effect domestic cats can have on native/migratory birds, rodents and other small animals.

Call the Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 9, Oppose: 1, Supported.



Additional Discussion: Who gets to make the call on whether a cat is feral or a homed cat. Does the individual get to make the call whether they can shoot the cat or not? What responsibility does a dog owner have in a similar situation?

### **Prop 121**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: You can currently hunt black bear with dogs but it requires a special permit. Retrieving would be considered tracking a wounded animal. Track would be considered the use of dogs to find game. There would be support if it was only to retrieve wounded game.

Call the Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Opposed Unanimously

### **Prop 122**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: This is going to create dangerous situations. This is an individual who does not represent, nor is supported by a bow organization.

Call the Question: Dale

Second: Jahnke

Support: 0, Opposed: 10, Opposed Unanimously

### **Prop 127**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale



Discussion: Lack of support because it doesn't indicate who decides what caliber is appropriate in the pursuit of game. Some of the big game in Alaska is not encountered anywhere else in the United States. Air rifles have advanced by leaps and bounds, yet some don't believe we are there yet. How would these rifles perform in the various environments and weather that can be encountered in Alaska?

Call the Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Opposed: 10, Unanimously Opposed

### **Prop 128**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: This proposal is looking to prohibit the use before someone tries it, it's not currently in regulation. This could change the whole aspect of hunting. This would necessitate a change in regulation as it fundamentally changes the playing field. We wouldn't want this to pertain to prosthetics. Some support a suit or exoskeleton if it was only used to pack out game, not in the pursuit or harvest of game. If this isn't currently an issue there is some hesitation to support.

Call the Question: Jahnke

Second: Dale

Support: 4, Oppose: 5, Opposed, Abstain: 1, Proposal Opposed, Crittenden abstained because the proposal is ridiculous and this is not currently a problem.



## **Prop 129**

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: There are currently no regulations preventing use of bullets by type. This proposal seems to want to exclude full metal jacket(FMJ) ammunition. Would this also pertain to buckshot? With the difficulty in purchasing ammunition or components we would hesitate to take away viable ammunition options, especially in remote communities. We believe the intention of this proposal is good, however, at this time the burden in acquiring ammo would prevent some from harvesting. You should pursue game based on the method of take, ammunition and your ability.

Call the Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Unanimously Opposed

## **Etolin Elk BoG Proposal(s), Beau Dale**

Current seasons are:

DE318: Bow only, 9/1-9/30

DE321: Draw 10/1-10/15

DE323: Draw 10/16-10/31

RE325: Registration 11/15-11/31

**Would like to propose:**

**Create a harvest objective**

**DE318 Sept 1st-15th - Bow Only (25 tags)**

**DE319 Sept 16th-Sept 30th, Draw, no special provisions(25 tags)**

**DE321 Oct 1st-Oct 15th, Draw Rifle, no special provisions (35-40 tags)**



**RE325 Oct 16th - ..., Remains open until 90% of harvest objective is reached.  
Include all units 1-3. No special provisions.**

Current reporting requirements:

In person or by phone to ADF&G in Petersburg, or Ketchikan within 5 days of kill.  
5-inch section of lower jaw with front teeth.

The quality and safety of the current hunt is compromised due to effort, relatively small area to viably hunt and the pressure. Most of the animals during the archery season are harvested in the first two weeks. We have the opportunity to harvest additional animals in a rifle hunt the last two weeks in September before they move into the canopy.

Providing registration opportunities earlier would allow deer hunters the opportunity to harvest an elk incidentally.

Frustrated due to the fact elk are on Zarembo and there is no harvest opportunity. Hard time wrapping my head around letting introduced animals grabbing a foothold somewhere we can't harvest.

Petersburg AC may put a proposal in for a Zarembo elk hunt.

### **Elk Committee:**

Devin Dalin, Robert Jahnke, Brian Ringeisin, Chad Crittenden, Matt Allen, Ross Dorendorf.

SE Board of Game meeting set for January 20-24th, 2022.

### **Additional Proposals for future consideration:**

- 1.) Extend marten season to February 28th to coincide with wolverine in Unit 1
- 2.) Extend wolverine season to end of March
- 3.) Be able to use any two deer tags on the Cleveland Peninsula
- 4.) Change Unit 2 to any two deer tags
- 5.) Spring/Winter goat season, two week season

### **Future Meeting Schedule:**

February 8th: BoG proposals, ADFG presentation on new goat management strategy in Unit 1, AC letter to BoF @ 5:30pm ADFG conference room

February 15th: Ketchikan AC elections, BoG proposals @ 5:30pm ADFG conference room

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**Adjourn: 8:32pm**



## Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 2/8/2022

Location: ADFG Conference Room

Call to Order: 5:34 pm

### Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
Clay Bezenek	Chair	Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Absent/Exc.	Commercial Fishing
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Keenan Sanderson		Absent/Unexc	Subsistence, Comm/Sport Fish, Tlinquit, Haida
Beau Dale		Present	4 <sup>th</sup> generation Alaskan, hunter, fisherman, local locksmith
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Joseph Roth		Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Assoc./Corp., Conservationist
Ginger Fox	Saxman	Absent/Unexc	Community of Saxman, Commercial/Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Alaska Native
Jeremiah Sullivan		Present/Zoom	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Chris Foster	Alternate	Present	Hunter, Fisherman
Kenny Shaw		Absent/Unexc	Trapping, Hunting
Nick Martin	Alternate	Absent	Commercial Fishing
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### Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance



## **Public Present:**

Boyd Porter (Retired ADFG), Clint Cole (Zoom), Marvin McCloud, Ed Toribio (Zoom)

## **Department Present:**

Ross Dorendorf (Wildlife ADFG), Bo Meredith (Comm Fish, ADFG)

## **Meeting Agenda:**

### **Old business items:**

- 1.) BoF Proposals, Letter to BoF

### **New business:**

- 1.) BoG Proposals
- 2.) Unit 1A Goat Management Presentation

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

## **Chairman's Report:**

None

## **Committee Reports:**

Clay Bezenek presents letter to AC members and those in attendance.

## **Public Comment:**

None

## **AC Comment:**

None



## **Old Business:**

Letter to BoF

Clay Bezenek presented a letter to the AC and those participating in the meeting for review and comment. Letter to be sent to BoF, SEAK AC Chair's, Dan Ortiz and others.

Move to Adopt: Dale

Second: Dalin

Discussion:

Include language to ask for support of Ketchikan AC proposal 228. Proposal 228 provides opportunity for anglers to harvest non-pelagic rockfish, 1 fish per day, non-retention of Yelloweye for non-residents. The letter outlines concerns regarding proper management of fish stocks. AC supports the Department and that funds be made available for equipment and time for surveys of Southern SEAK inside waters for non-pelagic rockfish. We also wish to support extending use of the cell phone app to allow for real time recording of sportfish harvest.

Question: Allen

Second: Dalin

Support: 9, Oppose 0, Passes Unanimously

## **New Business:**

Unit 1A Goat Management Presentation (Ross Dorendorf)

New management strategy could provide more harvest opportunities than the old method. Unit 1A is approximately 5,300 square miles. Old strategy was a point based system, billies 1pt, nannies 2pts. For every



100 goats surveyed they would allow the harvest of goats equaling 6pts. New strategy includes the newest science available, including a sightability factor, increased trend count areas and provides harvest based on a percentage of the population to be harvested. Still focused on the harvest of males. Females can be a maximum of 30% of the harvest goal. Surveys are done by helicopter or super cub. Surveys are minimum counts. Sightability factor increases the minimum count based on a data driven algorithm.

Goats are sexually di-morphic. Females mature late and reproduce more successfully at later ages. They also experience reproductive pauses. For these reasons they are sensitive to overharvest.

There are three distinct populations. Cleveland Peninsula, Revilla and Mainland Misty Fjords. Revilla is an introduced population with the potential for a higher harvest rate than the two native populations. Introduced populations have a greater capacity to reproduce and have offspring recruit into the adult population. Current population estimates are based on aerial surveys of 13 trend count areas. In general, there are fewer goats on the mainland compared to Revilla. Additional trend count areas have been outlined in the new management strategy that encompass the entire unit. It is ADFG's goal to survey each unit over a ten year period. Some trend count areas are inaccessible to hunting and will be able to show what is going on in areas without harvest.

## **BoG Proposals**

### Proposal 116

Move to Adopt: Jahnke

Second: Dalin



Discussion: This would align crossbow requirements with existing archery regulations. We support reducing complexity.

Question: Roth

Second: Dale

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimously supported

### Proposal 117

Move to Adopt: Roth

Second: Allen

Discussion: We support possession of required certification documents in the field to simplify enforcement.

Question: Dale

Second: Dalin

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimously supported

### Proposal 118

Move to Adopt: Roth

Second: Dalin

Discussion: Support having the requirements for hunting met prior to permit application.

Question: Dale

Second: Dalin

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimously supported



### Proposal 131

Move to Adopt: Roth

Second: Dalin

Discussion: We should salvage all useable meat for consumption not for other means. Current regs require salvaging required meat before utilizing the remaining carcass/parts for bait. If passed this would allow some of the meat currently required for salvage to be used for trapping. Some of what is currently required for salvage doesn't add up to much edible meat.

Question: Jahnke

Second: Allen

Support: 7, Oppose: 1, Abstain: 1 (merit to both arguments both for and against this proposal), Proposal is supported

### Proposal 132

Move to Take No Action: Roth

Second: Dale

Discussion: This is outside our area.

Question: Roth

Second: Dale

Support taking no action: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimous to Take No Action



### Proposal 133

Move to Adopt: Dalin

Second: Dale

Discussion: This is already legal in most of Alaska, this isn't an issue.

Move to Take No Action: Roth

Second: Ringeisen

Support taking no action: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimous to Take No Action

### Proposal 134

Move to adopt: Dalin

Second: Jahnke

Discussion: John Ryan is a Trooper and on the East POW AC. We would be interested in what the ATA (Alaska Trappers Association) has to say about this proposal and whether the East POW AC was in support of this. If ATA supports this proposal on a statewide basis we would support. Some debate if this is an existing or growing problem. Some concern this could be used for other purposes. This could allow the more humane dispatching of furbearers in a much more timely fashion. How would this impact other areas of the state with different seasons and furbearers. Could this be implemented only in Unit 2?

Move to Take No Action: Jahnke

Second: Dalin

Support: 8, Oppose: 1, support the Take No Action but would support unanimously if ATA supports.



### Proposal 140

Motion to Take No Action: Ringeisen

Second: Dale

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, unanimous to Take No Action

### Proposal 141

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: Could be difficult to enforce. One mile seems arbitrary. Most bear baiting occurs in Unit 2 off the road system. This proposal is more applicable up north, Kenai? Is this a safety issue or a competition issue?

Move to Take No Action: Jahnke

Second: Dalin

Support: 8, Oppose: 1, Allen would like to vote on this proposal.

Proposal passes

### Proposal 144

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: This proposal is contrary to Proposal 107 which we supported. These cats would be allowed to be released into the wild where they would kill wildlife and cause other problems.

Question: Crittenden



Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 9, unanimously opposed

### Proposal 145

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: We support the designation of F. cactus as deleterious and exotic wildlife. We do not support the release of domesticated cats into the wild.

Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 8, Oppose: 1, passes

### Proposal 146

Move to Adopt: Dalin

Second: Dale

Discussion: This proposal is attempting to address a specific scenario but is all inclusive in the state. This would prevent people from legally pursuing game in the state where they can harvest more than one animal in a registration hunt. For example, one could not hunt registration goat in 1A and then pursue goat in unit 8.

Question: Roth

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 9, unanimously opposed



### Proposal 150

Move to Adopt: Dale

Second: Dalin

Discussion: This is pay to play. Those with the biggest wallet have the best odds. Some interest in how much additional revenue this would generate for the Department. Proposer is a big game guide, this could benefit the guide and his clients. If the intent was to generate more revenue then maybe each successive draw opportunity should cost more money.

Question: Roth

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 9, unanimously opposed

### Proposal 147

Move to Adopt: Roth

Second: Allen

Discussion: McCloud, as someone who has done taxidermy it can be very difficult to sell a trophy a client has not paid for or abandoned. This would be beneficial.

Further discussion, what is the problem if I were to harvest an animal, pay to have it taxidermied and then want to sell it later on? This would allow all residents to sell their trophy as a prepared mount. Concern by some that this would lead to trophy hunting and selling.

Question: Sullivan



Second: Allen

Support: 5, Oppose: 4, passes

### Proposal 152

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: Are there draw tags that require this? Is this proposal written correctly? We aren't quite sure what they are specifically trying to address.

There are registration hunts where this is a requirement. Travel or traveling to a remote community is costly and a deterrent for many in simply attempting to obtain a registration tag. To some this is a proper way to deter participation and to favor local residents, to others it's not fair and should be addressed in another way.

Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Oppose: 9, unanimously opposed

Move to Adjourn: Roth

Second: Dalin

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, motion to adjourn unanimously supported

**Adjourn: 8:40pm**





## Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** 2/15/2022

**Location:** ADFG Conference

**Room**

**Call to Order:** 5:42 pm

**Roll Call:**

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
Clay Bezenek	Chair	Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Present	Commercial Fishing
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Robert Jahnke		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Joseph Roth		Absent/Exc.	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Assoc./Corp., Conservationist
Marvin McCloud		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Jeremiah Sullivan		Present/Zoom	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Charlie Ratzat		Present	Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Outdoorsperson
Perry Leach		Present/Zoom	Comm/Sport Fish, Subsistence
Brian Ringeisen		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Devin Dalin		Present	Hunting, Sport Fish
Annie McTurner	Alternate	Absent	Trapping, Hunting, Sport Fishing
Clint Cole	Alternate	Present/Zoom	

## Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

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## **Public Present:**

Boyd Porter (Retired ADFG)

## **Department Present:**

Ross Dorendorf (Wildlife ADFG)

## **Meeting Agenda:**

### **Old business items:**

- 1.) BoG Proposals

### **New business:**

- 1.) Elections
- 2.) BoG Proposals

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

January 31st, February 1st, February 8th meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Franulovich

Second: Dale

Discussion: None

Question: Sanderson

Second: Jahnke

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, Unanimously Approved

## **Chairman's Report:**

None

## **Committee Reports:**

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None

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **AC Comment:**

H.B. 80 - Is a House Bill that would institute a surcharge on Sport Fish licenses. Total charge to residents would be \$6.50. Increases for nonresident licenses who bear a greater proportion of the burden. \$2.50 will go towards fisheries management, research, invasive species management and habitat restoration. The remainder will go towards sport fish enhancement and maintenance of Department hatchery facilities.

Residents should be aware of this, communicate to our constituents and to know that this could have a direct monetary impact but also affect our ability to catch King Salmon. The Crystal Lake Hatchery is a State facility that is operated by SSRAA. Crystal Lake Hatchery would be a beneficiary of these funds. They are a major King salmon producer that provide opportunity and impact SEAK wide.

### **Old Business:**

Letter to BoF

BoG Proposals

BoF Proposal 87, Charlie Piercy

### **New Business:**

Ketchikan AC Elections

Several seats are expiring in June of 2022. Due to several members not recently not participating, not seeking excused absences and the important business at hand we are holding elections to fill a total of 6

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seats. Two are designated for Saxman, two are full members and two alternates. We have two members of the public participating in-person, one via Zoom and another has expressed a desire to join the AC but is unable to attend. All four public participants are seeking election. In recognition of expediency and agreement, could we entertain a motion to unanimously approve all participants?

Motion to approve all participants as AC members: Franulovich

Second: Dalin

Support: 9, Oppose: 0, Unanimous Support

BoG Proposals

#### Proposal 157

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dalin

Discussion: Current language would be replaced by “licensed to practice medicine in the state of Alaska. This will not affect proxy hunting. Some concern how this could affect peoples access if access to medical treatment/doctors is limited.

Question: Dale

Second: Jahnke

Support: 12, Oppose: 0, Unanimous Support

#### Proposal 153

Move to Adopt: Dalin

Second: Dale

Discussion: This would be costly to implement. The Department is opposed to this proposal. Meaningful benefit would take time to occur.



The recent increase in draw hunt applications has increased the odds slightly. Words of caution from other states that have gone to a point system, once you go to one you can never go back.

Should these hunts be resident only? Residents should have every opportunity to put meat on the table. The Department uses draw hunt application fees to support management. If you make hunts resident only where does it stop and what impact would it have on the guide industry.

Question: Dale

Second: Dalin

Support: 0, Oppose: 12, Unanimously Oppose

#### Proposal 154

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: One extra permit shouldn't make a difference to the resource. Does applying as a party increase your odds of drawing? It doesn't increase your odds. This is not a common occurrence, happens a couple times a year. There are probably enough unsuccessful hunters in a particular hunt to make up for the potential for an additional permit being issued.

Question: Jahnke

Second: Dale

Support: 12, Oppose: 0, Unanimously Support

#### Proposal 159

Move to Adopt: Allen



Second: Dalin

Discussion: The Department is flexible, doesn't look to jam people up. Most sealing requirements are generous time frames. There have been a few issues in Ketchikan but mostly with non-residents who are departing town and need to catch their flight. For some species there are members of the public who are permitted to seal, harvesters are not necessarily limited to Department or Enforcement as the only sealing options. It is important for the Department to have timely harvest data for best management. This would negatively impact wolf management in Unit 2.

Question: Allen

Second: Dalin

Support: 0, Oppose: 12, Unanimously Oppose

#### Proposal 160

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dalin

Discussion: We don't see this as a problem in SE. If this is a problem in Anchorage then they should deal with it specifically. This would establish reporting requirements. How would this be enforced?

Move to Take No Action: Dalin

Second: Allen

Support: 12, Oppose: 0, Unanimous to Take No Action

#### Proposal 161

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale



Discussion: We should harvest all the meat we can. This would leave a lot of meat in the woods every year. If you harvest an animal at dusk you are taking a calculated risk, if you're harvesting in bear country you know the risk. It doesn't take that long to remove the meat between the ribs.

Question: Allen

Second: Dale

Support: 0, Opposed: 12, Unanimously Oppose

### Proposal 163

Move to Adopt: Allen

Second: Dale

Discussion: Our general understanding and belief is that more people than not are ethical and would punch their tag. This would be an enforcement issue. This comes down to what is right and the decision is made in the field. There is probably a difference in lost game depending on the harvest method. That is why we have bowhunter certification. This isn't reported often in SEAK. The Department gets a few people who self report.

Move to Take No Action: Dalin

Second: Sullivan

Support: 12, Oppose 0, Unanimously support to Take No Action



## Proposal 247

Move to Adopt: Dalin

Second: Jahnke

Discussion: We are in a predator control area but the plan is inactive. This was going to be used on Gravina island. We should unanimously oppose. We have an ESA petition for all SEAK wolves. The Department is working with stakeholders in Unit 2 to manage wolves. The SEAK wolf population is healthy and well managed. This would take a management tool away from the Department. If approved this proposal would essentially negate wolf harvest throughout AK, especially SEAK. This would significantly negatively impact deer populations.

Question: Sullivan

Second: Janhke

Support: 0, Oppose: 12, Unanimously Oppose

## **Ketchikan AC member BoG proposals**

Crittenden: 3 proposals, Deer/Furbearers

Dalin: 2 proposals, Goat

Dale: multiple proposals, Etolin Elk

Jahnke: 2 proposals, Furbearers

Allen: 2 proposals, Goat

Please submit proposals to the AC so we can review at future meetings

### **Board of Fish**

Clay Bezenek will represent the Ketchikan AC at the upcoming meetings in Anchorage.

It's been 10-12 years since they have held a BoF meeting in Ketchikan. The last time was back to back in Sitka. We feel disenfranchised. The decision to hold the meeting in Anchorage was more about BoF convenience and came at the expense of SEAK. It's expensive to travel, it puts residents at unnecessary risk and it will be difficult for many to participate online. We would like to see BoF in its next cycle to come to Ketchikan, unfortunately that will be three years from now.

### **Board of Game**

ADFG Waterfowl personnel are reviewing a proposal to submit to address the waterfowl season. It will be an attempt to address concerns of those in the north and those in the south. The current regs switch each year, this can be confusing. The new proposal would have a break in the middle of the season, giving the opportunity for the season to start early and end late. If anyone is interested the Department wants to hear from them.

Concern about conflicts between wolf trappers who utilize mudflats and those who pursue waterfowl on those flats who use dogs.

### **Proposal 87**

Motion to Adopt: Franulovich

Second: Dalin



Discussion: Charlie Piercy is not here to participate and speak to his proposal.

We as an AC continue to support some aspects of proposal 87. We have long been in support of a cell phone app and its ability to require/allow for real time harvest data entry. As an AC we typically do not wade into issues having to do with allocation. We do believe that some sport harvesters have a greater impact on the resources than residents. We support resident priority. We would like to see nonresident unguided and boat rental businesses log their catch. If we could get SEAGO and some of the lodges to support this it would be huge.

We do not support closing west Behm to all finfish fishing.

Unanimous to continue to Take No Additional Action

## **Next Meeting**

March 1st @ 5:30, ADFG Conference Room  
AC member BoG Proposals

Motion to Adjourn: Allen

Second: Franulovich

Support: 12, Oppose: 0, Unanimously Support

**Adjourn: 7:43pm**



## **2/15/2022 Kodiak AC Meeting**

**Call to order:** 5:56 pm. by Chair Chervenak

**Roll Call:**

Paul Chervenak, Chair  
Alexus Kwachka  
Oliver Holm  
Andrew Finke  
Theresa Peterson  
Wallace Fields  
Tyler Schmeil (Late)

Nate Rose, Secretary  
Rolan Ruoss  
Brandon Bartleson  
Patrick O'Donnell  
Melissa Berns  
Garmin Squartsoff

13 members present for a quorum (need 8)

Excused Absent: Ron Kavanaugh, Julie Kavanaugh, Duncan Fields, John McElwain

**Staff:** Nathan Svoboda ADF&G

**Guests:** Richard Rohrer, Sam Rohrer, Stig Yngve, Cole Kramer, Jason Bunch, Rebecca Skinner

**Approve agenda:**

Motion made by Alexus

Second: Wallace

**12/0**

**Correspondence:** None

**Chair Announcements:** BOG proposal deadline of April 29, 2022 for South Central and Southeast (includes Kodiak, Unit 8) for 2023 cycle.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of 1/10/22 meeting minutes:**

Motion made by Andy

Second: Alexus

**12-0**

**New Business:**

**Discussion of Statewide Board of Game Proposals**

**Proposal 117:** Require hunters to possess proof of required educational certifications

-Motion to adopt: Andy Finke

-Second: Alexus



- could be costly for residents or none residents to stop a hunt if didn't have on person
- would guide be responsible/liable?
- hunter certification for those born after 1986
- only when a special certification would be required (Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader)
- maybe only applies to certain areas: JBER, Eklutna, specific to certain areas
- doesn't apply to guides, responsibility of the hunter to carry required tags, licenses, etc.
- maybe include language specific to weapons/required restrictions
- easy to do, keep it with license at all times

Question called: 11 support. 1 oppose

Wallace Makes motion "request for reconsideration"

Alexus second

- oppose because the proposal is too vague
- More inclined to take NA due to the lack of clarity in the wording
- People should consider unseen consequences, and do we want to put ourselves in that position
- if we take no action can we submit comments? YES

Question called to take No action: Vote: 12/0

**Take no action**

**Proposal 129:** Use soft points in big game hunting

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Andy

- How many guides use solid ammo for finishing shots/kills?
- I am a sole advocate for solid points
- Caliber issue, makes more sense for calibers below 300.
- leaning toward not making it a hard law
- would create issues with hard cast shells and individuals who like to hunt with old traditional weapons
- Ammunition is pretty hard to come by, might limit options for individuals
- seems like this pertains to caribou areas where smaller caliber weapons are used
- shouldn't be a statewide reg
- concerns about pass through shots?
- I agree with limited market for shells
- Good comments, voting against for all reason aforementioned

Question called

**Vote: 1-11 Oppose**

**Proposal 130:** Use Deer urine for baiting

Motion to Adopt: Oliver

Second: Alexis

- Department supports proposal CWD concerns (see department comments)



- personally, I would support this, watching expansion of wildlife diseases over North America especially in ungulates, creates concern for further expansion.
- Its already illegal for some urines in the state
- I would urge to support this, to further safeguard wildlife
- I thought it was already illegal and I'll be supporting this, big fan of keeping CWD out of Alaska
- I support, keep resource as natural as possible
- not a big issue in Unit 8

Question called

**Vote: 12/0 Support**

**Proposal 146:** Limit Big Game permits to one per species per year

Motion: Alexis

Second: Andy

Tyler Schmeil joined the call

- We do have multiple registration tags for big game on the island-consider Goats
- I will not support, as all registration hunts are unlimited until number of animals is reached.
- Registration elk hunt good for all areas? One permit for all areas, areas close based on harvest
- believe this is based out of Issues in Cordova, where maybe there is only a limited number of permits available, seems like it would be a good tool to have for other areas in the state where there are a limited number of permits
- Not a good Statewide proposal, would negatively impact our ability to harvest goats.

Question called

**Vote: 0/13 Oppose**

**Proposal 147:** Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit after 6 months

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Oliver

- could bring back trophy hunting, I am opposed
- I agree, market hunting could come back

Question called

**Vote: 0/13 Oppose**

**Proposal 148:** Allow the sale of prepared game trophies over 65 years of age

Motion: Alexis

Second: Andy

- This could bring back market hunting, I could see how having the age requirement would be better, but could still bring back market hunting
- I am going oppose this proposal because I don't think it's any different than the previous proposal.

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- who's going to keep track of all that?
- I don't think you can discriminate against age or years of residency, most likely department of law will weigh against this
- I would vote against just for the sake that it would be a commercial enterprise and a headache

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13    Oppose**

**Proposal 150:** increase the number of times you put in to the draw for a single species from 6-10

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Nate R.

- This makes it more cost prohibitive to families with kids, although could benefit the state in revenue
- It makes it a pressure from the rich to get what they want.
- won't really increase your chance of drawing as most put in maximum choices

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13    Oppose**

**Proposal 151:** require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

- does this just cover the guide portion of the tags or residents too?
- They want everybody to put in for the draw. This would hurt the guides on this island.
- clarification, does this refer to federal areas only? That's what they're going after.
- Does this have anything to do with registration hunts? No
- worth mentioning there are some areas that are specific guide use areas, and there some areas that are only partial exclusive and some non-exclusive
- how often does this happen? Not very often statewide-just a few areas
- guiding of non-resident hunters is the predominant reason our bear management is so successful, by letting bear tags sit vacant if tags don't get filled, the maximum monetary benefit isn't reached. In regard to bears, "Maximum benefit to the people" is monetary, not edible meat.
- small percentage of the permits, unique to federal land where there are sole use areas. A lot of Kodiak is multi guide use areas and all permits are drawn for.
- can Alaska residents book a non-resident hunt with a guide? Not on a non-resident tag
- if this proposal passed it would have a big impact on my personal business, also I donate a hunt to the Wild Sheep foundation to support conservation and that wouldn't be possible under this proposal.
- this provision was put in place so that the bear tags would be filled and the Kodiak system allows guides to fill hunts with over-the-counter tags, bear management on Kodiak is complex puzzle refined over 40 years and you can't pick apart the system without collapsing the entire management regime



- system put into place (requiring guide/client agreement to apply in the draw) to keep out anti hunters overloading the draw and taking all of the permits and also people applying on a hope and then not booking, letting permit go to waste
- application fee lost (\$5) minor in comparison to Non resident lic/tag fee (\$1160) plus a major loss of business to state and local economies

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13 Adamantly Opposed**

**Proposal 152 & 239:** Require all resident draw (152) /registration (239) permits be available online

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

- important tool for the department to allow a small amount of harvest or control a harvest
- in Kodiak, pretty important requirement to have every bear permit picked up at ADFG so they can explain rules, and every bear needs to be sealed here. Takes away an important tool for the department
- in Kodiak where there are areas where there's a small number of left over Goats available for harvest, the department might just close areas making it more difficult to harvest the optimum number of goats and actually decreasing opportunity for resident hunters
- in some areas on Kodiak, Goat permits need to be picked up in Port Lions or Old Harbor, designed to give village residents the ability to pick up registration hunts for their backyard hunts
- How often do registration hunts happen after draw hunts? -fairly often for a small quantity
- it's an important tool for the department to have, and not every specie/area has the ability to harvest excess numbers through the registration process.
- worth noting that in areas where there is significant harvest opportunities, (RG480) online makes sense, and they currently are available online
- For Kodiak the reasoning this works is the mix of federal and state lands, and the federal subsistence provides an opportunity for local individuals to harvest for subsistence needs, which the state wasn't providing
- leave this tool for the department and the BOG to use it when appropriate

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13 Oppose**

**Proposal 153:** Bonus point system for Bison and Muskox

Motion to adopt: Andy

Second: Alexis

- Department is opposed as expensive and labor intensive (see Department comments)
- Opposed to bonus point system, as it works against new hunters or young hunters usually, however proposed point system would be better way to do it, by just giving extra chances, However, I am opposed.
- I agree, in the end, the people with all the points end up with the hunts. Hard for new/young individuals to get an opportunity

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Question called:

**Vote: 0/13 Oppose**

**Proposal 154:** Direct ADFG to issue an additional permit when party application is drawn as last permit

Move to adopt: Alexis

Second: Andy

- Department is neutral (see department comments)
- I'll be in favor.
- this could apply to every bear permit area on Kodiak?
- No, I think it would apply to the specific hunt pool, or hunt number and have to have at least 10 permits available
- need to put that clarification in
- party hunts are the way to double the chances of hunting. This proposal makes sense
- Question for Department, talking about potentially 5 extra bears in Afognak and Kodiak. Does the department have an issue biologically with taking an additional 5 bears? And do you have the tools to reduce the harvest in the following year if concern exists
- yes we have the tools, and we are talking about a special circumstance if there are 2 party hunts drawn as last tags.
- The department has the ability to manage if need be if this scenario ever occurred. People I know that put in for party hunts want the experience of hunting together and making them split up to increase odds defeats this
- what would have to be changed regulations wise in order for this to happen?
- Dept: create the wording to allow the department to change the number of permits outside of regulation in order to fulfill this proposed change and allow for more tags if necessary

Question called:

**Vote: 1/12 Oppose**

- Dissenting comments, I don't want it to change from the way it was. I am old.
- status quo

**Proposal 241:** Remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresident hunters

Motion to Adopt: Alexis

Second: Nate R

- it's a privilege for residents to take 2DK relatives hunting-should be limited and come out of resident allotment
- I would do away with second degree of kindred permits.
- not to be mean, but many residents are not qualified to be out there hunting , yet alone be "guiding", or responsible for, someone else
- numerous incidents of rescue, needing assistance, wanton waste
- endangering themselves and those who come to help them
- Biological ramifications-higher rate of sow harvest by resident hunters

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- during last 10 years, over 50% of 2DK harvest were sows. over 80% of 2DK harvest was sows or sub adult males
- guided adult boar harvest very important for bear management on Kodiak
- could have negative effect, reducing overall permits with higher sow harvest, lowering permits available to residents, not increasing permits available
- economic loss to state, communities and small businesses
- different uses of 2DK harvest within the state shows it is a useful tool for the Dept and BOG
- should not be a blanket statewide approach to management
- they want unlimited non-resident relative drawing into non-resident permits.
- example, I hunted on the road system when I first came to Kodiak, and I harvested a 6.5 foot bear, rather than a 10 foot bear I thought it was.
- Goats and bear have to be guided in Kodiak and that's because they are difficult to hunt, and individuals get themselves in trouble.
- these only apply to nonresident that require a guide, and there is no good reason to bypass guide requirements

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13 Adamantly Opposed**

**Proposal 163:** Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game.

Motion to Adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

- I can see this as an ethics thing. There is no way a trooper can prove that a hunter wounded an animal and take action on it.
- I agree. Some arguments against are, if you notched a tag and didn't have any meat to show for it, you could be charged with want-and-waste. I think it all comes down to ethics. Could get around it with an extra notch on tag to dictate "wounded"
- it'll bring up a question of enforceability, but if it's a regulation that's made, and 85% of hunters take it to heart, then you might only be dealing with the 15% that might not take it to heart.
- I operate under the premise that a wounded animal is your animal. This is a tool that promotes ethical and responsible hunting
- I think it's a good push and good hunting practice
- I think the increase in long distance shooting makes proposals like this plausible. Personal feeling is I like this proposal because it places responsibility on the hunter in taking those long shots.
- I have 3 young hunters at home that this conversation pertains to, and the great thing about Kodiak is that this regulation solidifies the ethical hunting practice we should all live by and teach to the next generation. These are important rules to make regulation
- Good to have transparency and positive public perception in hunting and non-hunting world
- everyone should know and stick to their limitations

Question called:

**Vote: 13/0 Support**



**Proposal 164:** Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limits for all units excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

-See comments from proposal 163

Question called:

**Vote: 13/0 Support**

**Proposal 168:** Adopt a new regulation that specifies the BOG will not require guides for nonresident hunting moose, caribou, black bear.

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

- opposed, as this takes a valuable tool away from the Dept. and the BOG.
- there's a bunch of permits for moose and one of the guides suggested to make some of those permits guided only
- hard to manage where this might apply to Kodiak, but definitely applies to the interior
- it relates to groups bringing in large groups of people to hunt black bears in SE
- may need be used sometime to combat wanton waste

Question called:

**Vote: 0/13 Oppose**

Dept. suggests we discuss: 165,169,242,243,248

**Proposal 165:** Apply auction permit holders bag limit to the year the animal is taken as follows.

**-No action**

**Proposal 169:** Prohibit the harvest of white animals

Motion to adopt: Nate R

Second: Alexis

Nate offers friendly **amendment to replace word "white" with "Albino"**

Alexus Seconds

- concerned about including language specific to Goats, and sheep (white animals?)
- I don't understand why that would apply to Alaska, as Alaskan cultures don't revere that.
- I could go either way on this,
- this regulation would impose someone else belief on the general public and so I'll be opposed.
- after previous comment I would be more inclined to not support this.
- would there be a biological issue if we adopted this and it became a dominant trait in the population

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-Dept: no, it would be a recessive trait that I wouldn't imagine would make its way with consistency into the gene pool

- I will be supporting this, I don't have a problem

Question called on amendment:

**Amendment Vote: 13/0 Passes**

Question called for **169 as amended:**

**Vote: 8/5 Support**

Proposal 242: deployed personnel permit transfer/reissue

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Roland

- do we have any numbers on how many individuals might experience this?

-Dept: I don't have the numbers

-in 2001 in Katrina, had a sheep permit and didn't go, but I also lived here, and so it wasn't the lost opportunity of a lifetime. It would be legit, I don't see how it could be gamed, but I do see that it will get used.

- I'm opposed because I could see how it could be exacerbated across the state.

- Governor has a mandate that supports military individuals, this could pass

- I would urge consideration that deployment versus reassignment.

- There are certain circumstances that this would apply to

Question called:

**Vote: 2/11 Oppose**

Proposal 243: permit may be transferred to a qualified substitute in the event of death of original permittee

Motion to adopt: Alexis

Second: Wallace

- if it's not included in the will, how will it be decided?

-sort of housekeeping

Question called;

**Vote: 10/3 Support**

**Proposal 248:** Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder

Motion to adopt: Wallace

Second: Rolan

-Department is Neutral

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- assuming there is no extra permit, there is no extra take of animals
- How do other states handle this? I don't want to set precedent but I want to know
- we could take no action
- ensure that no change is to the resident requirement for hunts
- does not take away resident harvest opportunity
- would this change the SDK/nonresident situation?

Question called to take no action: Vote:13-0

### **Take no action**

Discussion about limiting call-in for upcoming meeting.

- are they allowing in person testimony?
- they are, and have set aside 3 days for public testimony
- how do they decide who is allowed to call in-first come, first served
- I could see how limiting call-in testimony is concerning as comments from the community do not get heard
- Excluding people is not due process, life changing proposals at times
- it's a burden, but it's the process
- I would come out opposed to this, and capture the comments around upholding the public process. Try to ask for accommodation to those who sign up and trying to facilitate getting everyone who signs up to testify.
- should we write a letter?
- yes and I'll work on it. And get it done with

Motion to letter to Board of Game: Alexis

Second: Oliver

- differing point of view to consider, in context of public testimony, there's lots of potential for public comments from lower 48 that could overwhelm the public testimony process.
- why can people who are nonresidents of Alaska try to make our board of game make decisions.
- clarity, letter is in opposition to limited testimony at upcoming BOG.
- possibly leave sign up open to deadline and then see how many you have and adjust accordingly

Question called to write letter to BOG:

**Vote: 13/0 Passes**

Motion to approve minutes by single member of the AC for this meeting to meet comment deadline of Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> made by Alexis

Second: Andy

-Chairman will approve

Question called:

**Vote: 13/0 Passes**

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Motion to send member to BOG meeting:  
Alexus nominates Paul Chervanak  
Second: Andy

Question called:

**Vote 13/0 Passes**

Discussion of Transporter issue in Kodiak:

- We need to send a message that transporters focused on certain areas is depleting resources, more and more boats coming, want and waste issues are arising,
- raises issues of conflict between deer hunters and bears. Bears get shot by transport hunters and it places a negative impact on the bear population
- we saw this situation increase on the East Side with outside boats, and are talking about this in Old Harbor, and we don't see this going away, and it raises concerns of subsistence issues for the villagers.
- proposal deadline is April 29<sup>th</sup>, perhaps we should create a committee to write a proposal from the AC to address this.
- Transporters are regulated through the Big Game Commercial Services Board. That is one avenue to address this issue, some ideas need statutory authority from the Legislature. We need resident hunter support in the subcommittee for licensing through the BGCSB. No biological concern means it's a usage problem. Federal requirement that you must have 2 licensed Coast Guard captains if you are providing overnight services.
- 70-90% die off is biological concern as in 2019/2020 winter.
- I get a good view of Uyak bay during the winter hunting season, and we usually witness 2 transport boats through the whole season, others come and go, and we have resident hunters with boats, and local LB harvesters, so who is BGCSB attempting to deal with?
- Marine Transporters specifically, maybe it's time we deal with bag limits and lower the bag limits for the transporter hunters
- once we had a die off, we had a lowering of the bag limit
- reducing the bag limit sends a message that the population isn't great. Reducing the bag limit for nonresident hunters could send the message that the population isn't great. That doesn't deal with resident hunters coming from the mainland.
- this resembles what they do in western Alaska with nonresident hunters, is there anything we can do to make the meat donatable, how much of the meat goes to waste? Want and waste is something we definitely need to tackle.
- I have an expensive area to operate in, and the thought of being able to shoot more than one deer makes the hunt experience for clients more justifiable.
- personally, we should send a message to the BOG and work closely with BGCSB to reduce ground saturation. We need to send a message to the state of Alaska that we can do better for the areas.
- biological concern would be to create local sinks in certain areas where transporters frequent, even if we lower bag limit is prevent some transport vessels to come here, but subsistence allows residents to harvest additional deer if needed.
- What about the local transporters and are we going to include them in this committee?
- we should plan on getting input from local transporters

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Motion to form a committee to deal with Transporters:

Made by Wallace

Second: Alexis

Committee members:

Alexus, Melissa, Andy, Roland, Rebecca Skinner, Garman, Brandon

- a number years ago, we attempted to make Kodiak a super-exclusive area for marine transporters, and at the time, it was said the board didn't have the authority to do so. It all started when we had 7 deer bag limit

-transporters/lodges offering king crab meals isn't legal, yet you see it advertised a whole lot

Questions called:

**Vote: 13/0 Passes**

Move to adjourn by Oliver:

Second: Andy

**Vote 13/0**

**Adjourned 9:21pm**



Board of Game  
Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director  
PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

February 16, 2022

Re: Remote testimony via phone

Dear Chairman Burnett and Board of Game Members,

The Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee met on February 15th and discussed at length our concerns with the process outlined for remote testimony. As a resource dependent rural community whose economic stability and well-being is influenced by regulatory and management decisions made by policy makers like the Board of Game, we value the stakeholder process and our opportunity to provide input.

Upon review of the Advisory Announcement released on February 3rd regarding the Alaska Board of Game meeting scheduled in Fairbanks, March 4-12, 2022, the Kodiak Advisory Committee (AC) respectfully requests decision makers to consider the following input in regards to oral testimony via phone.

The Kodiak AC supports the ability for individuals who are unable to attend in person due to the risks associated with transmission of the COVID-19 virus and/or any variant. As noted in the announcement, the board is providing this opportunity to hear diverse comments on topics scheduled for the meeting.

The Kodiak AC is concerned that the process outlined to provide remote testimony based on a first come first serve basis determined by registration order is stifling to the public process. Limiting call in testimony in this manner may exclude people who would like to provide input on life changing proposals. This in turn impacts a fair public process which is foundational to the stakeholder process in Alaska.

With a time certain start of 3:30pm for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and a registration deadline of February 28th for remote public testimony, the Kodiak AC requests the Board to provide ample time each afternoon to provide for a minimum of 2 minutes testimony for each individual registered to speak. We believe this can be achieved by implementing any or all of the following tools;

1. Indicate that testifiers identify the proposals they are addressing
2. Consider amending the agenda to move items that may require more/less time;

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3. Divide the total number of testifiers by the 3 days and continuing the meeting each day as needed to provide all Alaskans the opportunity to engage in the stakeholder process during a pandemic.

It is critical the Board of Game provide equal opportunity to testify remotely as those able to attend the meeting in person. The Kodiak AC supports the inclusion and the opportunity for decision makers to hear all testimony, remote and in person, prior to deliberations on proposals.

Sincerely,

*Paul A. Chervenak*

Paul A. Chervenak, Chair, Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee



# Minutes for **Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 by Web/Teleconference** Dial in: (888) 475-4499 Meeting ID: 878 9289 9108 **Passcode:** 99720 When dialing in, please remember to press \*6 to mute/unmute yourself. **or Join the meeting online:** <https://bit.ly/koyukukriverACfeb3>

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I. Call to Order Meeting started 5-10 minutes late 1:15 pm to get Committee members on the phone. Very few members have adequate internet for Zoom online.

II. Roll Call: Jack Reakoff, Darrel Vent, Harding Sam, Jared Sam, Vincent Simon, Charles Ned, Wilmer Beetus, Hugh Bifelt, Shawn Huffman, Jack Wholechease, Shawn Bergman, Claude Koyukuk (alt)

III. Establish Quorum: 6 needed Members present **Jack Wholechease Huslia, Darrel Vent Huslia, Vincent Simon Allakaket, Charles Ned Allakaket, Shawn Bergman Allakaket, and Jack Reakoff Wiseman (chair)**

IV. Introduction of Guests: ADFG staff **Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Sarah Longson, Lisa Winsor, Beth Lenart, Lisa Stubie, Chuck Rosell, Lincoln Parrett, Dena Jallon, Christy Gleason Shawn, Shane Ransbury, USFWS Bob Rebarchick, Jeremy Havener, NPS Marcy Okoda, BLM Erin Julianus, TCC Jim Simon, Gana-A'yoo Hardy Loine (sp)**

V. Chair's Comments **Chairman Reakoff, Wiseman, submitted Subsistence Hook and line proposal proposal in February 2021 to the BOF for the AYK call due 4/2022. Described the proposal to the Committee. I reported that there are a lot of wolves due to recent deep snow and high snowshoe hare populations. Porcupine caribou are in and south of the Brooks Range. Wolves are high in the mountains hunting caribou and the very few sheep left. The wolf population is held high with caribou available in winter. The winter so far has had very deep snowfalls in December and January have totaled 98" so far, with out rain fortunately. Sheep and moose are having a tough winter I am concerned with the deep snow with ice events of 2018/19' and 2019/20' winters, which have decimated the sheep and reduced moose populations in the upper Koyukuk GMU24A and 24B. These are the lowest sheep populations I have seen in over 50 years.**

VI. Comments/Concerns of Public **No public comment expressed.**

VII. Comments/Concerns of AC Members **Darrel Vent, Huslia, reported deep snow with rain in December with crusted snow around Huslia, expressed concerns about wolves taking a lot of cows and calf both this winter, and Brown Bears taking moose and Black Bears. Asks questions about harvesting Brown Bears with Bait. Glenn clarifies that it is legal in 21D, and 24D to bait Brown Bears. Fishing was real poor on the Koyukuk in the summer of 2021, high water. Concerned about fewer whitefish and Shee fish taken. Salmon harvest has been very poor.**

**Jack Wholechease, Huslia, expressed the same concerns about wolves taking more moose cows and calves. Brown Bears taking moose and Black Bears. He says there were several people that didn't get moose in the fall. He would like to see some winter hunt opportunity. Jack W. is very concerned about the poor salmon runs with poor subsistence harvest, and low harvest of whitefish and shee fish. High seas By-catch.**

**Charles Ned, Allakaket, Said There are several wolf packs near the village taking moose this winter. The snow came in December 3-4 feet. Moose are belly deep in snow. Brown Bears are roaming up and down the valley looking for food with the extreamly low salmon runs. Described a Black Bear torn up and wounded by a brown bear, in a den that hunters took. The meat was no good. The fishing was real poor for subsistence with high water and lots of sticks and debris filling the nets. Very few chum salmon seen in the summer.**

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**Vincent Simon, Allakaket, Expressed the same concerns about predators and deep snow affect on moose this winter. Other members comments were agreed to.**

**Shawn Bergman, Allakaket, Said there were a lot of wolves near the village.**

**VIII. Approval of Agenda Many members had not received the agenda due to very slow mail service. The Chair read the agenda to the Committee members for approval. Darrel Vent motioned to adopt, Vincent Simon, seconded, adopted as read into the record.**

**IX. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Because several members had not received the minuets from the 2/2/2021 meeting, the Chair suggested that those minuets be tabled until the next meeting when members have them to review. Committee agreed.**

**X. Staff Reports: Glenn Stout, Beth Lenart, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason**

**Glenn Stout Galena AB, presented the moose and sheep survey data from the Document emailed and sent out titled “ Moose Population and Harvest AC TCAtbls 2021” a 22 page document., which also had requested Dall sheep survey and harvest for GMU 24A/25A pages 17-19.**

**Data for all moose trend count areas in the Koyukuk CUA pages 1-2, Upper Koyukuk/ Kanuti GPSE survey done in early November 2021 the first data since 2017 after the extreme winters of 2018/19’ and 2019/20’ pages 2-5 including all of GMU 24 moose harvest,**

**Mr. Stouts discussion out lined declining moose population of moose in the upper Koyukuk 24A&B, slowly declining to stable Moose population in the 24C&D. Chairman Reakoff again requested the harvest data for the 24A &B sub units. The committee discussed the recovering bull:cow ratio in the Koyukuk CUA to just over 30:100, very low yearling bulls in the Kanuti GSPE. Reakoff commented that 2018/19’ deep snow and crust eliminated most yearlings, and calves, and again deep snow and rain crust in 2019/20’ winter decimated the calves over winter. This is reflected in the 2021’ low 2.8 yearling bulls:100 cows. There are actually three cohorts missing, that is not reflected in the gap in survey data from 2017-2021.**

**Mr. Stout took the lead discussing the sheep survey data found on page 17-19. Chairman Reakoff has lived in Wiseman since 1971, and has actively hunted with family since 1967. Much discussion was made regarding, the very limited Ram cohorts that are remaining after populations were decimated in 2012/13’ deep snow, rain on snow, then a very late spring, eliminating many adult sheep as well as almost all 2012 yearlings-2013 lambs- with virtually no production in 2014 cohorts. Then two even worse back to back events that decimated most of the adult sheep and eliminated all the 2017 yearlings, 2018 lambs, 2019 lambs, with 2020 very low lamb production. The human harvest is almost all legal rams surveyed, with the recognized fact that 10% of sheep sealed were sub-legal. The very few rams left in the population are now very few 3/4 curl, mostly 7/8 curl and some 7 year old small full curl. The older rams were either missing as cohorts 8-10 years ago or are hunted down with walk in hunters from the Dalton Hwy and extreme harvest power of several guides. The current biological demographics of ram population will be eliminated in the next two seasons. Full Curl management relies strictly on static recruitment below legal. Full curl management strategy does not accommodate extreme weather events decimating several cohorts twice with in ten years. ADF&G has not modeled these affects on sheep. Small sub three year old rams breeding ewes will exacerbate the biological recovery of the sheep population if most of the remaining rams are eliminated with unrestricted hunting in GMU24A with sheep seasons August 1-5 Youth hunt, resident and non resident, August 10 September 20 and August 10 to October 5, resident and non resident in the Dalton Corridor Management Area. Sheep do not move from habitats they know. Relying on infusion from Decimated NPS lands is foolish.**

**The Department is willing to take risks with the Dall sheep Population in GMU 24A and 26B with out analyzing or modeling the data. Blindly following the flawed unbending Full Curl management strategy developed using steady recruitment, (Heimer, Watson 1986). The full curl management data was during steady recruitment time frames from the early 1970’s to mid 1980’s. The two catastrophic deep snows with rain, loses of three cohorts each is not in the full curl management model.**



The Committee expressed concern Region III ADFG. The Committee discussed a letter to be written to the BOG regarding this issue. The Committee spent at least 30 minutes with Mr. Stout and Beth Lenart without the least acknowledgement of a management issue. This left the Committee at an a juncture to move to the BOG level.

Vincent Simon made a motion to have Chairman Reakoff write a letter outlining the issues.

Darrel Vent 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous to support writing and transmit it the letter to the BOG as a Record Copy to state the primary issues with GMU 24A sheep:

Sheep Population is around 25% of the typical surveys since 2002.

The ADF&G data collection does not have vital age composition, for 1/2, 3/4, and 7/8 curl rams. These composition data would show the nearing elimination of the remaining breeding rams. This data will also show what the age composition of the ewe component. Legal ram data only does not and can not support a population analysis. The Department does not have data, is unwilling to collect composition data, or to analyze the flawed full curl management during sever extreme weather affects on the Dall Sheep Papulation.

The extreme recent weather events in the past 10 years have eliminated all but the approaching legal status rams. Current population needs conservation of remaining rams for two years to sustain the diminished breeding component.

GMU 24A has longest seasons in Alaska, combined with high hunter participation and access. The General hunt in the DHCMA runs through October 5 since regulatory year 2020, endorsed by the ADFG Region III staff during deliberation to extend the season.

At the March 2020 GOG meeting ADFG staff blatantly made false statements to the Board assuring that the “population in the central Brooks Range was stable or increasing”.

Survey flown survey in 2018 showed a 50% decline from the 2016 survey. The Koyukuk River AC, had commented extensively for two years prior regarding the deep snow/ icing events. I as Chairman of the AC complained to the Commissioner’s office after the proposal passed, stating that the department should not make statements to the Board with false information.

There is documented take of sublegal rams in the sealing records. There is un-calculated incidental harvest mortality and discarded sublegal rams.

Known detrimental biological ramifications of 3 year old and younger rams breeding adult ewes, once most breeding age rams are eliminated. The full curl management strategy was to maintain breeding 6-8 year old rams in the population.

Current management will exacerbate the recovery of the much-diminished Dall sheep population in GMU 24A.

The Department current false statements to the public that the vastly diminished National Park sheep will emigrate to bolster the areas hunted under full curl management. It is known fact that collared sheep have very small home ranges that they know. When populations are very diminished they are less inclined to move. It is completely ludicrous for ADFG staff to attend meeting stating outright false information to be used by decision makers on the BOG.

\*The Koyukuk River AC requests in the BOG RC for the Alaska Board of Game to direct the Department to an Emergency Order to drastically reduce or eliminate harvest of rams in GMU 24A.

\*Direct the Department to collect sheep survey data to include ram composition data, for 1/2 curl, 3/4 curl, and 7/8 curl and 4/4 curl. Age composition data to track full curl recruitment for sustained yield. There a large vital data set lacking currently for vitally important sustained yield management.

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Direct the Department to review the full curl strategy to track ram composition to maintain sustained yield during consecutive multi-cohort losses.

\*Direct the Department to review telemetry data to realistically assess emigration from NPS lands.



XI. Public Comment **No public comments**

XII. Old Business **None**

XIII. New Business

- \_Discuss salmon summer and fall seasons

**Dena Jallon Summer Season Yukon manager gave the committee an oral overview of the disastrous Chinook and Summer Chum salmon in 2021. Harvests were very low for both Chinook and summer Chum. Dena also provided the 2022 run forecast for nearly the same low projected returns. Committee members again talked about the hardship of not having salmon.**

**She informed the Committee of Yukon Panel meeting dates, TCC, YRDFA and more Yukon panel meetings.**

**Icthiophonas pathogen studies as the Chinook move up drainage in 2022. Salmon body condition for breeding fitness study, in 2022.**

**Chinook Telemetry tagging study in 2023.**

**Christy Gleason Fall season manager, introduced her assistant Shane Ransbury, she gave an overview of the also disastrous Fall Chum, and Coho salmon season in 2021. The Committee asked about how the subsistence harvest was managed. Closures to 6" mesh were extended into late October. Harvests were very reduced for salmon and even white and Shee fish freshwater stocks.**

**She informed the Committee of upcoming projects including a spawning survey,**

**Growth rates in the marine environment. Committee members discussed the need for tracking marine biomass for salmon. The department needs to reduce hatchery smolt releases if the marine system can not support wild salmon stocks and hatchery fish.**

**Marine warming waters effects on salmon.**

**Juvenile salmon abundance in the Bering Sea**

**Christy talked about a Fall Chum abundance tool for in-season management.**

**She discussed the Yukon Panel meeting that can be accessed online**

**The Committee asked Christy about whitefish and shee fish harvests on the Yukon and Commercial harvests that me jeopardize those stocks. Harvests have actually declined for subsistence and commercially.**

- \_Provide recommendations on Board of Game Statewide Proposals – **The Committee had a member drop of the call and lost quorum to proceed. Not all members had the proposals packet. The Committee discussed another meeting date to comment on the BOG Statewide proposals.**

**The next meeting date of Tuesday February 15, 2022 was selected, to continue the business at hand.**

**Meeting adjourned about 5:20 PM**

- \_Discuss Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals 2022-2023 – includes Yukon and Statewide salmon regulations

XIV. Select representative(s) for board meeting(s)

XV. Set next meeting date and discuss elections process for expired seats

XVI. Other

XVII. Adjourn

Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee



## **Koyukuk River Advisory Committee letter of concern to the Alaska Board of Game, Record Copy, for the State Wide meeting March 4-11, 2022 Fairbanks.**

The Committee expressed concern to Region III ADFG staff at the 2-3-2022 telephonic meeting regarding the vast decline in Dall Sheep population and ram composition. The Committee spent at least 30 minutes with Mr. Stout and Beth Lenart without the least acknowledgement of a management issue.

The Department is willing to take risks with the Dall sheep population, in GMU 24A and 26B with out analyzing or modeling the data. Blindly following the flawed unbending Full Curl management strategy developed using steady recruitment, (Heimer, Watson 1986). The full curl management data collected was during steady recruitment time frames from the early 1970's to mid 1980's. The two catastrophic deep snows with rain in GMU 24 A&B, with loses of three cohorts each (6) in the last 10 years is unprecedented, and are not analyzed in the full curl management model.

The Committee expressed concern with Region III ADFG apathy. The Committee discussed a letter to be written to the BOG regarding this issue.

This left the Committee at a juncture to move to the BOG level to inform the Board. The Committee discussed a letter to be written to the BOG regarding this issue. Vincent Simon made a motion to have Chairman Reakoff write a letter outlining the issues in a Record Copy (RC).

Darrel Vent 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The vote was unanimous to support writing and transmit it the letter to the BOG as a Record Copy to describe the primary issues with current GMU 24A sheep management:

**\*Sheep Population is around 25% for the typical surveys since 2002 in the Central Brooks Range survey units 1A and 2B.**

**Most or all of 2B is in GMU 25A.**

**(The snow shadow of the GMU 25A subunit, and (2B survey unit), has typically higher sheep population, the Koyukuk GMU24A – 1A survey unit.)**

**\*The ADF&G data collection does not have vital age composition, for 1/2, 3/4, and 7/8 curl rams. These composition data would show the nearing elimination of the remaining breeding rams. This data would also show what the age composition of the ewes.**

**Legal ram data only, does not and cannot support a harvestable surplus analysis.**

**The Department does not have data, is unwilling to collect composition data, to analyze the flawed full curl management during sever extreme weather affects on the Dall Sheep Populations.**

### **-----Vital Factors-----**

**\*The extreme recent weather events in the past 10 years have eliminated all but the approaching legal status rams. Current Dall Sheep population needs conservation of remaining rams for two years to sustain the diminished breeding component.**



**\* GMU 24A has longest seasons in Alaska, combined with high hunter participation and access. The General hunt in the DHCMA in GMU24A, which runs through October 5 since the 2020 regulatory year, endorsed by the ADFG Region III staff during deliberation to extend the season.**

**At the March 2020 GOG meeting ADFG staff blatantly made false statements to the Board assuring that the “population in the central Brooks Range was stable or increasing”.**

**\*Survey flown survey in 2018 showed a 50% decline from the 2016 survey. The Koyukuk River AC, had commented extensively for two years prior regarding the deep snow/ icing events. The Koyukuk River AC apposed the proposal to lengthen the Dall Sheep season in the DHCMA by additional 15 days. I as Chairman of the AC complained to the Commissioner’s office after the proposal passed, stating that the department should not make statements to the Board with false information.**

**\*There is documented take of 10% sublegal rams in the sealing records. There is also un-calculated incidental harvest mortality, wound loss, and discarded sublegal rams. Known detrimental biological ramifications of 3 year old and younger rams breeding adult ewes, once most breeding age rams are eliminated. (Heimer, Watson 1986). The full curl management strategy was to maintain breeding 6-8 year old rams in the population.**

**Current management will exacerbate the recovery of the much-diminished Dall sheep population in GMU 24A, once all the remaining rams are lost to hunting and predation in the next two years.**

**\*The Department current false statements to the public that the vastly diminished National Park sheep will emigrate to bolster the areas hunted under full curl management. It is known fact that collared sheep have very small home ranges that they know. When populations are very diminished they are less inclined to move. It is completely ludicrous for ADFG staff to attend meeting stating outright false information to be used by decision makers on the BOG. Very few sheep will emigrate outside of NPS units.**

**\*The Koyukuk River AC requests in this BOG RC;**

**For the Alaska Board of Game to direct the Department to issue an Emergency Order to drastically reduce or eliminate harvest of rams in GMU 24A for two regulatory years.**

**\*Direct the Department to collect sheep survey data to include ram composition data, for 1/2 curl, 3/4 curl, and 7/8 curl and 4/4 curl. Age composition data is to track full curl recruitment for sustained yield. There is a large and vital data set lacking currently, for vitally important sustained yield management.**

**\*Direct the Department to review the full curl strategy to track ram composition to maintain sustained yield during consecutive multi-cohort losses that have become more common in all mountain ranges in Alaska.**



**\*Direct the Department to review telemetry data to realistically assess emigration from NPS lands, to make valid assessments.**

**Jack Reakoff  
Koyukuk River AC Chairman**



## KOYUKUK RIVER Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 1:54 pm by Jack Reakoff
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Jack Reakoff, Darrel Vent, Charles Ned, Jack Wholecheese, Vincent Simon, Janet Bifelt (alternate for Hughes, appointed 2/15/22), Hugh Bifelt  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Shawn Bergman, Shawn Huffman, Harding Sam, Jared Sam, Wilmer Beetus  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Sara Longson, Shane Ransbury, Sam Decker, Bob Rebarchik
- IV. Guests Present: Bruce Ervin,
- V. Approval of Agenda: (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/3/2022-tabled until next meeting (and previous years minutes that were tabled: 2/2/2021) –
- VII. New Business: Recommendations on Board of Game regulations proposals (see pages 2-6)
- VIII. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Jack Reakoff
- IX. Set next meeting date: TBD
- X. Other:  
Bruce Ervin shared concerns with Proposal 244 that would eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts and requested that members oppose it.

Discussion of gill net mesh size requirements and the Board of Fisheries 2022-2023 Call for Proposals, and the poor salmon runs last year.

Brief discussion of vacant and expired seats, and options for elections.

Adjournment: 5:24pm, by Charles Ned

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff

Date: 2/23/22 [by email]



## Alaska Board of Game [Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals](#)

March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description (for full descriptions, please visit the online proposal book) <a href="#">2021-2022 Proposal Book: Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game</a>		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
SUPPORT	7	0	<p>Members are concerned with proposals that serve to reduce wounded/unrecovered game and wanton waste.</p> <p>Members are in support of prohibiting the use of full metal jacket bullets in high caliber rifles for hunting moose and caribou.</p> <p>Additional comments from members: ammunition can be difficult and expensive to purchase, and sometimes you have to use what you can get. This has the potential to affect a lot of people.</p>
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
OPPOSE	0	7	Although it may be difficult to enforce the restrictions, it is very important to not allow aircraft to be used for locating sheep during the hunting season, especially given current population trends.
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
OPPOSE	0	7	This committee is strongly opposed to removing restrictions on using aircraft for spotting sheep during sheep season.
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
OPPOSE	0	7	This committee is strongly opposed to removing restrictions on using aircraft for spotting sheep during sheep season.



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138	Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons		
SUPPORT	7	0	<p>Members are strongly in favor of restricting aircraft use for sheep hunting.</p> <p>Comment about upper Koyukuk area and aircraft use for sheep hunting and spotting:</p> <p>It's disturbing for subsistence users in the region to see the poor condition of meat salvaged from non-subsistence sheep hunters flying out of Bettles and other communities, and increased aircraft use by non-subsistence hunters in many parts of the region over the years has created intense competition for this limited resource.</p> <p>The AC discussed drafting a proposal to further limit the use of aircraft for sheep hunting in the region.</p>
139	Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting		
SUPPORT	7	0	<p>Members are in support of precluding aircraft from making multiple approaches on Dall sheep.</p> <p>Members feel like their voices have not been heard by the administration on this issue in the past, and would like to see the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep for hunting to be eliminated altogether.</p>
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
SUPPORT	7	0	Support for the reasons stated in the proposal.
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
SUPPORT	7	0	Members discussed circumstances in which this proposal would help prevent wanton waste of big game animals. Enforcement may be difficult, but along roadways where wounded animals are more likely to be spotted by others, this proposal, if adopted, would allow for a mechanism for enforcement and would encourage hunters to track and retrieve wounded game rather than to move on and continue to hunt for other (not wounded) targets.



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164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
SUPPORT	7	0	See comments for Proposal 163
172	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
OPPOSE AS WRITTEN;  MOTION TO SUPPORT AS AMENDED CARRIED 7-0	0	7	<p>Motion to <b>submit recommendations for amendment</b> carried 7-0</p> <p>Recommend amendments:</p> <p>(1) <i>Clarification to allow snowmachine use in Dalton highway corridor for both access to trap lines and to transport legally defined big game bait. Licensed trapping is a very important management tool to harvest fur bearers under trapping regulations. Travel to and from homes within or outside the Dalton Highway Corridor for management by licensed trappers should not be impeded. Firearms to take free ranging furbearers has always been allowed in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area under trapping licenses and should continue. Restricting trappers' ability to take predators would be detrimental to big game populations and could cause the reduction of opportunity for subsistence and other users.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>Clarification to allow residents of north of the Yukon River to travel to their homes from the Dalton Highway, residents of Wiseman, Coldfoot, Steven's Village, Anaktuvik Pass, Allakaket, Alatna, Hughes, Huslia, Evansville, Bettles, &amp; Nuiqsut should be permitted to travel from the Dalton Highway to their homes with legally taken game. Access by residents using licensed highway vehicles should be allowed year-round on winter roads to these villages in order to transport game parts, gear, or hunters &amp; hunting gear, as defined in</i></p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Proposal 172 (continued)			<p><i>regulation. Specifically, the residents should have access to the oil field roads to Nuiqsuit, the winter roads to Steven's Village, Anaktuvik Pass, Bettles, Evansville, Allakaket, Hughes, Huslia, and Alatna, and the year-round roads to property and businesses in Wiseman.</i></p> <p>(3) <i>Clarification to allow licensed highway vehicles to transport hunters, game parts, and gear within <u>one mile</u> of the highway. The current half-mile restriction does not allow subsistence and other hunters to access boat launching sites into the Koyukuk and Sagavanirktok drainages that have side road accesses outside the quarter mile limit. Some hunters are currently accessing legal boat launch sites up to 18 river miles from logical accesses. This clarification to allow licensed highway vehicles should be changed to state that licensed highway vehicles (excluding ATVs) may transport game parts, hunters, or gear within <u>one mile</u> of the highway.</i></p>
173	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
OPPOSE	0	7	Repealing the DHCMA would be highly detrimental to wildlife populations and habitat.
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
OPPOSE	0	7	Members listened to public comment, and are not in support of eliminating subsistence harvest opportunities without sufficient rationale.
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
OPPOSE	0	7	Removing rib meat from the bone increases the risk of wanton waste/meat spoilage. Leaving meat on the bone helps prevent this.
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	7	0	Support for the reasons stated in the 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, Voting Notes
271	Establish a definition for "position" as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game		
OPPOSE AS WRITTEN;  MOTION TO SUPPORT AS AMENDED CARRIED 7-0          Proposal 271 (continued)	0	7	<p>Motion to <b>oppose the proposal as written</b>: carried 7-0</p> <p>AC Comments: This proposal should not be passed as written, it fails to fully consider the use of snowmachines for hunting and trapping in rural areas. Restrictions that apply to hunters using snowmachines to harvest caribou should not be uniformly applied to subsistence hunters and trappers harvesting wolves and wolverines.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion to <b>submit recommended amended language</b>: carries 7-0</p> <p>Recommended amended language:</p> <p><i>"except that a snowmachine may be used by a hunter to select an individual wolf or wolverine for harvest with no speed or distance restrictions. A wolf or wolverine may be shot from a stationary snow machine."</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion to <b>recommend proposed definition of position to apply to the harvest of caribou only</b>: carries 7-0</p> <p>Recommend proposed definition of position to be applied to the harvest of <b>caribous only</b> as follows:</p> <p><i>"a snowmachine may be used to position caribou and caribou may be shot from a stationary snowmachine. "position" means a snowmachine may be used to approach within 300 yards of a caribou at speeds under 15 miles per hour, in a manner that does not involve repeated approaches or that causes a caribou to run. A snowmachine may not be used to contact an animal or to pursue a fleeing caribou."</i></p>

# MINUTES



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Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff

Date: 2/23/22 [by email]



**Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee  
1/5/2022  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 9:09 by Randy Alvarez
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Thomas Hedlund, William Trefon Jr., Bob Tracey, Randy Alvarez, Ned Fowler, Henry Olympic, Kyle Aguiar (arrived late).  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Timothy Anelon  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Jim Tilley  
Karla Jensen  
  
Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
  
List of User Groups Present: Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, ASSOC, /Corporation, Conservationist.
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley-DWC, Alicia Carson-DWC, Todd Rinaldi-DWC, Taryn O'Connor-Brito-BDS, Kristy Tibbles-BDS
- IV. Guests Present: Cody Larson-BBNA, Heidi Kritz-BBNA, Rene Rogue-BBNA, Karl Hill-lgiugig
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approval of the agenda was moved by Henry Olympic and seconded by Thomas Hedlund. Unanimous Approval
- VI. Elections
  - a. Election for 1 undesignated seat:
    - i. Nominations opened by chair. William Trefon Jr. nominates Thomas Hedlund to retain his seat. Henry Olympic seconds the motion.
    - ii. No Further Nominations are brought forward.
    - iii. Henry Olympic closes nominations and is seconded by William Trefon Jr. Thomas Hedlund is to retain his seat through June 30, 2024, and motion is passes with unanimous support.



- b. Election for Secretary:( interim through June 2022)
    - i. Ned Fowler moves to open the floor for nominations and is seconded by Bob Tracey.
    - ii. Billy Trefon and Henry Olympic declined nominations.
    - iii. Randy Alvarez nominates Ned Fowler who accepts nomination. Thomas Hedlund seconds nominations
    - iv. Ned is voted in as interim secretary.
- VII. Public Comment: Cody Larson-BBNA offers to help Lake Iliamna A/C draft fisheries proposal prior to next meeting.
- VIII. A/C Comment: William Trefon is very interested in discussing new moose proposal for changing regulations in local area.
- IX. New Business:
- X. Central/Southwest supplemental props:
  - a. Dave Crowley proposes to provide Department opinion on different topics discusses. See template below.
- XI. Statewide Game Proposals
  - a. See template below.
- XII. Minutes approval for submission
  - a. Randy Alvarez will approve minutes for submission, no opposition is expressed.
- XIII. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Randy Alvarez would prefer for a physical representative for the Central Southwest meeting
    - i. Kyle Aguilar states that he may be available but would prefer that someone else would be able to go
    - ii. Randy states that he will ask Jim Tilly if he is available
    - iii. Randy also states that he may be available
    - iv. Randy Alvarez will get back to Taryn with information on who will go
  - b. Committee agrees that no representative is needed for the statewide meeting and will only submit the minutes.
- XIV. Set next meeting date
  - a. Next meeting will be at the call of the chairman.
- XV. Other
  - a. Taryn will call Ned and explain how to find minute templates. Notes that this will be done once internet returns.



## Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 21-29, 2022 | Wasilla, AK

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197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	6	0	<p>Dave Crowley presents the information that the brown bear tag exemption fee needs reauthorization.</p> <p>Bob Tracey moves to adopt, Ned Fowler seconds.</p>
204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support as Amended	5	1	<p>Dave Crowley shares 2020 moose survey which suggest a higher-than-average bull cow ratio of 67/100. Also presents a 2012-2019 calf mortality study which shows good survival for calves which is 23-26%. The moose population in the Lake Iliamna country is in good shape</p> <p>William Trefon is concerned about in which way the extension is targeted at going and would rather see the extension on the beginning of the season rather than the end of the season.</p> <p>Bob Tracey moves to adopt proposition 204 and William Trefon seconds</p> <p>Randy Alvarez asks Dave Crowley how the 9c and 9b subunit's moose season compare. Dave Crowley states that part of 9c subunit has a different winter season but doesn't see a need for different seasons. The proposal would in fact simplify the regulations</p> <p>William Trefon voices concern over the added days of hunting at the end of the season because of moose being closer the rut and more chances of meat being not as edible.</p>



## Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 21-29, 2022 | Wasilla, 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
			<p>Randy Alvarez states opinion that he doesn't have a strong opinion on if added days to moose season are on the early or late side of the season.</p> <p>Bob Tracey has the opinion that it is harder to find moose in august because they are not moving around as much, and it would be easier to get moose later in the season.</p> <p>Henry Olympic is of the same opinion as William Trefon in that he is worried about the quality of meat if hunting later into September.</p> <p>William Trefon moves to amend Prop 205 by adding the 5 day extension the beginning of the season instead of the end, differing from how the proposal was written. Henry Olympic seconds the amendment</p> <p>Ned Fowler is not opposed to the amendment but also doesn't think that the meat is too affected by rut if properly handled.</p> <p>Comment made that even if bulls are in full rut proper handling of tarsal glands and hide meat is still very good.</p> <p>Vote on amendment carries 5-1 Vote on Proposition 204 as amended: Carries 5-1</p>
206	Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9		
Support	6	0	<p>Dave Crowley share that the department is neutral on the issue of harvest, but they are opposed for the added seasons, as manager he is personally opposed to the draw hunt structure it adds a lot off added complexity to the hunting seasons.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt. Randy Alvarez seconds the motion</p>



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			<p>Ned Fowler notes that resident brown bear harvest is relatively low</p> <p>Dave Crowley comments that resident harvest is not limited there is just a lack of participation. Also states that the near village hunt has gone up and the other hunts are stable.</p> <p>Randy Alvarez points out that there are no dates on the proposition</p>
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
Oppose	0	6	<p>Dave Crowley shares that Game Management Unit 9 is managed for abundance. The bear viewing throughout unit 9 is good. For Game Management Unit 9A the annual harvest is 28 bears for the last decade</p> <p>William Trefon moves to adopt Ned Fowler seconds</p> <p>Randy Alvarez comments that bears move around a lot. Does not think that a change is needed in management process because if the management was poor there would be a decline in harvest which there has not been</p> <p>Ned Fowler states that the closure seems unnecessary because there is national park lands and state game areas in 9a that already ban bear hunting.</p> <p>William Trefon asks Dave Crowley to comment on how much land is available to be hunted and Dave responds with a very small amount because of the national parks and state game sanctuary in the subunit</p>
208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		



## Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

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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, Voting Notes
Support	6	0	<p>William Trefon asks Dave Crowley what benefit is there to this proposition. Dave replies stating that there would be increased harvest opportunities and that because of weather patterns in subunit 9C the bears head up to the high country earlier and exit the high country in the spring later.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt Bob Tracey seconds</p>

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, 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
<p><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></p>			
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Opposed	0	7	<p>William Trefon and Bob Tracey both state their concern about how this proposal would affect moose hunting. Both state similar sentiments and are not in support of this amendment. They ask Dave to read aloud the proposal.</p> <p>Todd states that this proposal is addressing goat hunting in Game Management Unit 14 and is overreaching in what it is trying to accomplish</p> <p>Kyle Aguilar moves to adopt, William Trefon seconds.</p>

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals  
March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, 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
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Support	7	0	<p>Ned Folwler moves to adopt, Bob Tracy seconds.</p> <p>Todd Rinaldi notes department does village visits. Funding is good, and this will remain a priority.</p> <p>Bob Tracy would like to see them online.</p> <p>Ned Fowler agrees, and comments it can be difficult to know when department will be in town.</p>
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Opposed	0	7	<p>Todd Rinaldi explains proposal would remove wolf control as a tool.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt, Kyle Aguair seconds.</p> <p>Randy Alvarez states that it would close a lot of area used for wolf hunting and Billy Trefon notes Nondalton is in preserve.</p>

Adjourn  
12:30pmMinutes Recorded By: Ned Fowler  
Minutes Approved By: Randy Alvarez  
Date: 1/7/2022



**Draft Minutes  
Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee  
January 14, 2022  
Zoom meeting**

I. Call to Order: 10:08am AKT by Mitch Seybert

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mitch Seybert

Mike Enright

Kim Rice

Catie Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Jordan Dyer

Brian Cato

Mary West

Tim Enright

Gerda Kosbruk

Members Absent (Unexcused): Eddie Clark, Gerald Olson

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (7 members at roll call)

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, Subsistence fishing, Subsistence Hunting, Guided hunting.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Todd Rinaldi- Wildlife Management Coordinator for Region 4, Palmer

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator,

IV. Guests Present:

- a. Renee Roque- Bristol Bay Native Assoc.
- b. Cody Larson- Bristol Bay Native Assoc.
- c. Chuck McCallum-Lake and Pen Borough
- d. Gayla Hoseth-Bristol Bay Native Assoc.
- e. Maio Nishkin
- f. Sonny Greitchen

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda changes made. Approved by Tracey, seconded by Mike Enright.



VI. Reports  
No reports given.

VII. Old Business

I. Address Proposals for Alaska Board of Game statewide Game meeting.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulation Proposals Fairbanks, March 4-11, 2022   Zoom			
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
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146	Limit game registration to one per species per year.		
Opposed	0	8	May restrict opportunity for local hunters.
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Opposed	0	8	People without internet would be limited unfairly.
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans.		
Opposed	0	8	Would limit the ability of ADF&G to manage.



VIII. New Business (moved to discuss before old business)

Discuss proposal concepts for submission to Alaska Board of Fish:

I. Ugashik Set Net Association presented ideas for submitting proposals.

Discussion followed regarding minimum distance between fishing gear, navigation, allocation, and distance from shore for fishing gear. Mitch S. will work on an outer Port Heiden district proposal.

IX. Miscellaneous Business:

I. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes will be approved by Jordan Dyer for submission to the Board of Game after they are emailed to the LBBAC committee members.

Motion to adopt by Tim Enright

Seconded by Brian Cato

II. Committee representation at upcoming Board of Game meeting. T. Vrem will call in via phone.

III. Next LBBAC meeting will be week of March 7, confirmed after Taryn checks staff availability.

Adjournment: 12:22pm

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Catie Bursch  
Minutes Reviewed By: Chairman Mitch Seybert  
Date Reviewed: 1/20/2022



**Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee**  
**November 16, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**2021**  
**Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code:5432709**

I. Call to Order: 1:55 PM by Phillip Peter

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

In Person

- Phillip Peter – Akiachak
- John Andrew – Kwethluk
- Henry Parks – Nunapitchuk

Teleconference

- Earl Samuelson Sr. – Napaskiak
- Adolph Lupie – Tuntutuliak
- George Alexie - Eek

Members Absent (Excused):

- David Galila – missed flight

Members Absent (Unexcused):

- Nicholai Pavilla - Atmaultluak
- George Berry - Napaskiak
- Richard Larson - Napaskiak
- Nick Henry - Oscarville
- Nelson Napoka - Tuluksak

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 \*6 quorum Established

\* Because there is only 11 standing members, quorum can be reached with 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Savannah Hollingworth – ADF&G Board Support
- Ben Gray – ADF&G – Fish Biologist
- Nick Henry – ADF&G – Fish Biologist
- Sean Larson – ADF&G – Fish Biologist
- Chuck Brazil – ADF&G – Regional Manager - Fish

IV. Guests Present:

- Aaron Moses – USFW – Subsistence Specialist
- Chariton Epchook – KI Members

V. Approval of Agenda –

- Earl makes motion to approve. Adolph: 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous approval

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2021

- Earl: Motion to approve Henry Parks: 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous Approval



VII. Reports

- Chair's report – Phillip Peter
- ADF&G – Sean Larson - gives Lower Kuskokwim Fishery report
- ADF&G – Forrest Bowers – discusses Area M Trawl Fishery

VIII. Public Comment – Earl Samuelson

IX. Adjournment: 6:00 PM – Continue in morning

**Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee  
November 16, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
2021  
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code:5432709**

X. Call to Order: 9:00 AM PM by Phillip Peter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Meeting 11/17/2021

XI. Roll Call

Members Present:

In Person

- Phillip Peter – Akiachak
- John Andrew – Kwethluk
- Henry Parks – Nunapitchuk
- David Galila – Akiak

Teleconference

- Earl Samuelson Sr. – Napaskiak
- Adolph Lupie – Tuntutuliak
- George Alexie - Eek

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

- Nicholai Pavilla - Atmautluak
- George Berry - Napakiak
- Richard Larson - Napaskiak
- Nick Henry - Oscarville
- Nelson Napoka - Tuluksak

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 \*7 quorum Established

\* Because there is only 11 standing members, quorum can be reached with 6

XII. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Savannah Hollingworth – ADF&G Board Support
- Patrick Jones – ADF&G Area Biologist
- Keith Oster – ADF&G Area Biologist Assistant



## XIII. Guests Present:

- Aaron Moses – USFW – Subsistence Specialist
- Chariton Epchook - Kwethluk

## XIV. Old Business

- Wolf Snare Demonstration and discussion about identification tags – Patrick gave wolf snare demonstration and discussion
- Discussion on Elections in communities with designated seats. - ✓✓✓✓

## XV. New Business

- Officer Elections
- 2022 Bristol Bay – AYK Proposals
- Discussion about False Pass Commercial Fishery Area M and Chum Salmon
- Discussion about North Pacific Fishery Management Council – Asking for YK
- Board of Game Statewide Proposals

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 12-19, 2021 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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119	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
S	7	0	Motion by Earl Samuelson, second by George Alexie. Unanimous
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
S	7	0	Motioned by Earl Samuelson, second by David Galila Sr. Unanimous
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
S	7	0	Motion: by Earl Samuelson, seconded by David Galila
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
NA			See # 131
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
NA			
162	Require the salvage of meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
S	7	0	Motion by David Galila and seconded by Henry Parks
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
S	4	3	Motion by ??? + seconded ???



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 12-19, 2021 | Fairbanks, 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
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	7	0	Earl Samuelson moved – seconded by John W Andrew
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	7	0	Motioned made by: John W Andrew   seconded by Henry Parks

## Alaska Board of Game Central &amp; Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 21-28, 2022 | Wasilla, AK

**Comment Deadline: January 7, 2022**

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
<p><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></p>			

19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
NA			*Mulchatna caribou have crashed from “200,000 plus” down to 12,800 at their latest counts.
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
S	7	0	Motion David Gilila second Adolph Lupie  Would not support Tier II and comment about working group and possible moratorium. Details to be decided
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
NA			No ??? action taken



I. Select representative(s) for board meeting – Chairman Phillip Peter to State Board

- Motion : JWA | Henry Q- 7ays Unanimous

II. Set next meeting date – Earl Samuelson moved to be “call of the chair” Seconded by Adolph Lupie

- 7 Ayes + 0 nays

III. Others • none

Adjourn – Henry Parks moved to adjourn at 2:30. Seconded by David Galila Sr. at 2:30

Adjourned 2:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: John W Andrew

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

P.S. Patrick told a short wolf break away snare demonstration.

Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee  
November 16, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
& November 17th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
2021

Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code:5432709

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair] Phillip Peter PSB P

II. Roll Call  
Members Present: 6  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - 6  
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Barbara)

IV. Guests Present: Sharon Mabel - Clinton Epishock, KI members.

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Earl Beng - motion passes

VII. Reports  
a. Chair's report Henry Earl - Quantum App Area M  
b. ADF&G - Forest Trout Fish

c. Others (Kurt) = Earl Samuelson.

VIII. Public Comment  
IX. Old Business

Wolf Snare Demonstration and discussion about identification tags  
Discussion on Elections in communities with designated seats. WVL

X. New Business  
a. Officer Elections Ambrose (AB - moose) CROSSOVER / Locals -

b. 2022 Bristol Bay - AYK Proposals

c. Discussion about False Pass Commercial Fishery Area M and Chum Salmon

d. Discussion about North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Dixie for Yuk.)

e. Board of Game Statewide Proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting Chairman Phillip Peter to State Board

XII. Set next meeting date SWA / Henry Earl - 7 days April 2022

XIII. Other

Adjourn Henry Parks / David Aitken April 2:33 < 9



Lower Kuskokwim Adirondack Committee  
Nov. 16 - 1:00p - 6:00p  
Nov. 17 - 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order @ 1:55 P.M. by chairman Phillip Peter
2. Roll call <sup>Nov. 16</sup> Phillip Peter, Henry Parks and John W. Andrew, on line George Alexie, Earl Samuelson, Adolph Lupie - Quorum established.

\* We were having trouble with our teleconference phone - not working well. We were using Savannah Hollingsworth cell phone - we had trouble hearing some of the participants.

\* 2nd day Roll call: Phillip Peter, David Giltz, George Alexie, John Andrew, Earl Samuelson, Henry Parks, & Adolph Lupie, ⑦ ⑧ estd. (on line - Charlene Epelock, Kvetlov - 4 estd. ⑦ ⑧).  
Chairman made short report.  
ADFG - ~~Patrick~~ Patrick (Saw?)  
USFWS Aaron Moore -

Actions on proposals: "Take of Game by Act # 119 Motion by Earl Samuelson, 2nd sec by George Alexie - = Vote: 7 ayes.  
unanimous

Proposed 120 Taking of Game by Proxy; Motioned by Earl Samuelson, Second by David Giltz Sr., A - Vote 7 ayes - unanimous



Proposal 131 Game as animal food or bait.  
motion: by Earl Samuelson, seconded by  
David Gilla, ~~Q~~ - vote: 7 ayes 0 nays

Proposal 132 - NO action see #131

Proposal 158 - N action

Proposal 162 - motion by David Gilla &  
seconded by Henry Parks - vote: 7 ayes 0 nays

Proposal 171 Description of game management units  
motion by ??? + seconded ??? - vote: 4/3 passed

Proposal 253 ~~was~~ Hunting Seasons + bag limits  
for musse in Unit 18:

Earl Samuelson moved - seconded by John W.  
Andrew - Questioned - vote 7 ~~yes~~ ayes  
0 - nays

Proposal 262 Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption  
motion made by: John W Andrew / seconded  
by Henry Parks. Question. Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Proposal 19: NO action taken

\* Mulchatna caribou have crashed from  
"200,000 plus" down to 12,800 at  
their latest population counts.

Proposal 20 Hunting Season + bag limits  
for caribou ~~motion~~ <sup>22?</sup> ~~by~~ second <sup>33?</sup>  
Vote 7 (seven) ayes & 0 nays.



(3)

Proposal 21 "No Action taken"

Motion by Earl Samvelson, Seconded by George Alexie  
Vote 7 ayes / 0 nays

Proposal 201 <sup>2,???</sup> "No Action taken."

(XI) Select representatives:

John W. Andrus moved to send Phillip  
Peter to the ~~State~~ Board of Game meetings,  
Seconded by Henry Parks, Votes: 7 ayes / 0 nays

(XII) Set next meeting date:

Earl Samvelson moved to be "Call of  
the chair" Seconded by Adolph Lupie,  
7 ayes + 0 nays.

XIII others: none

Adjourn: Henry Parks moved to adjourn  
at 2:30, Seconded by David Gillett Sr.,  
at 2:30.

~~Notes~~ notes taken by  
John W Andrus

P.S. Patrick did a short  
wolf break away snare demonstration.



**Mat Valley Advisory Committee  
February 9, 2022  
TCM Restoration Building**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:22pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Herb Mansavage
- Bob Cassell (Left at 8:45pm)
- Hunter Hongslo
- Neil Dewitt
- Dan Montgomery
- Chad Schierman
- Birch Yuknis
- Glenn Helmuth
- Chad Lipse
- Gene Sandone
- Aaron Bloomquist (Left at 7:30pm)
- Andy Couch
- Austin Manelick
- Dom Nickles

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**III. Fish and Game Staff Present:**

- Fari Sylvester
- Tim Peltier

**IV. Guests Present:**

- Paul Warta

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Neil motioned, Dan seconded – Accepted.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved prior to comment deadline.

**VII. Public Comment:** None.

**VIII. Set next meeting date:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**IX. Proposals:**



# Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-11, 2021 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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230	Change the definition for "full-curl horn"		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Current regulations allow more breeding and improved genetics, based on Heimer study, aging sheep is complicated.
231	Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans.		
No Action	-	-	-
232	Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Dangerous for dogs, definition of wounded could be conflict.
233	Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Current regulations are consistent with other jurisdictions, decreasing draw weights may result in more wounded animals.
234	Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Enforceability issues, technology is not necessary.
235	Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Proposal is too broad, enforceability issues, rifle/light can be used under trapping license.
236	Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Intensive and more work for department.
237	Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation		
Support	6	5	Support: Department Oppose: Onerous on department, hunter's responsibility, *2 Abstain: Confused on proposal.
238	Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
No Action	-	-	-
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Support	11	2	Support: All residents should have opportunity. Oppose: Skeptical of online process, disadvantage to non-tech savvy, some of these hunts are assist for remote communities.



# Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-11, 2021 | Fairbanks, 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
240	Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust		
No Action	-	-	-
241	Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters		
Support	10	3	Support: Non-resident allocation should be equal to all. Oppose:
242	Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"		
Support	12	0	Support: Small amount of people affected, gives them opportunity.
243	Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts		
Support	12	0	Support: Small amount of people affected, gives them opportunity.
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	11	1	Support: Board of Game needs to address, irresponsible to never take this up, there has to be a better way. Oppose: Been proposed to be removed in past, public supports community harvest.
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
Support	6	5	Support: Can be salvaged responsibly. Oppose: Potential for spoilage. *1 Abstain (Unknown impacts for different modes of transportation)
246	Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Can be covered for taxidermy, not visible.
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Predator control is necessary.
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
Oppose	3	9	Support: Would like to see more opportunity for non-resident youth. Oppose: Youth hunt should be for residents only.

**X. Select Representative(s) for Board Meeting:** Neil motioned for Herb to testify for committee at Board of Game meeting with Dan as alternative, Birch seconded – Accepted.

**XI. Closing Comments:**

- Dan Montgomery – New BOG is hard to read. 5 have had guide license and 1 is active guide.



- Gene Sandone – Emergency Order to change Arctic Char at Big Lake to catch and release only. Lots of comments about lack of quantity and size.
- Andy Couch – Suggested AC make comments on Board of Fish hatchery/stocking.

**XII. Adjournment: 9:23pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/09/2022

Minute approved over email by Herb Mansavage on 2/22/2022

**Mat Valley Advisory Committee  
February 16, 2022  
TCM Restoration Building**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:05pm by Dan Montgomery

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Dan Montgomery
- Hunter Hongslo
- Chad Lipse (Left at 9:00pm)
- Chad Schierman
- Dom Nickles
- Neil Dewitt
- Andy Couch
- Austin Manelick
- Glenn Helmuth
- Aaron Bloomquist
- Gene Sandone

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**III. Fish and Game Staff Present:**

- Fari Sylvester
- Tim Peltier

**IV. Guests Present:**

- Paul Warta
- Winn McKenneth
- Rod Arno

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Andy motioned, Neil seconded – Accepted.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved prior to comment deadline.

**VII. Public Comment:**

- Paul Warta – Provided amended trail list for Proposal 199.

**VIII. Set next meeting date:** Not scheduled.

**IX. Proposals:**

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101			
Oppose	2	8	Support: Crossbow is a primitive weapon, allowed in other states, benefits people that can't pull back a compound bow. Oppose: Easier to shoot than archery, there are other avenues/exemptions for people that need it.
102			
Support	10	0	Support: Should be defined with shotgun and muzzleloader.
117			
Oppose	1	9	Support: Good requirement, would further encourage hunter safety. Oppose: Not necessary, another thing to carry in the field, violation can be looked up for enforcement, hunter responsibility.
119			
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Musk Ox should not be subsistence animal, population created by sportsmen's dollars.
121			
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Too board of proposal, should be for specific season/area, dogs can be used to track/retrieve.
123			
Oppose	4	6	Support: Technology could help, less wounded animals by archery. Oppose: Technology takes away from bowhunting, not necessary.
124			
Oppose	4	6	Support: Technology could help, less wounded animals by archery. Oppose: Technology takes away from bowhunting, not necessary.
125			
NA	-	-	See comments to Proposal 102
135			
Oppose	3	5	Support: Public supports rescinding, can't look for wounded sheep or dead sheep, can't point out sheep at any distance during flight. Oppose: Keeps people honest, quieter in field since regulation was put in place, no known offences, calmed the problem of being buzzed when stalking sheep.



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			*3 Abstain (On the fence, don't understand impact)
136			
Oppose	3	5	Support: Public supports rescinding, can't look for wounded or dead sheep, can't point out sheep at any distance during flight. Oppose: Keeps people honest, quieter in field since regulation was put in place, no known offences, calmed the problem of being buzzed when stalking sheep. *3 Abstain (On the fence, don't understand impact)
137			
Oppose	3	5	Support: Public supports rescinding, can't look for wounded or dead sheep, can't point out sheep at any distance during flight. Oppose: Keeps people honest, quieter in field since regulation was put in place, no known offences, calmed the problem of being buzzed when stalking sheep. *3 Abstain (On the fence, don't understand impact)
138			
Oppose	3	4	Support: All seasons should be shut down. Oppose: Limits opportunity to scout before season. *4 Abstain (On the fence, don't understand impact)
139			
Support	9	2	Support: New language, better defines harassment, pushing sheep can be a real issue.
146			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Less opportunity.
147			
Oppose	2	9	Support: Taxidermist can sell under specific rules, cape can be sold already. Oppose: Game should not be commercialized.
149			
Support	6	4	Support: Logical approach to separating tags. Oppose: Non-resident tags should be equal. *1 Abstain (Doesn't full understand)
150			
Support	7	4	Support: More money to department, spread out odds, federally matched money. Oppose: Added cost to apply for tags.



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152			
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: No draw tags requiring local pickup. *1 Abstain (Not aware of draw tags affected)
154			
Support	10	0	Support: No issues with 1 more tag potentially being given out, infrequent occurrence.
155			
Support	9	1	Support: Management tool, method to take out bulls that may never be legal under other regulations, opportunity for hunters that don't feel comfortable judging legality under other regulations.
158			
Support	9	1	Support: Reasonable use, better than going to waste. Oppose: Could create conflict, determining usable may be issue.
161			
Oppose	3	6	Support: Minimal meat between ribs, weapon for troopers. Oppose: Usable meat wasted, doesn't take much time to take.
162			
Support	10	0	Support: Creates salvage requirement.
163			
Support	9	1	Support: Ethical thing to do, holds people more accountable, easily enforceable. Oppose: Hunter liability.
164			
Support	9	1	Support: Ethical thing to do, holds people more accountable, easily enforceable. Oppose: Hunter liability.
165			
Support	9	1	Support: Opens pool, more money for state, doesn't increase take, increases value, point of tag is to bring in money. Oppose: Opportunity for others.
172			
Support	9	0	Support: Housekeeping item, clarification. *1 Abstain (Unclear)
173			
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Currently good opportunity for archery, opening to rifle would be disaster.



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197			
Support	10	0	Support: Greater opportunity.
199			
Support	7	0	Support: Compromise for different user groups, effort to come together. *3 Abstain (Against Alaska Wildlife Alliance)
267			
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Allocation, not reason for agenda change, difficult area to access, restriction not needed.
269			
Support	9	1	Support: More opportunity, no biological concern. Oppose: Long way from agenda change requirements, keep NR to 1. Dept: Harvestable surplus.

### I. Other Topics:

- Andy motioned to authorize Dan to approve meeting minutes from 2/9 and 2/16 meetings prior to comment deadline, Neil seconded – Accepted.

### II. Closing Comments:

- Andy – Wanted to have fishing stocking discussion on agenda and may have missed opportunity to comment before March 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### III. Adjournment: 10:17pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/16/2022

Meeting Minutes approved over email by Dan Montgomery on 2.22.22



**Mid Lower Yukon Advisory Committee**  
**12/9/2021**  
**Teleconference Meeting**  
**1(800)504-8071 Access Code: 5432709**

- I. Call to Order: 9:00 AM by chair: William “Bill” Alstrom
- II. Roll Call
  - a. William Alstrom – Chair - Andreafski
  - b. Mathew Waskey – Mountain Village (alternate)
  - c. Rex Nick – Pilot Station
  - d. Basil Larson – Russian Mission
  - e. Peter Tyson – St. Mary’s
    - i. No representative for Marshall
  - f. Margaret Guidry – Secretary – Pitka’s Point - absent
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  - a. Pat Jones
  - b. Keith Oster
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2019
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair’s report – William Alstrom gives report
  - b. ADF&G: Report by Pat  
Discussion of moose habitat with Bill Alstrom  
Basil talks about the increase in predator encounters  
Report on Yukon Fishery by Deena and Bonnie – reminds AC about proposal deadline for AYK – April 11th  
Discussion with Basil
- VIII. Public Comment

Serena Fitka, YRKFA – gives report

Two open positions for Pilot Station and Pitka’s Point

Will be supporting a proposal that will be put out by Fairbanks AC about genetic sampling.

Hatchery output – again a Fairbanks proposal. Has hired a consultant, and will be working with ADF&G staff.
- IX. New Business:



- a. Proposals for Board of Fish: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Regions
  1. *Deadline: April 11<sup>th</sup>*
- b. Board of Game Statewide Proposal Comments and Discussion
  1. *Deadline for comments: February 18<sup>th</sup>*

X. Set next meeting date – Call of Chair

XI. Adjourn – Adjourned by Bill Alstrom

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253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	4	0	Motion: Basil 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Matthew
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	4	0	Motion: Matthew 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Bill

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Middle Nenana AC Meeting Minutes  
9 Feb 2022  
Tri-Valley Community Center

- I. Call to Order: 6:40 by Allen Mortenson
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Paul Vandyke  
Alex Buetow  
John Basile  
Wayne Valcq  
Paul Nyberg  
Allen Mortenson  
Matt Nutsvold  
Erik Haugen  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Coke Wallace  
Jacob Mattila  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
None  
  
Quorum: Yes  
  
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson Fairbanks ADFG
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
- VII. Reports: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None



X. New Business:

Elections were held for expired or expiring seats. List as follows:

Matt Nutsvold and Jacob Mattila were nominated by Erik Haugen for the Healy Seats, Seconded by Wayne Valcq; unanimous

Allen Mortenson and Paul Vandyke were nominated by Matt Nutsvold, Seconded by John Basile; unanimous

Matt Nutsvold Nominated Erik Haugen for Secretary, Jacob Mattila for Vice President, and Allen Mortenson for President, John Basile seconded; unanimous

Proposals:

**100** – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Traps at waterline.

**135,136,137** – Vote 5-1 (two abstain) **Support**. Remove restriction of spotting sheep from plans.

**244** – Vote 7-0 (one abstain) **Oppose**. Removal of community hunt. One member of the public from Cantwell said they use this program to harvest moose for his fellow native community members.

**246** – Vote 5-0 (three abstain) **Support**. Sealing plug in Ram horn.

**247** – Vote 8-0 **Oppose**. Predator control.

**255** – Vote 7-0 (one abstain) **Support**. Antlerless hunt reauthorization for 20A

**256** – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Antlerless hunt reauthorization for 20B

**261** - Vote 7-1 **Support with amended language**. Tag fees. Discussion involved the funds generated by tags go to help the ADFG conduct aerial surveys, hunters education, and other programs. We agree with the management strategy of not requiring a tag to hunt bears in an effort to harvest more bears. Some hunters will not pay the \$25 tag fee, but would take a bear if there was not fee. Erik proposed to amend the language to state, **“No Tag required to hunt bears, but a \$25 sealing fee will be required upon harvest and sealing of the bear.”**

**271** – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Tag allocation

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Allen Mortenson

XII. Set next meeting date: 23 March in Healy

XIII. Other



Adjournment: 9:02

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9 Feb 22



## **Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Teleconference February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- I. Call to Order: 1:39 pm by Percy Lolnitz
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Tom Kriska, Patrick Madros Jr., Georgiana Madros, Mickey Stickman (alt), Earl Esmailka (alt)  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Paddy Nollner, Benedict Jones,  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Richard Burnham, Van Madros, Tommy Neglaska  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Chuck Brazil, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Lisa Winter, Sara Longson,
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener (FWS), Bob Rebarchik (FWS), Freddie R Olin IV,
- V. Approval of Agenda (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (not addressed; Minutes from 2020 were deferred until next face to face meeting during 2021 meeting; 1/14/2020; 8/11/2020; 8/20/2020; 2/5/2021)
- VII. New Business:  
  
**Glenn Stout gave overview of moose population in Kaiyuk Flats, encouraged AC members to support opening a winter moose hunt (RM831) in the Kaiyuh Flats portion of GMU 21D.** Patrick Madros asked if a small culling of the herd this season could boost population in future years. Fred Huntington said he would be in favor of opening the hunt, fishing was poor this last season. Dick Evans said there were a lot of moose dangerously close to roads and houses in Galena, asked what could be done about that. Glenn Stout said that he did not have the authority with this regulation to allow a winter hunt in Galena, but would talk with Alaska Wildlife Troopers about the safety issue in Galena. Tommy Kriska talked about finding a group of more than 12 moose sticking around in one location, and agreed that the hunt should be opened this year. Arnold Demoski agreed it would be good to open the hunt, the moose populations are healthy enough to support the hunt, and people need the food. **Percy made a motion to ask ADFG to open/re-authorize the winter moose hunt in Kaiyuh Flats, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mickey Stickman.** Discussion: Fred Huntington mentioned moose surveys with large numbers of moose

on the north side of the Yukon, asked if Glenn Stout could open the hunt to the northside of the river. Glenn said he did not have the authority to do that, and that it would require a proposal to the Board of Game. Patrick Madros Jr. said that he was in support of opening the hunt. Georgiana Madros said that she was in support of opening the hunt, that only one of her kids got a moose this fall and an additional harvest would be good. Earl Esmailka agreed, it would be good to open the hunt. Patrick Madros Jr. asked if there was anyone in opposition, there was none. Percy Lolnitz reiterated: due to poor salmon harvest this last year, and low harvest of moose in the fall, food is in short supply and opening this hunt would be a good thing for everyone, especially if the population is healthy enough to support the winter harvest.

**Question called: 10 Y; 0 N. Motion carries unanimously.**

Glenn Stout let everyone know that the hunt will be March 1-15, and up to 25 moose can be harvested. He will post the announcement next week.

Patrick Madros Jr. discussed making **a proposal to open a winter moose hunt on the north side of the Yukon**. Tom Kriska asked about the process, asked if we could start it now, and would like Glenn Stout to help draft the language. Patrick Madros agreed, would like to start the process now and asked Glenn for help with the draft. Mickey Stickman asked about the process as well. Glenn Stout clarified that the next deadline for the Region 3 Board of Game Proposals would be more than a year away. Kyle Campbell clarified the long-term meeting cycle for the Board of Game, and that the call for proposals for the Interior and Arctic Region's next meeting will be in spring of 2023 (for a meeting in 2024). Glenn let members know that he will start working on this, but that he needs to talk with area managers about the specifics first.

Percy Lolnitz brought up **Proposal 271 to the Board of Game, defining "position" as it relates to taking large game with a snowmachine**. Fred Huntington asked about how the proposal would change the use of snowmachines for taking wolves and bears. Tom Kriska said that this will affect a lot of people, that 300 yards is too far to shoot a caribou. Percy Lolnitz shared concern about this being applied statewide, and that it includes too many game species. Georgiana Madros said we cannot support this. Patrick Madros Jr. shared concern about the speed and distance limitations. Tom Kriska made a point that 300 yards is too far, that this proposal would turn him and everyone else who harvests game during winter into criminals. Earl Esmailka pointed out that most subsistence hunters in the area use open sights on their rifles, that 300 yards is impossibly far. Patrick Madros Jr. expressed concern that if this proposal passes, it will be detrimental to Native way of life, and that it will be very hard to undo. Fred Huntington asked Kyle Campbell and Glenn Stout to make sure that the Middle Yukon Advisory Committee's strong and unanimous opposition to this proposal be brought to the attention to the Board of Game. Kyle agreed, and let folks know that all members of the public and AC representatives could give testimony remotely to the Board of Game during their statewide regulations meeting in March. **Patrick Madros Jr. made a motion to oppose Proposal 271. Georgiana 2nds. Question Called, Proposal 271: 0 Y; 10 N. Motion carries; unanimous opposition to Proposal 271.**

Patrick Madros Jr. asked about fisheries. Kyle Campbell reminded AC Members about the call for proposals to the Board of Fisheries that includes Yukon area for next year's meeting cycle. Christy Gleason (DFG) offered to give overview of Yukon fisheries season summaries. Percy Lolnitz suggested that be tabled until the next meeting. Christy shared forecasts for next season salmon runs are not good, worse than last year; encouraged taking advantage of the winter moose hunt to fill freezers. Fred Huntington mentioned making a proposal that allows subsistence users



to continue to fish during closures, Christy clarified that proposals submitted to the Board of Fisheries this spring will be considered next winter and would not impact this coming summer season; emergency petitions would be the only route to make regulatory changes that could go into affect this coming summer season. Patrick Madros Jr. asked questions to Christy Gleason, Christy reiterated the dire state of salmon runs last season and projected for next season. Tom Kriska asked the Sea Share program and inquired about writing up a proposal to save bycatch and ship to subsistence users around the state; compared it to wanton waste with game. Deena Jallen said that Sarena Sitka would be the best person to ask about this. Percy Lolnitz suggestion be tabled until the next meeting.

Fred Huntington introduced Freddie R Olin IV, Project Coordinator for Gana-A'yoo.

Tom Kriska suggested the Middle Yukon AC meets more regularly, not just once a year. Patrick Madros agreed. Percy Lolnitz agreed, suggested quarterly teleconference meetings and yearly face-to-face meetings.

VIII. Set next meeting date: Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (teleconference)

IX. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Patrick Madros Jr. at 3:29pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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271	Establish a definition for “position” as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game		
OPPOSE	0	10	Unanimous opposition. This proposal is too broad; would criminalize the methods for harvest used by subsistence hunters on multiple species; 300 yards is too far to hunt caribou with open sights as most hunters in the area use; using snowmachines to position species like wolf and bear is common practice. If passed this proposal would negatively impact Natives way of life in the region.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Middle Yukon Fish and Game  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Teleconference  
February 22nd, 2022**

- I. Call to Order: 10:25 am by Percy Lolnitz
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Mickey Stickman (alt)  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Georgiana Madros, Earl Esmailka (alt)  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Richard Burnham, Tommy Kriska, Van Madros, Patrick Madros Jr., Tommy Neglaska  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **6\*** (\*two members stepped down; Paddy Nollner & Benedict Jones; with 2 vacancies and 11 active members, current number needed for quorum is 6)
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Caroline Brown, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Josh Clark
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener,
- V. Approval of Agenda (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business:  
Kyle Campbell clarified current membership, and that the regulations allow for the AC to appoint up to two alternates, but not more. The Middle Yukon AC has 13 members; 4 designated seats for Galena, 2 for Koyukuk, 3 for Nulato, and 4 for Kaltag. There are two current vacancies in Galena. Fred Huntington introduced David Billings in Galena; David is interested serving on the AC.  
  
Mickey Stickman makes motion to accept Paddy Nollner's resignation, second by Arnold. Percy suggests making a formal recognition of Paddy Nollner's long service to

this AC. Mickey and Arnold agree. Fred requested that Kyle Campbell put a plaque together to recognize Paddy. Kyle let other members know that Paddy served on this AC for 37 years. Percy suggested including other past members. Kyle shared that Benedict Jones also recently stepped down after a long service. Unanimous support for motion to formally recognize the years of service from Paddy and other past members of the Middle Yukon AC.

- X. New Business:  
Board of Game Proposals: Proposals 258, 261, 271, and 162

(see page 5 for details)

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: **Tom Kriska**  
Arnold Demoski made a motion for Tom Kriska to be AC representative for the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Turner. Approved by unanimous consent.

- XII. Set next meeting date: March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am with elections.

- XIII. Other:  
at 11:27 am Percy had to leave the meeting, and there was no longer a quorum. Before leaving, Percy appointed Arnold as acting chair.

Adjournment: [11:27 am]

Continued discussion about agenda item: Discuss elections process for expired and vacant seats

Kyle presented current roster and term expirations, regulations concerning alternates, and options for elections processes. (see roster on next page)

Advisory Committees may appoint 2 alternates, this is usually done by a vote of the full AC when a quorum is present. Vacant seats and expired seats must be filled by a public election that is properly noticed minimum 14 days in advance. Elections for community designated seats can be held during a meeting at which a quorum is not present; each community with designated seats could hold separate elections. Alternatively, an election could be held for all seats during a single elections meeting. Hybrid elections in which in-person and virtual/over the phone elections can be accommodated. In small teleconference and hybrid elections, roll-call style voting has been a preferred option by other ACs; roll-call style voting means each individual vote is spoken publicly. Alternatively, boards support has an online voting platform in which individual votes are private, and voters without internet access can register their votes over the phone with a boards support staff person (and not the public).

Arnold suggested that a hybrid/teleconference election with roll-call style voting sounded best. Other members on the call agreed. Kyle will send out meeting flyers this week.

**NEXT MEETING & ELECTIONS: Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am**



Name	Title	Designated Seat	Term Expiration
Percy Lolnitz	Chair	Koyukuk	6/2019
Richard Burnham	Vice Chair	Kaltag	6/2021
Michael Stickman	Secretary	Nulato, Alternate	6/2022
Vacant		Galena	
Vacant		Galena	
Fred Huntington		Galena	6/2020
Dick Evans		Galena	6/2020
Tommy Neglaska		Kaltag	6/2021
Patrick Madros Jr.		Kaltag	6/2022
Georgiana Madros		Kaltag	6/2021
Earl Esmailka		Kaltag, Alternate	6/2021
Tom Kriska		Koyukuk	6/2019
Van Madros		Nulato	6/2022
Joe Turner		Nulato	6/2022
Arnold Demoski		Nulato	6/2022

## Additional information:

Christy Gleason reminded AC members of the upcoming comment deadline for the Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee Meeting:

March 23, 2022 Board of Fisheries; [Hatchery Committee](#) – Anchorage  
Comment deadline March 8th, 2022

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
SUPPORT	6	0	This proposal aligns with traditional practice. There was discussion and some concern from members about new regulations/unnecessary laws being put in place that could result in traditional subsistence hunters being penalized for doing what they've always done because of the way a law is written- that we should leave things the way they are. In this case, members agreed that the language in proposal 162 supports traditional harvest and use practices already in place.
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
SUPPORT	6	0	Would like to keep the hunt on the books. There are some mixed feelings about the winter moose hunt among community members, but AC members are in favor of keeping the option open and working with the department to meet intensive management objectives to maintain healthy moose populations in the area.
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	6	0	Members are in favor of the tag fee exemption for residents, and for the reasons stated in the proposal.
271	Establish a definition for "position" as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game		
OPPOSE	[0] -2/4/22	[10] - 2/4/22	See Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 minutes.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Minto Nenana Fish and Game  
Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm  
by Web/Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 1:40pm by Cameron Winfrey [acting chair]
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: (7) Cameron Winfrey, Andrew Jimmie, Carl Frank, Mike Carson, Steven Ketzler, Victor Lord, George Wolfenbarger (alternate, appointed 2/17/22)  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Charlie Titus Jr., Ashley Anderson, Tim McManus, Donald Charlie, Conrad McManus (alternate)  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused): none  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Caroline Brown, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Shame Ransbury, Josh Clark
- IV. Guests Present: Minto Highschool students, Scott Bruckler, Keith Charlie, Eva Burk, Bruce Ervin, Robin Campbell, Kathleen Demientieff, Brooke Woods, Shayna Gurtler-Rowe, Jim Simon
- V. Approval of Agenda: (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (not addressed)
- VII. Public Comment:

Robin Campbell: hunters line up for two days in Nenana to get their registration antlerless moose hunt permits, and they come from everywhere. Residents from Minto & Nenana should be given priority on this.

Eva Burk: Harvesting a cow moose takes away more than just one moose; it takes away all of the moose that cow would have birthed in the future. Antlerless moose hunts should be eliminated, except when needed for ceremonial harvest. Would like to see improvements in ADFG's efforts to engage, involve, and collaborate with students, community members, and Indigenous knowledge when conducting moose surveys in the Minto area.

[continued, after public comment was interrupted]

Eva Burk: We were supposed to be able to voice our concerns first. That was the order in the agenda. I really want us to get to elections. We have a lot of empty seats. So I would really hope in this meeting we set a date to do elections. What I heard from others' comments was that our subsistence needs are not being met. Federal law says that we're supposed to have a rural preference. The rural preference exists because we don't have the economic opportunities that those who live in Fairbanks and Anchorage do. Our survival is inherently tied to the future availability of all of our traditional foods. We've got our young people here trying to learn the process. I want to make sure that when we're teaching our young people how to follow up process, the first thing is you will get this agenda; follow the agenda. And then the other is I want these young people to have an understanding of their tribal sovereignty. There are some issues here. I think that we've heard food security come up a number of times, and we've heard there's discrepancies between what people here in Minto are seeing for numbers versus what [ADFG] is recording for numbers. So there's definite discrepancies there. And we really have to be fair with one another like, science has great data collection and all of that, but I'm also a scientist, I can tell you that my dad is a way better scientist than me, even with all my education, because of his experience living off land. So if I would really think about how we can build better relationships [with ADFG] in doing these [moose] counts, so we can agree on what's actually there, we need to make sure rural Alaskans and rural Alaskan food security are addressed. That's my public concern and comment. I just wanted people to be aware of that and just take a breather, and reflect on that for a moment.

Kathleen Demientieff: asked about how winter wolf predation affects population survey data that is collected in the fall.

Bruce Ervin: asked members to oppose Proposal 244 that would eliminate community subsistence harvest hunts. Wanted to let Acting Chair Cameron and AC members know that the TCC TRSP HFGTF can contact UAF Tribal Governance and let them know there is interest in a training class for Advisory Committees.

Scott Buckler: would like copies of the moose survey data and methods that ADFG uses to be shared with Minto Highschool students and community members.

Brook Woods: You are invited to the Yukon River Salmon Summit on Feb. 28-March 2, this will be a hybrid event, and virtual attendance is available for AC members and the Minto school. The summit will be led with indigenous knowledge and tribal governance to build ecosystem stewardship from the ocean to the head waters. We seek inclusion of all voices on the Yukon, including fishing families, youth, scientists and policy makers. RSVP link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYrwjNkfclK2\\_yGfCj4LO1zQ8gNSXiBO97Z1DzQHNfPWSHJQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYrwjNkfclK2_yGfCj4LO1zQ8gNSXiBO97Z1DzQHNfPWSHJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Jim Simon: [in response to a question from Carl Frank]

A rural preference for state subsistence hunting could only take place after the Alaska Constitution was amended to allow for a rural priority for customary and traditional uses. The last time the Alaska Legislature failed to allow a constitutional amendment to go before the Alaska voters by a vote of 1.

## VIII. Reports:

### a. Chair's report:

Charlie Titus Jr. asked members and guests for a moment of silence to honor the late Ronnie Silas and Knowland Silas who served on this committee since the 1980s.

Charlie shared that the founding members of this committee lived and hunted on this land since before statehood, and the knowledge they have

Charlie also stated that he intends to pass the torch next year, and that he is pleased to see younger generations stepping up to serve their communities. Before leaving for an appointment, Charlie appointed Cameron Winfrey as acting chair for this meeting.

Cameron reiterated Charlie's words of honor thanking Ronnie and Knowland Silas for their decades of service, and thanked Minto Highschool students, our future, for attending the meeting, and encouraged them to continue to be involved.

### Concerning the Cow Moose Hunt:

The way things are going, the antlerless moose hunts need to be eliminated. Priority should have been given to Minto and Nenana residents, especially Elders, and not to anyone in the state that can travel to Minto Flats to take antlerless moose. The impacts of hunters from outside the area coming in for these hunts is real and visible. Cameron lives, plays, works, and hunts on this land and sees the impacts first-hand. It's very concerning for Cameron to see what he's seeing. Last winter, after a community member passed, no moose were able to be found for ceremonial harvest. Thankfully Minto community members were allowed to harvest caribou that time to provide for mourning families. The antlerless moose hunt should be eliminated, except for ceremonial harvest, and the number of moose that can be taken for ceremonial harvest should also be addressed.

Cameron also called on members for discussion about the bison project and caribou population health and movements in the region.

b. ADF&G:

Tony Hollis & Mark Nelson (Wildlife) shared information on moose populations in units 20A and 20B, and requested that the Minto Nenana AC approve proposals 255 and 256 that would re-authorize antlerless moose hunts in units 20A and 20B. Tony & Mark also stated that they [the department] will not open antlerless moose hunts in Minto Flats or anywhere in unit 20A next year, with the exception of ceremonial harvest for potlatch, due to the severe snow and ice events this winter that may severely impact moose populations.

Caroline Brown (Subsistence), in response to Eva Burke:

Thanked Eva for sharing her concerns and agreed that finding better ways to engage the science and involve traditional knowledge and community members in the management of subsistence resources is important. Caroline shared her contact information with meeting participants so that she could follow up on these important topics: [caroline.brown@alaska.gov](mailto:caroline.brown@alaska.gov) (907)978-8516

Christy Gleason & Deena Jallen (Fisheries) gave a brief overview of the Yukon region summer and fall season summaries, discussed the upcoming Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee Meeting, and the Call for Proposals for 2022-2023 that will address Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim region and statewide finfish (salmon) regulations, and invited questions from AC members.

c. Others:

Carl Frank asked that ADFG invite input from community members in Minto and Nenana, and this AC, when generating their annual reports, especially on moose numbers in Minto. Carl asked specifically if Tony Hollis had any ideas on how to strengthen this gov. to gov. relationship between tribes and state officials. What would you and the department like to see from the local AC's?

[To ADFG Fisheries staff] what are the penalties for fishing during closures? The fish mean so much to a lot of communities and there may be people that believe it is their god given right to fish and try support their families for a food source.

[To ADFG Boards Support] what steps can be made to have a rural preference with the state?

Victor Lord shared knowledge with Minto Highschool students about ceremonial moose harvests.

Victor Lord asked Charlie for help locating Chief Thomas's grave. He would like to put a monument there.



Andrew Jimmie is very opposed to the antlerless moose hunts. He has seen populations numbers decline over the last 10 years, and would like to know how the department is estimating population health and how confident they are in their findings.

- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
  - Cow Moose Hunts
  - Recommendations on Board of Game Proposals (see page 6)
  - Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals 2022-2023 – due April 11th
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Cameron Winfrey
- XII. Set next meeting date: April 1<sup>st</sup>, with elections
- XIII. Other:
- XIV. Adjournment: motion by Victor at 5:29 pm
  - Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)
  - Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Alaska Board of Game [Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals](#)

March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description (for full descriptions, please visit the online proposal book) <a href="#">2021-2022 Proposal Book: Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game</a>		
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>			
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvests		
OPPOSE	0	7	AC members listened to public comment and are not in support of eliminating community subsistence harvests.
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	7	0	AC members supported this reauthorization with the understanding that the Department does not intend to open any antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20A next year (2022-2023), due to severe snow and ice events this year (2021-2022).
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	1	6	Community members in Minto and Nenana and members of this Advisory Committee are adamantly opposed to antlerless moose harvests in the area that allow hunters from throughout the state to harvest antlerless moose in Minto Flats. The members of this AC would like to see antlerless moose hunts eliminated altogether, with the exception of traditional ceremonial harvest for Minto and Nenana community members.

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Naknek Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 7:00pm US Fish and Wildlife Service Conference  
Room, King Salmon, AK  
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071, access code 8425142**

**I. Call to order; William Regan chair calls to order 7:05 pm  
II. Roll Call; William Regan, Everett Thompson, Richard Wilson, Ralph Zimmin, Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch, George Wilson Jr, Patricia Edel  
8 members present**

**Absent; John Wise , Mark Watson and Graham Morrison**

**III. Approval of Agenda Everett Thompson approves Agenda, George Wilson Jr 2nd.  
Unanimous consent. MC.**

### **IV. Introduction:**

- **Staff; Dave Crowley, Travis Ellison, Todd Rinaldi, Alicia Carson**
- **Guests; Pete Caruso, Nanci Morris-Lyon, Heath Lyon, Cody Larson**

### **V. Updates**

- **Chairman Welcomes everyone here and is very happy to have people meeting in person.**

**Went into elections.**

**2020 seats till 2023**

**Richard Wilson**



Joe Klutsch

Joey Klutsch

Patricia Edel ALT

Graham Morrison ALT

Unanimous consent to keep members and seats the same. Status quo.

2021 seats till 2024

Everett Thompson

Marc Watson

George Wilson Jr

Unanimous consent to keep members and seats the same. Status quo.

William Regan Game co-chair

Everett Thompson Fish co-chair

George Wilson Jr secretary seat

Unanimous consent to keep status quo.

- Staff Travis Ellison update on 2021 season and the forecast to 2022 baywide season upcoming season looks large, Nush and wood strong as well as egegik, rest of the districts are strong as well. Kings and chums are not looking well, but not just bristol bay but statewide, no real definite reasons.



\*Ralph Zimmin was concerned that last 2021 season he only got 7 chums total for season, Silvers as well were either late or not existent.

\* George Wilson stated we will be having a salmon meeting in the coming months

VI. Public Comments Pete Caruso asked about the forecast of run size? Travis Ellison said 3 ocean fish will be larger but overall run size will be expected to be down again.

#### VII. New Business

- Discuss proposals for submission to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

See attachment of proposals

#### VIII. Miscellaneous Business:

- The next meeting will be February

IX. Adjourn William Regan adjourned at 9:25pm

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1			Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14
2			Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16
3			Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16
4			Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16
5			Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts
6			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
support	8	0	General consensus everyone is in support, nothing been changed
7			Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16
8			Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17
support	7	1	There was some concern of predation on game within the region from coyotes. No real documentation of coyotes taking big game from management, align dates with seasons within GMU 9. There does seem to be an abundance of coyotes within our local unit. Locals concerned with leaving snares out late during breakup would increase incidental catch.
9			Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16
10			Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16
oppose	0	8	General consensus is taking of beaver with firearm in reg's no reason to have this added to it. Local is an avid bow hunter and taking of beaver has never crossed his mind.
11			Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
oppose	0	8	Same reason's apply to this proposal as proposal 11
12			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
13			Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A
14			Establish fixed season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A
15			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B
16			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder
17			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B
18			Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C
19			Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18 and 19 as follows
20			Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)
21			Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18
22			Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay
23			Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17
24			Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
25			Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable
26			Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island)
27			Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)
support	8	0	Board feels it's an important tool for management, ADF&G mostly housekeeping and update to the NAP language.
28			Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9
oppose	0	8	Concerned about harvesting a sow with this change of regulation. There are plenty of local harvest opportunities of residents. The current harvest level is moderate and allows ample opportunity. Bear population is sustain well from adf&g.
29			Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9
oppose	0	8	General consensus is there's plenty of opportunity currently in reg's opposed unanimously.
30			Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10
oppose	0	8	Opposed unanimously, the board are for our resident caribou population and with the concern of mulchatna herd this is not acceptable.
31			Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10
32			Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10
support	6	2	All these emperor geese proposals are fighting over one bird. It's a trophy hunt for one bird. Understood that residents don't utilize all permit but there was concern of non-reporting going on. The area for hunting these birds are very remote.
33			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
Oppose	0	8	This resource is for Alaskan residents and if we are not careful with management the hunt can be closed again for years. There was understanding of harvestable surplus because of the catch percentage but don't want to see this turn into a industrializing emperor geese hunts to non residents.
34			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33

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35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33 but still concerned about commercializing emperor geese hunts and don't want to give resident permits away to non-residents. The under harvest could help in the population of emperor geese and the next board cycle can take up this issue.
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose			Similar to proposal 33
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
oppose	0	8	Similar to proposal 33

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97			Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16
98			Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16
99			Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping
100			Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16
197			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
198			Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.
199			Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16
200			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
201			Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B
202			Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17
203			Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17
204			Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C
Support	8	0	Was discussion to amend proposal to add 5 days to the beginning of the season, rather than the end. Members were worried about getting into the rut with the later date. ADF&G wasn't too concerned about changing the dates.
205			Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan
No action	8	0	No action as it was out of our area
206			Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Opposed	0	8	Unanimous consent it would add a lot of regulation complexity to adf&g management. Plenty of opportunity currently for residents to hunt bears in region.
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
No Action	8	0	Not in our area.
208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		
support	8		All members felt it made sense to align dates with unit 9A as they are similar in weather and season dates. Reverting to the previous years like how its been before last change of dates.
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
210	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13		
211	Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou		
212	Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations		
213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
214	Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
215	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
216	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
218	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
219	Modify the Unit 13 predation control program		
220	Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A		

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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, Voting Notes
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"
243			Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
245			Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison
246			Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
Oppose	0	8	Unanimously opposed to this from the board. The caribou population in particular is still very much in danger and needs to be protected and every tool adf&g has in there tool box will be needed.
248			Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder
249			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
250			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
251			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
221			Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13n
222			Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day
223			Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
224			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
225			Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14 A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program
226			Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A
227			Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation
228			Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16
229			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14An

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded by: George Wilson

Minutes Approved by: William Regan

Date: 2/11/2022



Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee  
Teleconference Meeting  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 1330hrs  
1-800-504-8071, Access Code: 4421717  
Meeting Minutes

Charlie Lean – Chair, Brandon Ahmasuk – Vice Chair, Kevin Knowlton – Secretary,  
Jacob Mannix – Nome, Andrew McCann – Nome, Edward Stang – Nome,  
Patrick Knodel – Undesignated, Tom Gray – Undesignated,  
Davis Lincoln – White Mountain, Lloyd Kiyutelluk – Shishmaref,  
Tanya Oblawaluk – Teller, Clifford Seetook – Wales, Henry Olanna Jr. – Brevig Mission,  
Charles Saccheus – Elim, Jack Fagerstrom – Golovin

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Lean at 1337hrs
2. Roll Call (8 members required to meet quorum)
  - a. Present on phone: Charlie Lean, Brandon Ahmasuk, Kevin Knowlton, Andrew McCann, Jacob Mannix, Tom Gray, Davis Lincoln, Jack Fagerstrom, Charles Saccheus
  - b. Excused: Edward Stang, Patrick Knodel, Clifford Seetook
3. Guests in Attendance
  - a. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Staff on phone: Bill Dunker, Sara Germain, Jim Menard
  - b. Federal Officials: None
  - c. Guests on the phone: Wes Jones – NSEDC, Ashley Dunker – NSEDC, Myra Scholze – NSEDC, Dawn Wehde - NSEDC
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Jacob Mannix to approve the agenda as amended. Ad BOG Proposition 120 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimous
5. Chairman's Report/Update:
  - a. The caribou working group met telephonically, they recommended that the department maintain a conservative approach to the herd management though the herd population seems to have stabilized.
  - b. The chair had published a note to the Federal Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Council reference the Norton Sound Red King Crab population not having recovered enough yet to support a commercial season while maintaining the subsistence harvest. The SPRAC put their opposition to a commercial fishery on record.
  - c. The Chair mentioned the the National Park Service had made new rules regarding navigable waters to respond to the fact they had lost to Sturgeon in the Supreme Court.
6. ADF&G Wildlife Division Report / Update: Bill Dunker and Sara Germain
  - a. In response to a question from Jack Fagerstrom about wolf population on the Seward Peninsula, Bill Dunker stated that a wolf population survey in Unit 22 had not been done and that it would be very difficult. The technique used to determine the amount of wolf predation on big game in the unit is by referencing when collared animals tend to be killed and it is mostly in the springtime after bears have come out of hibernation.
  - b. The RM840, Unit 22 registration Moose hunt was very brief this year, the harvest was maintained at a sustainable level. The department does not have enough data yet to



see if limiting the permit availability made a difference especially with having to factor in local COVID-19 travel restrictions. 520 RM840 Permits were issued with 300ish hunters actually hunting. Survey of Unit 22D and 22E shows that the moose populations remain stable with 33 bulls to every 100 cows. Which indicates that the department should maintain status quo.

Jack Fagerstrom asked if due to COVID -19 the department would be providing the opportunity for the harvest of extra moose or releasing access to caribou tracking information. Bill Dunker advised that the issue of extra moose is being addressed at the state level with no decision yet and public access to the caribou collar locations is restricted by state law but what he could share was that the majority of the heard has not migrated south of the Kobuk nor west onto the Seward Peninsula yet this year.

Tom Gray asked if the department had considered shortening the reporting times for moose harvest so the department could close the season in the fall leaving a portion of the harvest available for a winter hunt. Bill Dunker stated that the department feels that it is not at a point where they need to make any changes at this time. Jack Fagerstrom expressed that the winter hunting opportunity is vary important to the residence of Golovin because of limited access during the fall hunt.

Brandon Ahmasuk asked, when was the last ANS study done in Unit 22 for moose? And if 321 bull moose harvest in unit 22 was sustainable? Bill Dunker advised it has been a number of years since an ANS study had been done and that any changes to the ANS required board action but a proposal to the board addressing the issue would be the way to address it and the deadline for proposals to the board will be due in the spring of 2022.

- c. Seward Peninsula Muskox – the population survey is scheduled for February 2021, last years harvest data showed 28 muskox bulls were harvested in Game Management Unit 22 which was approximately 2.1% of the population. The Seward Peninsula Muskox population appears to have stabilized. Unit 22A will have a scheduled hunt in RY21, though a hunt of the population in unit 22B East, near Koyuk has been underutilized. Consideration of separating management of 22B West and East is being considered.

#### 7. New Business – Board of Game

The State of Alaska Joint Board of Fish and Game asked for input from the Advisory Committees on how they would like to see the board handle future meetings with the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions? The NNSAC prefers in person meetings but with circumstances being what they are Telephonic meetings will work. Due to connectivity issues in the smaller villages Zoom, Teams and others virtual means are not practical. Meetings should not be postponed with some time sensitive issues needing action. For example, the Norton sound Red King crab commercial season and the delicacy of the current population. As things in the population change, they need to be addressed in a timely manner.



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119	Add Muskoxen in Tier II hunts. (Charlie Lean)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Tom Gray to support the proposal. No further discussion
129	Allow the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting excluding wolf and wolverine. (Ted Spraker)		
Opposed		10	Motion Made by Jack Fagerstrom, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Against it for rural Alaska, cannot afford multiple or larger caliber rifles. Proper shot placement is the key to big game hunting. The definition of the available bullets is vague.
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures. (ADF&G)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. No further discussion.
134	Allow use of camera sensory devices. (John Ryan)		
No action			Difficult to enforce.
190	Reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemptions. (ADF&G)		
Support	9	1	Motion Made by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. A means to show how many hunters are hunting Bear, this could be achieved with no fee charge by making the region a registration hunt area.
	<i>Proposal 120 was added to the Agenda and the AC deliberated on it.</i>		
120	Taking of game by proxy. (Roger Seavey, McGrath AC)		
Support as Ammended	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal as amended, to add Game Management Unit 22 to be covered by the proposal. No further discission.

## Board of Fish

- a. Jim Menard Region manager for Fish reported that the 2019 Salmon harvest and return was not good, and the department is not sure why. The trawl surveys of 2015



did show that this might be the case but nothing definitive. By using the Trawl survey of 2016 data 2021 should be better.

- b. Red King Crab - the Board of Fish changed the winter commercial opening date to February 1<sup>st</sup> so the season will open then. This year for a commercial harvest looks to be like last year with no buyers and only two fishermen catcher/seller not looking to have a good harvest.

Tom Gray inquired about the 2021 summer commercial season; he is very concerned about the subsistence availability.

Wes Jones inquired as to what is the biomass of 5" males. Jim Menard replied that information is not available now and that is an allocative issue. He suggested if the AC disagreed with the Harvest Guideline we take it up at the Crab Planning Team Charlie Lean asked of Jim Menard, Have you read the regulation on how to manage the crab fishery in the King and Tanner Crab Management Policy? Jim replied that the guidance from the BOF had sunseted and that the crab planning team will be meeting next week.

Tom Gray stated that subsistence crab harvest has really taken a hit and the priority is subsistence and because the manager still focuses a commercial fishery while planning on having an opening for the commercial season.

8. Public Comment

Jack Fagerstrom for the village of Golovin, With COVID -19 we need to be able to get food with the least amount of gas usage. What resources are available to us? We need to be provided with information on the location of harvestable game.

9. Advisory Committee members comments

None.

10. The committee unanimously supported the Chair, Charlie Lean, to attend the upcoming board meetings

11. Next meeting date is to be at the call of the chair should an issue arise.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1618hrs.

Minutes prepared by

Kevin Knowlton

NNSAC Secretary

Approved

Charlie Lean

NNSAC Chair

Brandon Ahmasuk

NNSAC Vice Chair

Northern Norton Sound AC - January 6, 2022

**Nushagak Advisory Committee  
Wolf Positioning Subcommittee Minutes  
February 14 & 16, 2022**

**1. Call to Order 10:05**

**2. Roll call:**

AC Subcommittee members present

Gayla Hoseth

Todd Fritze

Dan Dunaway

Public appointees

Robert Heyano (left meeting 11:03)

Frank Woods, (joined meeting 11:45)

Others in attendance

Taryn Brito ADFG Boards

David Bump AK Wildlife Troopers

Kenneth Nukwuk Nush AC at large alternate (joined ???)

Shayna Gurtler Rowe public Nenana Tribal Admin

**3. Agenda and meeting leadership**

No agenda had been developed other than the directive from the full Advisory Committee to develop comments and responses to Board of Game Proposal 271 in time for the public comment period deadline February 18, 2022.

Members present asked Gayla to lead the meeting and Dan to record minutes.

Members agreed the guiding principles for the meeting and final recommendations would must include: In GMU 17, to preserve maximum opportunity to hunt wolves from snowmachine with minimal restrictions.

**4. Discussion**

Gayla summarized the history of how Nushagak AC came to submit proposal 23.

Dan noted there is a parallel proposal WP22-40 in the Federal subsistence regulatory process and due to be addressed April 2020 by the Federal subsistence board. Dan noted that at the fall Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC) meeting WP22-40 had been supported with the 15

mph and 300 yard language assuming the State language on positioning was “settled”. With the actions at the January BOG meeting the consequences were more far reaching. At the February 8 RAC meeting the members of the BBRAC were informed of the BOG actions then voted to request the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) remove WP22-40 from their consent agenda, and to explain how strong objections to that positioning language has arisen. Further the BBRAC charged their chair to request the FSB to not act on WP 22-40; that there may be an effort to delay action on 271 for a year and; to wait until the State language and action on 271 is resolved.

Dan also presented comments emailed to him by WT Lt Rodgers on how enforcement has dealt with the existing positioning regulations in GMU 18, 22, 23, and 26A.

Dan presented some suggestions he obtained from retired biologist including: don’t tie hunting with snowmachines to Intensive Management as IM can expire, change quickly and is often only allowed in limited areas.

There was a long discussion on the history of regulations, how hunting wolves with snowmachines is conducted, historical practices of group hunting, potential regulatory language, whether to exclude wolverines, concerns for other laws that might make it difficult to write an effective regulation.

- Much emphasis was made that 15 miles per hour is an unacceptable restriction.
- Wolves can run much faster. Wolverines travel at a lope all the time.
- The 300 yard restriction is unacceptable; wolves are small targets and by the time a snowmachine is stopped a running wolf or wolverine will be at 400+ yards. A hunter isn’t likely to make an ethical shot on a wolf or the even smaller wolverine at 300 yards or more. We need to get much closer as we often use smaller caliber rifles that quickly lose effectiveness on these animals beyond 50 yards.
- Members believe the current annual harvest of wolves helps the caribou and moose herds.
- Strategy was discussed. Ask to delay for a board cycle due to short notice and need to inform other ACs not in this cycle? Provide only comments and let BOG develop language or provide some language in an effort to assure board can more easily accommodate our needs? Concentrate only on the needs of GMU 17 (GMU 9 was often included as well since it’s in the same cycle.)

Considerable time was spent attempting to reword 271 to fit the needs of GMU 17.

After three hours the Subcommittee decided to recess until 8:30 AM Wednesday to reflect on work done, seek more data and advice, work on potential wording. On Wednesday the



Subcommittee expects to finalize comments and wording in time to submit by the February 18 deadline.

**RECESS** The subcommittee recessed at 1:10 PM to resume by zoom on Wednesday at 8:30 AM. Dan to provide draft of minutes to date.

**RESUME MEETING:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:35  
via Zoom

**Roll Call**

AC Subcommittee members present

Gayla Hoseth

Todd Fritze

Dan Dunaway

Public appointees

Robert Heyano excused absent

Frank Woods, excused absent

Others in attendance

Taryn Brito ADFG Boards

Chris Brockman ADFG Wildlife Palmer

Joe Wittkop AK Wildlife Troopers

Kenneth Nukwuk Nush AC at large alternate

Heidi Kritz BBNA Natural Resources

Mark Schwantes Hunter, guide, commercial fishing

Isabelle Ross KDLG News

Wassillie Andrew Nush AC New Stuyahok alternate

**4. Discussion continued**

Gayla resumed meeting with a brief summary of Feb 14 meeting.

Chris Brockman reviewed actions of BOG in January: BOG approved proposal 23 as submitted but then sought to define “positioning”. In the development of proposal 271 the 15mp and 300 yard language was used and resulted in switching the nature of the proposal 180 degrees from positioning the animal to positioning the hunter.

It was noted that positioning the hunter (per 271) is the opposite of the intent of the Nushagak AC in proposal 23.

Before going further Brockman noted his job is representing the ADFG and does not want to step outside his authority but he offered suggestions for the Subcommittee to consider as best he understands the desires of the AC.

Brockman noted it appears the AC wants hunters to be allowed to approach animals (wolf & wolverine) as fast as they want, as close as they want and as often as they want.

Brockman strongly advised that prohibiting actual contact of the quarry with a snow machine would be best.

Chris said by his understanding the following language seems to express the desires of the AC and members of the subcommittee:

.... Position: means a snowmachine may be used to approach individual game animal at any speed to within (0,5,10, x) yards and; including multiple approaches and allow the pursuit of fleeing game. A snowmachine may not be used to contact an animal.”

Brockman encouraged the Subcommittee to include the language of no contact with the game.

He then suggested the Subcommittee’s final response to clearly state our opposition to the language in 271 as well as our desire for pursuing, multiple approaches and no distance restriction.

*There were several comments on:*

What about moose and brown bear, other species? A: No regulation addresses positioning for moose and brown bear, other species, only wolf and wolverines.

Again the concern was expressed that this will be a Statewide regulation and could affect many other ACs and GMU that are not in this cycle and this is very short notice.

The group was reminded regulations specialists will be on hand and they may suggest to the BOG that there may be a need to differentiate between positioning hunters for some species and regulations vs positioning the animal in others.

It will be important for the AC rep at the March meeting and for others testifying to help explain some of this to the BOG.

Gayla suggested eliminating any distance restriction. The rest of the Subcommittee members and participating listeners agreed.

Trooper Wittkop said setting a particular distance might not make enforcement any easier. It can be hard to tell 5 to 10 y in these situations. It's probably simpler to make no distance rule.

Who to review and approve minutes of this meeting: Gayla by consensus.

The Subcommittee came to a consensus for the following points to make to the Board of Game.

### Final Consensus

- 1) Nushagak AC is opposed to the language proposed in 271 restricting speed and distance.

- 2) Nushagak AC requests the BOG to adopt the following language:

**Position: means a snowmachine may be used to approach individual game animal at any speed and; including multiple approaches and allow the pursuit of fleeing game. A snowmachine may not be used to contact an animal."**

- 3) Nushagak AC requests hunters to be allowed to pursue a fleeing animal.
- 4) Nushagak AC requests no speed, distance, or number of approaches restrictions for hunting wolves and wolverines.
- 5) Nushagak AC is opposed to allowing contacting the animal with a snowmachine.
- 6) Nushagak AC notes this proposal is statewide and expresses concern for adequate notice to other AC's and residents of areas not in this Board Cycle.

### **5) Other Business**

Gayla and Taryn reminded attendees that the BOG is offering the option for virtual testimony but there is a sign in deadline and opportunity may not be unlimited. Deadline for written comments is Feb 18, Virtual testimony deadline is February 28.

**Register to testify online in advance of the meeting at:**

[www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-04-2022&meeting=fairbanks](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-04-2022&meeting=fairbanks)



In person attendees need to register by Saturday March 4, at 10:00 AM

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-04-2022&meeting=fairbanks>

During the meeting, written comments may be submitted by hand delivery; via email to [dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov) (attachments only); or faxed to 907-465-6094. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the deadlines are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

Todd encourages people to submit their testimony to show there is wide support.

**6) Adjourn 9:30**

Minutes Recorded by: Dan Dunaway

Minutes Approved by: Gayla Hoseth

Date: 2/18/2022



## **Minutes**

### **Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 / 1:00P.M.**

#### **Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377**

(Chair) "If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals, and meeting time is limited."

**Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order at 1:07pm, Jan. 20, 2021 by Chairman Doug Carney

**Roll Call & Quorum established**– 6 of 8 members present

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer attended / Faron Bobby was absent.
- Stony River – David Bobby attended / Charlie Gusty was absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney & Frank Egnaty were present
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & Ruby Egrass attended

#### **Others Attending -**

ADF&G - Josh Peirce, Area Biologist, Jon Barton Assistant Area Biologist & Kyle Campbell, Boards Support

#### **SHAC Members' Concerns**

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? **None**
- Any proposals to discuss besides the ones listed? **None**
- Anything for future meetings? **None**

#### **Doug Carney - Info on 2020 board meetings & proposal books**

- Due to Covid there were no BOG meetings last year and no proposal books printed – all done online. I sent an email to members with documents – agenda, comp.surveys, hunter success, proposal index & supplementary prop. Index - also ACR proposals. Also sent a link to find them on the BOG website. The Agenda has a list of proposals I considered the most important for us to consider.
- Kyle sent out an email with documents attached as well.
- The whole meeting cycle was pushed back one year.
- BOG cycle was also changed from 2 yrs to 3 yrs a couple years ago, so the next Interior Regional meeting will be in 2024.
- Then earlier this year people were able to put in more proposals, so there is a supplemental list of those – also online.
- Agenda Change requests were approved producing a few more proposals.

**Reading & Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the Dec.17, 2019 SHAC meeting were read by chair & approved by the committee.

#### **Barb Carlson – Fisheries Update**

- Proposal 279 passed at the Prince William Sound Finfish meeting on Nov. 30-Dec. 6.
- The King subsistence permit for use during times of closure after June 11 will again be in place for the coming fishing season. Each household can get up to 10 Kings.
- There was no BOF meeting in 2021 – Covid pushed it back to 2023.
- Anyone can submit a proposal regarding fisheries in our area. The proposal deadline is April 11th, 2022. I or Kyle can help you write a proposal, if you want help.

**2021 Fishery Summary** –



- King escapement was met, but not the ANS - not very good /most of the season was closed.
- Chum was not even close to escapement goal – very poor.
- Sockeye – good numbers, especially the late run, though they were smaller fish. The Kogrugluk weir escapement was not very good.
- Coho – Not very strong. George River weir #s were strong / Kogrugluk weir #s were not strong.
- Fish wisely / don't waste

**Josh Peirce, Area Biologist –**

Doug sent SHAC members some documents on composition surveys and moose harvest in 19A.

March, 2020 GSPE Moose survey – Moose numbers have increased in 19A.

- In 19A West, from Kalskag to the George R. / In 2010 there were 1000 – now there are 3800, mostly due to them moving in from GMU 18.
- The middle area, from Napaimute to the George there are very low numbers, as expected, due to poorer habitat.
- In RM682 & TM684, (LVMA), #s have approximately doubled since 2005, going from 1500 to 2900 moose.
- In 19A East, from the George R. and upriver, (not including the Lime Village Tier II area), numbers have increased, (RM682), from 1900 to 2500 moose.

Nov. 2021 moose composition – A count was done in November. About 5.5 hours were spent by 2 planes.

- Jon flew from about 10 miles above Stony River village down to the Holitna mouth. Then he flew from the mouth of the Hoholitna to a point about 15 miles up that river.
- Josh flew transects 1/2 mile apart on the Holitna & Titnuk Creek from the Macar Hills to Barge Slough. From Barge Slough he flew along the river to the mouth. Of the Holitna.
- “337 total moose were counted, with **63 bulls: 100 cows** – excellent, partly due to light harvest. There were **24 calves: 100 cows** which is not so good. Would like to see 30-40 calves per 100 cows. I believe it is due mainly to bear predation. Bear control was done in 2013-14, and bears have probably reached pre-control numbers again.”

**Rick** – Are there any plans to do more about bear numbers?

**Josh** – It is authorized in the predator control program, but funds aren't available at this time. The bear control done in 2013 & 14 happened due to an unexpected availability of funds at the time.

**Doug** – Freddy expressed concern about bears a couple years ago, since Black Bear were hanging around the village, and there are high numbers of browns in the area as well. SHAC put in a proposal to do bear control in the Lime Village Tier II area, but BOG said it couldn't justify it, saying it would be ineffective due to the sparse habitat, and cost was the other big factor.

We need to see more black bears killed. With a bag limit of 5 per year, if non-resident tag fees could be lowered or set so that one fee would allow a limit of bears to be taken by a hunter. That could appeal to non-res hunters and be effective. BOG has no authority to set or change tag fees, so it would have to be authorized by the legislature. I would like to try getting that done.

Mary Lee told of a Brown Bear in their smokehouse that her son shot. He dressed it out, & regulation required him to give it to ADF&G. She didn't think that was fair, and I agree – we probably all do. What we can do is put in a proposal for the 2024 Regional meeting, to open Brown Bear season year-round for residents, to fix that and offer more hunting opportunity.

Villages could offer a bounty on bears as well as wolves. I know McGrath pays bounties on wolves.

**Josh** – That's right – McGrath also offers a \$200 bounty on bears.

**Doug** – Great! Frank - maybe you could bring it up at a village council meeting

**Doug Carney - SHAC comments on BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals**

**March 12-19, 2021 in Fairbanks / Comment due date is Feb. 18**

The most important proposals to us are -

- SHAC Proposal 171 – splitting 19A into 2 subunits
- Proposal 239 – Proposal to make all registration hunts available online. (That was left off the list on the Agenda)



- Proposal 266 was redacted – pulled.

**Proposals discussed & voted on –**

- 120,129, 130, 131,133, 144, 145, 146, 147, 162, 171, 239, 245, 247, 253, 254,258, 259, 261, 262, 267
- Votes, discussion & comments are recorded in the ADF&G template that is attached to these minutes.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business discussed, other than the bear discussion after Josh's presentation, that developed from Rick's question.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm**

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 4-12, 2022   Fairbanks, AK			
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120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
Support	5	1	Most members like this proposal, and if it passes, want to consider proxy hunts again later for the RM682 hunt.
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
Oppose	6	0	Lots of discussion on this. The rationale given for soft point expanding bullets were agreed with. But the nationwide decreasing ammo availability was pointed out- bullet choices for some calibers are limited. Also - members were mainly fed up with govt. regulation. It comes down to - If an animal is present, and a hunter does not have the prescribed ammo, is he bound <u>not</u> to shoot?
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
Support	6	0	SHAC agrees with ADF&G due to the danger of Chronic Wasting Disease. Protection of Alaskan game species is paramount to SHAC members..
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
Support	6	0	Most folks eat only the breast and legs, since there is little meat on the rest of the animal. SHAC sees no reason <u>not</u> to support this proposal.
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
Support	3	0	Some members supported this, since they saw no harm in it, and because it gives opportunity for bow hunters. Members who abstained thought



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			they didn't have enough information to make a decision for or against.
144	Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	6	Concern over diseases being spread to wild species is the main reason SHAC opposes this. They kill a lot of birds and mice, competing with wild species like marten. Might be OK for urban areas, but not in the bush. Cats don't survive well in the Alaskan Bush – too cold.
145	Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations		
Support	6	0	SHAC supported this for all the reasons given in the proposal.
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Support	6	0	Registration hunts exist due to low specie numbers. There is often a cap on the # if permits issued, or the # of animals taken. By picking up multiple permits, these people would be taking away hunting opportunity from others. Bag Limits for big game are mostly limited to one per year – other permits would be wasted & unavailable to others.
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
Oppose	0	6	In the past, people have taken bigger animals than they wanted/needed, because besides getting the meat, they could sell the trophy.
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
Support	6	0	Snowshoe hare is the only specie where there is no salvage requirement. These animals should be salvaged for something, or left alone. They are good prey for furbearing predator species.
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
Support	6	0	As a SHAC proposal, this is supported for all reasons given in the proposal language. <b>Every advisory committee on the Kuskokwim supports this proposal –LKAC, Bethel, CKAC, SHAC, McGrath.</b> There are probably others.
239 /157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Oppose	0	6	Every couple of years an individual or entity from an urban area will make a proposal similar to 239, to require registration hunt availability online, <u>One size does NOT fit all!</u>  Some Registration hunts <u>are</u> available online - some are not. Herd health, and local dependency are major factors. To address the 3 GMUS SHAC has jurisdiction in, there are -



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 registration hunts in GMU 19 – including 5 for moose - with 1 of those available online</li> <li>10 registration hunts in GMU 18 - including 4 for moose - with 1 of those available online</li> <li>9 registration hunts in GMU 21 - including 6 for moose - with 4 of those available online</li> </ul> <p>In the last sentence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph of the proposal, <b>“URBAN” Hunters of Alaska says</b> that requiring hunters to show up in person to get registration permits –  “... gives priority to... locals who live in the area, over those who sit ready at the computer keyboard awaiting the permit application start.”</p> <p><b><u>The Stony Holitna Advisory Committee says –</u></b>  There <u>are</u> people who have flown out 250 miles from Anchorage or traveled the same distance by boat from Bethel to get the RM682 permits.</p> <p><u>Having online availability for these permits <b>would give</b> a priority to those</u>  =</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who can afford to buy a computer</li> <li>Who have reliable internet service available</li> <li>Who have 5g over those with 3g or 4g</li> <li>Who are fortunate enough to have the time to sit at a computer - <u>waiting to pounce on a permit</u></li> <li>Who apparently can afford to pay many hundreds of dollars for RT airfare to these remote areas &amp; to ship back meat at a minimum of a dollar a pound for their <u>“subsistence hunt”</u>.</li> </ul> <p>It <u>could</u> be viewed as an <b>Urban</b> priority, &amp; <u>would</u> give the person at the keyboard priority over folks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who actually <u>are there in person</u> - <u>standing in line</u> - <u>waiting their turn to get a permit</u>,</li> <li>People who <u>actually live</u> in the hunt area,</li> <li>People who are the <u>most dependent</u> on these moose as a source of protein</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who have limited or no access to grocery stores</li> </ul>
245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
Oppose	0	6	SHAC and other ACs co-sponsored this proposal, which made this regulation consistent with all Interior GMUs. The meat on ribs regulation minimizes waste & makes regulation.
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Oppose	0	6	The existing Predator Control Program in 19A East allows the taking of wolves and bears to increase moose stocks. <b>SHAC opposes this and any other proposal that threatens predator control for wolves and bears in Alaska, and particularly in GMU 19.</b>
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place.
254	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	6	0	This proposal is a "housekeeping proposal". SHAC supports this, since the local ACs and ADF&G want to keep this regulation in place
267	<u>ACR 4 - Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C</u>		
<b>Support IF</b>	6	0	<b>Amend</b> - SHAC agrees with the McGrath AC. This proposal doesn't go far



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, 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
Amended			enough in protecting this “at risk” resource. The sheep population has been steadily decreasing for years, mostly due to bad weather. <u>SHAC recommends that BOG amend this proposal or generate a new proposal that closes the 19C season to residents &amp; non-residents for 2 years..</u>

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Doug Carney

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



## **A Short History of 19A Moose Hunt Closure & Opening**

### **& SHAC Formation**

Moose numbers had been dropping for several years, due to a ban on aerial predator control starting in 1992.

**2002-2004**- Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan, (CKMMP) – Arrived at 2 choices for a vote. Voted for a Tier I Registration hunt/ wolf predator control for 19A & B

- There was a CKAC meeting right after this vote, at CKMMP last meeting – All members voted, except Doug Carney abstained, urging a complete closure along with the predator control.

**2004 & 2005** -The proposed registration hunt was implemented in fall of 2004

- Aerial predator control program killed 40 wolves in 2004 & 36 in 2005
- About 1000 permits were issued each year- better harvest reporting – moose #s dropping
- 122 bulls were taken fall of 04 - and 171 fall of 05.

**Nov, 2005** - CKAC meeting, the chairman wanted to continue a registration hunt in 19A, in spite of the fact that the March, 2005 moose surveys had shown that moose numbers were continuing to decline. The committee voted against a closure proposal written by Sleetmute reps for all of 19A, but then voted to support an alternate proposal to close the upper portion of 19A and continue with the registration hunt in lower 19A, which passed 8-2. The dissenting votes were the Aniak reps. This proposal was sent to boards support.

- **At this same time DF&G was doing a moose survey in 19A, so the latest data was unavailable.**
- **Several days later, with the new survey info available, the Dept. of Fish & Game made a proposal to close upper 19A and have a Tier II hunt in the lower portion.**
- Proposals on other issues were agreed on by the committee, and sent to BOG for the upcoming meeting.

**Feb, 2006** - The CKAC chairman called for a teleconference, where the committee voted to withdraw its support of the proposal it had agreed to in November and a proposal was passed to have a Tier II hunt in the upper portion and a registration hunt in the lower part. This was not what the upper Kuskokwim villages needed or wanted.

### **2006 - 19A Moose season Closure in eastern 19A**

#### **March, 2006 - BOG Meeting**

CKAC members, representing Sleetmute and Stony River, supported by their village councils and the Lime Village and Red Devil councils attended, advocating for a closure in at least part of 19A rather than a Tier II hunt – with its continuing hunting pressure. Randy Rogers of DF&G / Wildlife Division, (who had been at both the CKAC Nov,2005 meeting and was online for the Feb,2006 CKAC teleconference), helped explain and make clear to the board why these villages wanted a closure rather than Tier II. Randy had been the main organizer and mediator of the CKMMP, and explained that ADF&G had been mistaken in regard to moose herd numbers, due mainly to lack of surveys.



**BOG adopted the ADF&G proposal that called for the closure upriver and Tier II downriver. This regulation has been in effect ever since. This proposal was of course supported by the Sleetmute and Stony River members of the CKAC.**

**Nov, 2006** - CKAC meeting was held in Aniak, and boycotted by the Aniak representative who was also the CKAC chairman. The committee had to appoint a resident of Aniak to get a quorum. With Doug Carney acting as chair, the committee elected new officers and unanimously approved proposals 16 & 17. Proposal 17 was to split the CKAC into 2 separate committees.

## **2007 - Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee formed**

**October, 2007 Joint Boards Meeting** - Proposal 17 passed, and the CKAC was split into two new committees. A smaller CKAC representing 5 villages & having 10 members was formed. SHAC was formed, representing 4 villages and having 8 members.

**December 3, 2007** - The last meeting of the old CKAC was held in Kalskag, where the committee made comments on proposals for the Statewide BOG meeting in Jan, 2008, and agreed to send 4 proposals to the Region III BOG meeting in March, 2008.

## **Bear Aerial Predator Control in eastern 19A – Includes TKC Land**

**Spring 2013 & 2014** – ADF&G Bear Predator Control Program killed about 150 bears.

**Feb, 2017** – Moose GSPE Count shows a harvestable Surplus in parts of 19A. This allows for a hunt other than Tier II in western 19A, but does not require eastern 19A closure area to open any sort of hunt.

- Area biologist wants SHAC to put in Agenda Change Request, (ACR), in Sept. For various reasons SHAC chair did not want to have a meeting at that time – folks are busy then & that was before the Moose survey in November. Also, fall meeting are almost always held after the November moose composition survey is done, so the committee has the latest info on the herd status.

**Sept.** - Hill was enlisted to put in an ACR to BOG before the Sept. 4 cut-off.

**Sept. 19 & 20** – SHAC holds an early meeting, (normally meets in late November or early December - after the yearly moose composition count is done.)

- **SHAC voted to OPPOSE ACR1, urging BOG NOT to accept the ACR - or if accepted - to table it for an opening no earlier than fall, 2019.**
- *It is clear that although people in our area would like to see a hunt, they are cautious about having an opening, when numbers are still so low in the closed area of 19A.*
- *The Chair asked for and was given approval by SHAC members to write and send comments on the ACR by the deadline of Sept. 29 to BOG for the Oct 4 teleconference, and to address a possible registration hunt opening as needed at any future BOG meeting, including making SHAC's hunt recommendations available to BOG if ACR 1 is accepted OR when it is appropriate for a hunt opening that would occur not before fall, 2019.*

**Oct 4**- BOG makes Hill's ACR into Proposal 165 for the March BOG meeting in March, 2018



**Nov, 2017** - The Area Biologist had a moose survey done in eastern 19A, which showed a very large drop from Nov, 2016 numbers.

- Bull-cow ratio dropped from 58 bulls:100 cows to **36 bulls :100 cows**
- Calf-cow ratio dropped from 55 calves:100 cows to **34 calves:100 cows.**

**March, 2018 – BOG meeting in Dillingham**

- With the SHAC comments from the Sept, 2017 meeting, and the oral comments & concerns voiced about the dismal results of the Nov, 2017 moose survey, BOG listened to SHAC.
- SHAC told BOG that the committee and the communities certainly wanted to hunt, as they always had, but are concerned about an opening that wipes out the little that had been gained by the closure.
- SHAC said that it would not support a hunt opening till Fall, 2019, at the earliest, with one reason given that the cows born since the bear predator program would be old enough to have calves. Also pointed out, is that this was done when McGrath had the bear removal program.
- BOG asked what SHAC thought caused the low numbers. SHAC Chair said that the wolf predator control program was not taking many wolves over the last years, due to the weather and snow conditions, or it could just be that the survey was incorrect due to it being done in early November, when visibility was not good due to snow conditions.
- BOG defers proposal till March, 2019 BOG meeting

**Nov, 2018** – Area biologist does a moose survey –

- Bull-cow ratio was from 52 bulls:100 cows & **40 calves :100 cows**
- The 40 calf:100 cow ratio is **OK**, but not like it was in Nov, 2016 at 55 calves:100 cows

**Dec, 2018** - SHAC Teleconference – SHAC voted to support Proposal 127, (formerly Proposal 165), as amended with SHAC conditions

**March, 2019 – BOG meeting in Anchorage**

- The lower cow:calf ratio from 2018 compared to 2016 was specifically pointed out by SHAC chair
- Also pointed out was that the surveys had been done within the Bear Control Focus Area, where there was a much higher number of moose per square mile, (1.5 per sq. mile) than over the rest of the closure area, or 19A as a whole, (both 0.6 per sq. mile).
- BOG accepted **all** SHAC amendments for hunt conditions, and passed Proposal 127 as amended by SHAC.

**Fall, 2019 – There will be a Registration Hunt in eastern 19A**

**NOTE:**

ADF&G did an area-wide wolf survey Feb. 24-27. A total of 14 packs with 84 wolves were counted, but some of the packs were on the edge of the area – in and out of it, which the Dept. counts ½ of that number of wolves as being in the area. This puts the estimated number of wolves in 19A at 60.

There was a bear survey and tagging attempted in April, 2019, but the conditions were not good, with too much snow & ice still on the lakes. After 3 days, only one brown and one black bear were seen, so the survey was cancelled.



Thanks to the hunt conditions above, if these predators are not thinned out, and the bull – cow ratio goes down to 35 bulls: 100 cows average for 2 years, the hunt area will go back to a closure.

This is consistent with what SHAC, and the villages it represents, advocated for when the the closure began. compared to going into a Tier II hunt status.

The calf-cow ratio has already gone down to 40 calves: 100 cows. This ratio is high enough to allow the herd to increase.



### **GMU19A Moose Hunter Success Rates / 1977 through 2021**

- **Harvest tickets for moose started being used in 1963.**
- *Because harvest tickets were not widely used by subsistence hunters in remote areas of the state, the reported harvest does not reflect the actual harvest. This is mentioned repeatedly in yearly moose hunter success narratives.*
- *Moose harvest totals typically had a note on them saying that “due to poor harvest reporting, 33% of the total could be added to get a more accurate total of moose taken.”*
- *From 1961-76, harvest tables & narratives give #s for all of GMU19. 19A and the other subunits are not reported separately.*
- *From 1969-1973, there were no harvest tables, but biologists wrote narratives on what they believed were the number of moose taken. From 1973-85, for some years, there are both table & narrative.*
- *Narratives would typically say “Total moose taken was probably in excess of 500, exceeded 400, or between 500 and 700.”*
- *There were consistently **500 - 1000 hunters** in GMU 19A in the following years. This is indicated in the narratives before 1985-6, & also reflected in the registration hunt years of 2004 and 2005, when there was the most accurate harvest reporting.*
- **1977 is the first year that numbers are available for subunit 19A**

**Total Moose Taken in 19A from 1977-2003 (by harvest reports)**

**Unreported harvest was typically figured at 33% of total harvest**

	<u># hunters</u>	<u># successful</u>
1977-8		24
1978-9		48
1979-80		43
1980-1	339	185
1981-2	199	78
1982-3	208	77
1983-4	281	102
1984-5	339	181
1985-6	317	129
1986-7	230	114
1987-8	332	167
1988-9	311	155
1989-90	284	113
1990-1	256	139
1991-2	255	137
1992-3	269	184
1993-4	215	150
1994-5	364	168
1995-6	304	141
1996-7	339	184
1997-8	280	142
1998-9	292	146
1999-00	277	118
2000-1	292	108
2001-2	293	95
2002-3	253	67
2003-4	258	67

**19A RM640 Registration Hunts – Fall 2004 & 2005**

In 2004, the GMU19 ANS was 430-470. The Harvestable Surplus was 94-130

About 1000 permits were issued each year

	<u># hunters</u>	<u># successful</u>
2004-5	754	122
2005-6	782	177

After the Nov, 2005 moose survey, ADF&G set the Harvestable Surplus for the 2 main moose stocks in 19A

- below the Oskwalik River at 30 bulls, (later set at 40-100),
- above the Oskwalik River at 0.

At the Spring, 2006 Region III BOG Meeting, the board reset the GMU 19 ANS & nested the #s in the subunits -

- GMU 19 has an ANS of 400-700, (excluding Lime Village Management Area - LVMA)
- **19A 175-225 ANS**, (LVMA 30-40)
- 19B 20-24
- 19D East 130-150- (not in regulation)
- 19C & 19D remainder 75-301

At that meeting, BOG also passed ADF&G Proposal 70, which

- closed moose hunting in 19A East (upriver of the George River), and
- established a Tier II hunt in 19A West, (downstream of the George River).

*Although it is not in regulation, the ANS estimate for Unit 19(D-East) made during discussions of the McGrath wolf predation control program is 130 - 150 moose.*

*If the ANS #s from subunits 19A,B,D(east)- are added up and subtracted from the total GMU 19 ANS - it leaves 75-301 moose necessary for subsistence opportunity in Units 19(C) and Unit 19(D) Remainder.*

**These are largely inaccessible areas.**

**19A West Tier II Hunter Success / State-TM680 & Federal-FM1901**

Regyear	PermitsIssued State/Fed	PermiteesHunted State/Fed	MooseKilled State/Fed	%Success State/Fed
2006	200/92	169/46	26/6	15/13
2007	230/92	195/64	54/16	28/25
2008	230/97	197/77	56/11	28/14
2009	231/92	184/60	52/13	28/22
2010	200/	177/	72/	41/
2011	200/72	167/42	65/12	39/29
2012	200/82	165/51	93/22	56/43
2013	223/74	189/57	93/18	49/32
2014	192/92	159/58	96/37	60/64
2015	200/77	162/40	109/29	67/73
2016	200/96	174/69	112/45	64/65



2017	199/94	180/58	108/36	60/62
2018	210/100	181/79	102/28	56/35
2019	200/99	176/73	92/32	52/44
2020	200/68	171/37	110/20	64/54
2021	201/ 71	167/	103/	63/

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*At the 2019 Region III BOG meeting, the board passed a proposal for an Experimental registration hunt in 19A East, which had been closed since 2006.*

**19A East RM682 Hunter Success**

Reg year	Permits Issued	Permitees Hunted	Moose Killed	%Success
2019	30	19	8	42
2020	30	19	10	47
2021	29	17	7	41



## **19A Holitna Composition Surveys 2007-2021.**

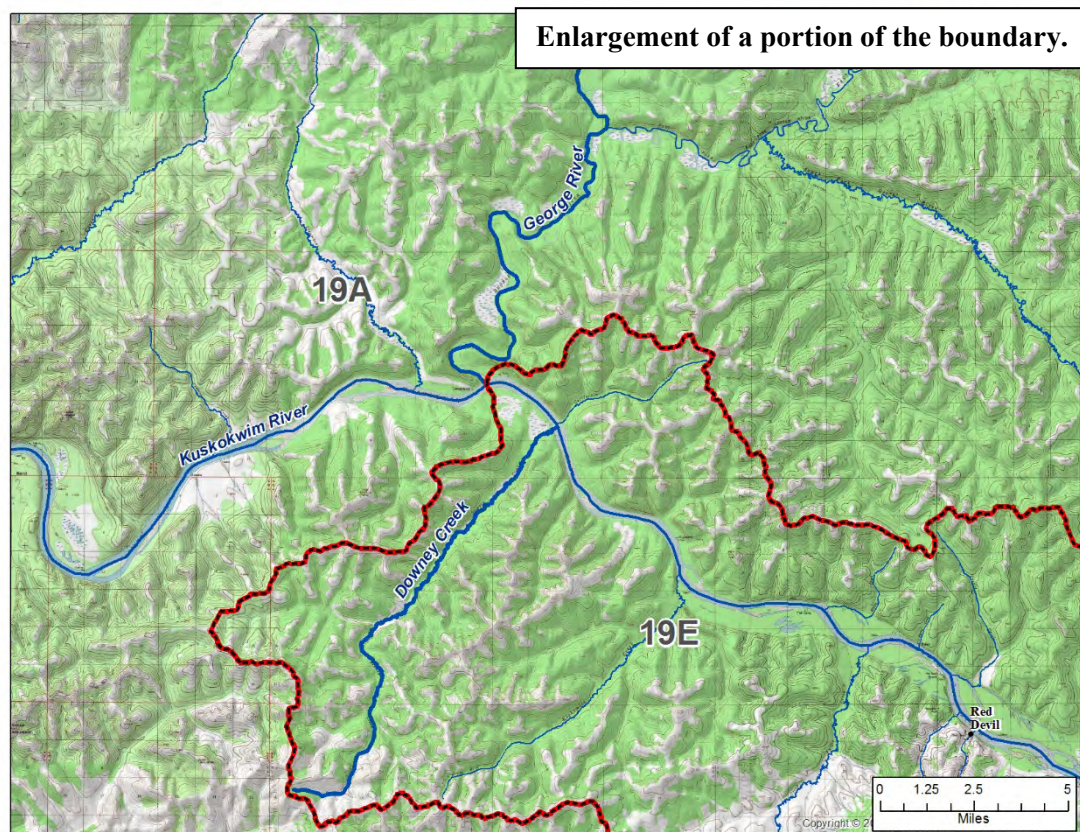
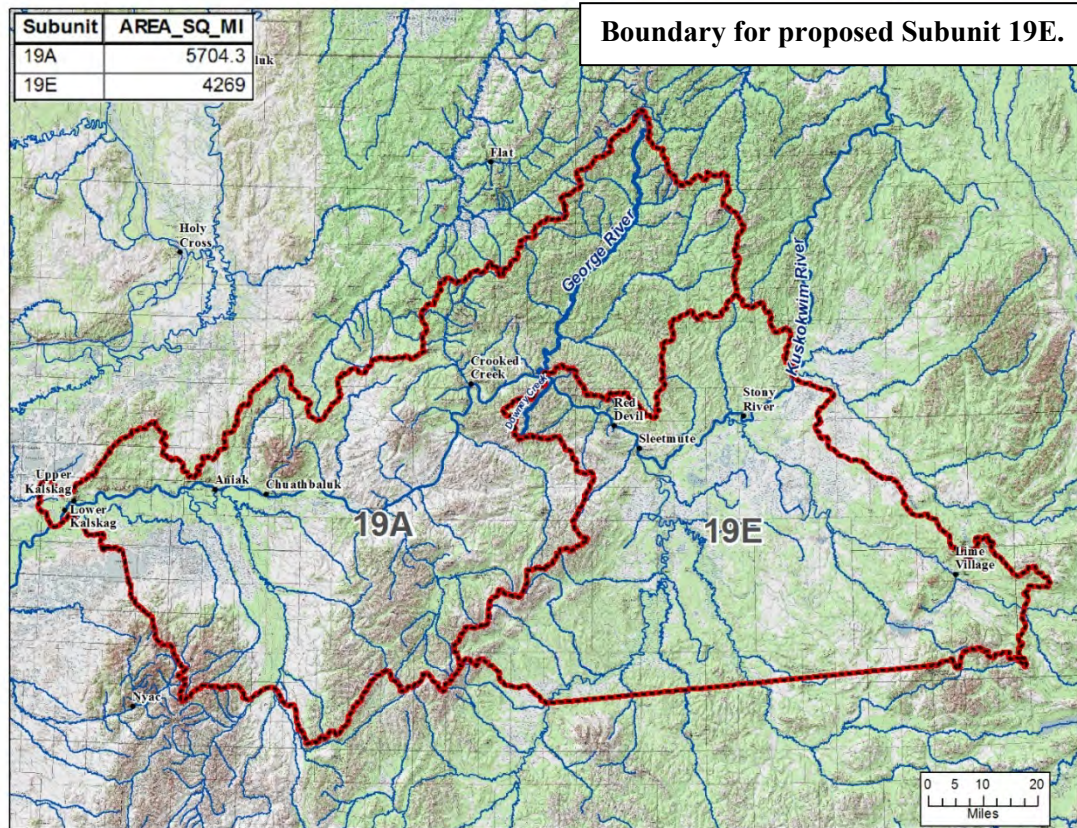
Regulatory Year	Moose Counted	Cows	Calves	Bulls	Calves: 100 Cows	Bulls: 100 Cows
2007–2008	200	111	50	39	45	35
2008–2009	124	77	21	26	27	34
2009–2010	129	69	25	35	36	51
2010–2011	212	127	24	61	19	48
2011–2012	164	97	30	37	31	38
2013–2014	244	119	59	66	50	55
2016–2017	273	128	71	74	55	58
2017-2018	300	176	60	64	34	36
2018-2019	343	179	71	93	40	52
2019-2020	275	171	36	68	21	40
2021-2022	337	180	43	114	24	63

## PROPOSAL 171 – Divide Unit 19A into Two Subunits

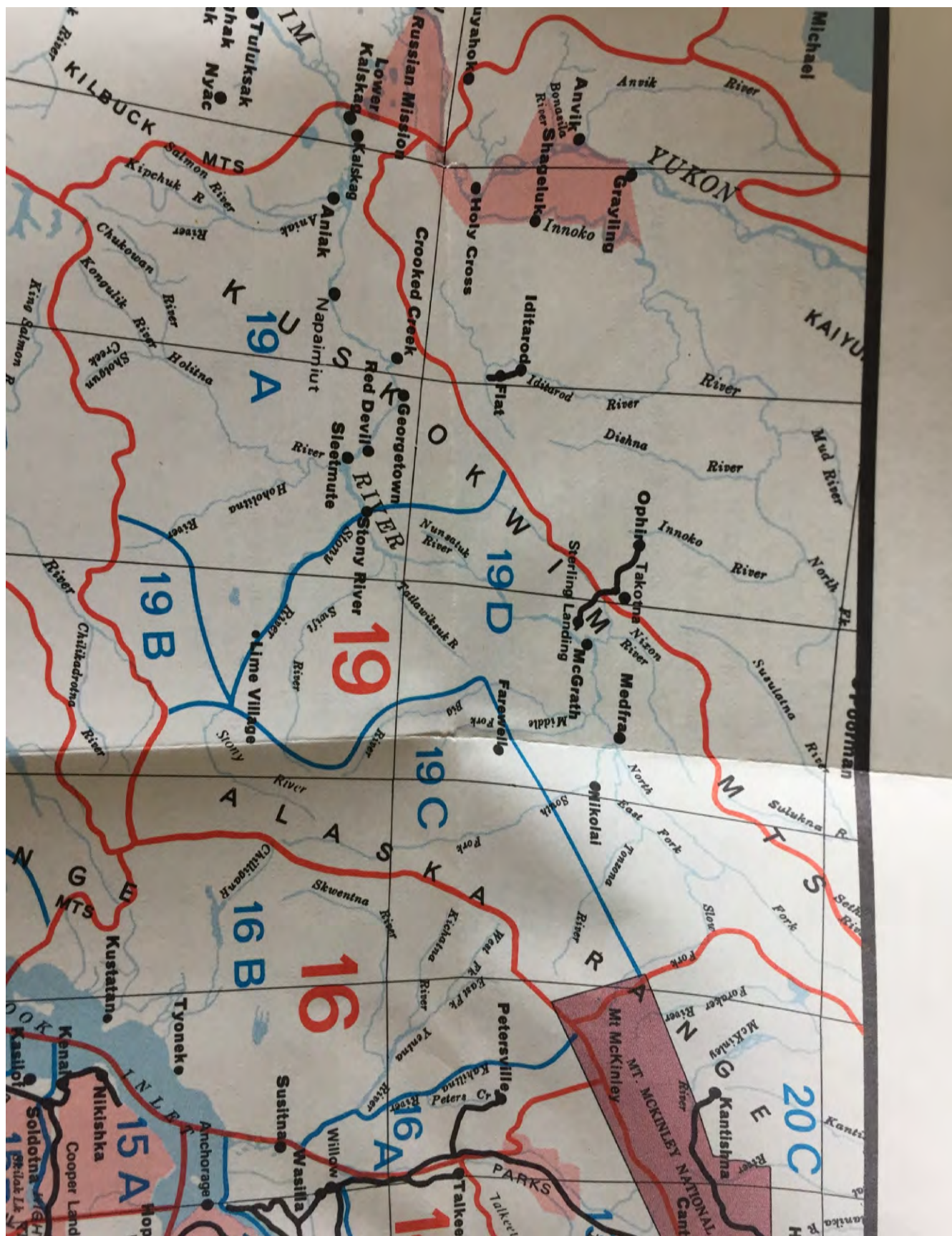
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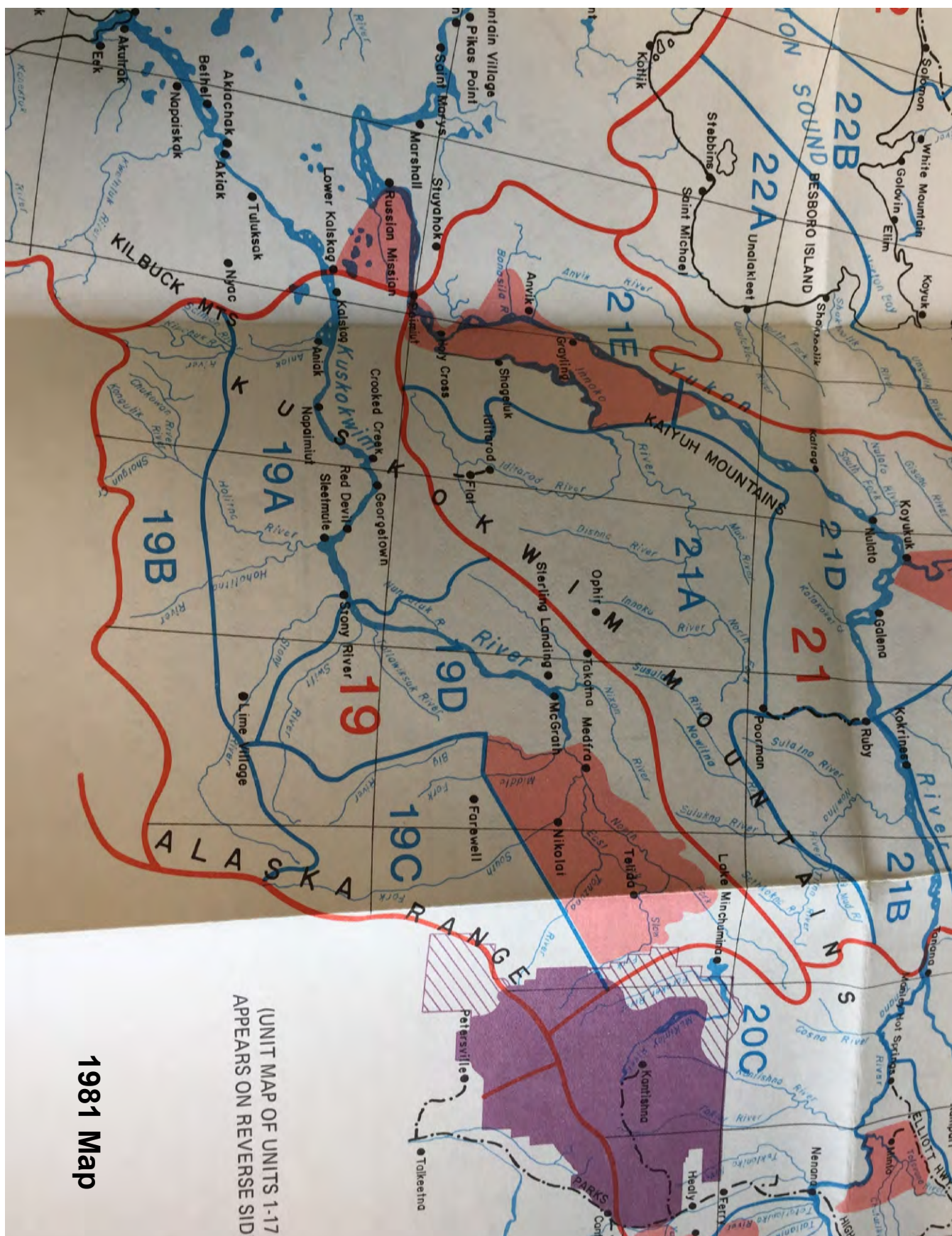






1977 Map

Stony/Holitna AC



1981 Map



**Susitna Advisory Committee  
12/15/2020  
Virtual (Zoom)**

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 by Steve Harrison
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Steve Harrison, Bryan Kirby, Billy Fitzgerald, Mike Wood, Eli Hoffman  
Members Absent (Excused): Tim Bradley  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Peter Mathieson, Tim Buecille, Todd Kingery  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda Motion by Bryan 2nd Mike
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Motion by Eli 2nd by Bryan
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: None
  - b. ADF&G: None
  - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment  
None
- IX. Old Business  
None
- X. New Business  
BOG Proposals for Units 13, 14, 16 & BOF Proposals 235/236
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date  
TBA
- XIII. Other

Adjourn 6:58



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 12-19, 2021 | Fairbanks, 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>			
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”		
104	Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes		
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
106	Provide a definition for “feral”		
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		



114	Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor		
115	Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters		
116	Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986		
117	Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field		
118	Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application		
119	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
121	<b>Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game</b>		
	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	
122	Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game		
123	Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game		
124	Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows		
125	Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts		
126	Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game		
127	Allow air rifles for hunting big game		
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
133	<b>Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver</b>		



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134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
135	<b>Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting</b>		
	0	5	
136	<b>Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting</b>		
	0	5	
137	<b>Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting</b>		
	0	5	
138	<b>Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons</b>		
	5	0	
139	<b>Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting</b>		
	5	0	
140	<b>Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area</b>		
	0	5	
141	<b>Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart</b>		
	5	0	
142	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
143	Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
144	Exempt “sterilized community cats” from the list of species prohibited form being released into the wild		
145	Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations		
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		



152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
155	<b>Establish protocol for ADF&amp;G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts</b>		
	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Allow for faster population controls is a good idea</b>
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
163	<b>Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game</b>		
	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
164	<b>Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years</b>		
	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Only in support if the Sheep and Bear exclusion is removed.</b>
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		
167	Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit		
168	<b>Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear</b>		
	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	
169	<b>Prohibit the harvest of white animals</b>		



	5	0	<b>We are in support only if it is an albino animal not animals that are naturally white</b>
170	Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries		
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
172	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
173	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
179	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
181	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
182	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
184	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
185	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
186	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
187	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
188	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		



189	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_ Bryan Kirby \_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_ Steve Harrison \_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ 1/4/21 \_\_\_\_



# Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

Tok ADF&G Conference Room & Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
  - Discuss 11/23 letter from AC Chair to Dept. of Natural Resources RE: Denison Headwaters RRCS (attached)
  - Discuss ACR 7 (now Proposal 270) to be taken up at statewide BOG Fairbanks meeting in March that would open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unite 20E (attached)
  - Review Central and Southwest Board of Game Proposals
  - Other wildlife and fisheries related issues as needed
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting



XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Other

Adjourn

## Alaska Board of Game Central &amp; Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 21-29, 2022 | Wasilla, AK

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1	Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14		
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
	0	7	Not the time to add additional Sheep seasons.
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
	0	7	
4	Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16		
	0	7	
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
	0	7	
<del>6</del>	<del>Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		



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11			Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16
12			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A</del> Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
13			Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A
14			Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A
15			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B
16			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder
17			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B
18			Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C
19			Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows
20			Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)
21			Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18
22			Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay
23			Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17



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24			Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17
25			Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable
26			Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island)
27			Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)
28			Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9
29			Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9
30			Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10
31			Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10
32			Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10
33			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
34			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
35			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
36			Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
37			Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
38			Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows



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39			Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
40			Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
41			Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
42			Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17
43			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17
44			Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
45			Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
46			Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
47			Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17
48			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17
49			Establish resident and nonresident quotas per region for taking Emperor geese with reporting requirements, or offer a second drawing for un-issued permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
50			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17



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51			Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11
52			Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13
53			Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13
54			Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13
55			Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13
56			Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder
57			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder
58			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
59			Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13
60			Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13
61			Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E
62			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E
63			Eliminate the restrictions of one harvest report per household and one bag limit per household in the community subsistence caribou hunt for Unit 13
64			Eliminate the salvage requirement for hide of moose for Alaska residents aged 60 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional



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65			Eliminate the moose hide salvage requirement for hunters aged 62 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional
66			Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations
67			Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11
	0	7	
68			Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11
69			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13
70			Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear
	0	7	Will conflict with other open seasons
71			Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13
	6	0	Would match the federal season
72			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
	6	0	
73			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
	6	0	
74			Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13
75			Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting
76			Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E
77			Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24
78			Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B
79			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B



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	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
80	Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A		
81	Allow muzzle loading and black powder cartridge long guns be used for harvesting moose in Units 14A and 14B		
82	Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A		
83	Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A		
84	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B		
85	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B		
86	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram		
87	Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts		
88	Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14		
89	Establish a registration hunt for Dall sheep open to certified bowhunters only, by longbow or recurve bow only within Unit 14A, Metal Creek area		
90	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B		
91	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B		
92	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		



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93			Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16
94			Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder
95			Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 16B for residents and nonresidents
96			Allow the take of black bear in Unit 16B the same day a hunter has flown
97			Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16
98			Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16
99			Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping
100			Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16
197			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
198			Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.
	0	6	
199			Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16
200			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
201			Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B
202			Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17
203			Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17



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204			Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C
205			Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan
206			Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9
207			Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A
208			Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A
209			Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D
210			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13
211			Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou
212			Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations
213			Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13
214			Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13
	0	3	Abstain 3
215			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
	0	3	Abstain 3
216			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C
217			Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13
218			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13
	6	0	Increase in Bear harvest could help Moose
219			Modify the Unit 13 predation control program



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220			Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A
221			Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13
222			Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day
223			Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
224			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
225			Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14 A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program
226			Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A
227			Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation
228			Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16
229			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”		
104	Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes		
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
106	Provide a definition for “feral”		
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		



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114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
117			Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
120			Allow proxy hunting for moose
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
123			Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game
124			Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows
125			Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts
126			Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game
127			Allow air rifles for hunting big game
128			Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices



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129			Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine
130			Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures
131			Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait
	6	0	
132			Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping
133			Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver
134			Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping
135			Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	207 is working, that is why the people that like to hunt that way keep trying to repeal it. Personal experiences from committee members, 207 is good and is helping ethical Sheep hunters.
136			Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
137			Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
138			Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons
	5	0	With Modification of Aug 1-5 and Aug 10- Sept 20 in areas where the season is open.
139			Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
140			Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area
	0	6	
141			Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart
142			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit



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143			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
144			Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
145			Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations
146			Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year
147			Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit
	3	4	
148			Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs
149			Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters
	0	6	
150			Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species
151			Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period
152			Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online
153			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts
154			Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit
155			Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts
156			Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts



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157			Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute
158			Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food
159			Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days
160			Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption
161			Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs
	0	6	
162			Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare
	6	0	
163			Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game
164			Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years
165			Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken
166			Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats
167			Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit
168			Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear
169			Prohibit the harvest of white animals



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170			Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries
171			Divide Unit 19A into two subunits
172			Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
173			Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
179			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
181			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
182			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
184			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B



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185			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
186			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
187			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
188			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
189			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
193			Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A
196			Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25
230			Change the definition for "full-curl horn"
	0	6	
231			Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
233			Remove requirement for peak draw weight of bows/establish peak draw weight for taking species
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit



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236			Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location
237			Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation
238			Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
	0	6	
242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"
243			Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
245			Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison
	0	6	
246			Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
	0	6	
248			Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder
249			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C



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250			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
251			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
253			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
254			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
255			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
258			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
259			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
260			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
261			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
262			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
263			Allow the harvest of sea otter
264			Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
265	ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
266	ACR 3 - Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas		
267	ACR 4 - Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
268	ACR 5 - Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>		
269	ACR 6 - Establish a hunt for caribou in Unit 10.		
270	ACR 7 - Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E.		
	6	0	Good Management tool to have if needed.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Barb P. N. L.  
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Date: 1-6-2021