



**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 8th, 2022 at the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery.

XII. Other

Adjourn

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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 |
| <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 than 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 rifles. |



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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 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C | | |
| | Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting. | | |
| 175 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench | | |
| | Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting. | | |
| 176 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C | | |
| | Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting. | | |
| 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. | | |



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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. |
| 260 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A | | |
| 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, 2nd- Jerry White, Unanimous Approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 25, 2021: Motion- Mike Riley, 2nd- 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.

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- a. Wildlife, Patrick Jones:
 - a. Moose Spring 2021 Goodnews Bay Survey: Count 450 Record High
 - b. Moose Spring 2021 Kanaktok 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, 2nd- 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>Proposal 19; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table</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, 2nd- 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>Proposal 20; Tabled; Unanimous Approval</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, 2nd- 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 & 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>Proposal 21; Supported; Unanimous Approval</p> |
| 101 | Change the definition for bows to include crossbows | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 4 | <p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- 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>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.</p> |
| 102 | Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader. | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | <p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: None.</p> <p>Because it is already established regulation. Proposal 102; Opposed; Unanimous Denied</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, 2nd- Jon LaValle Amendment- “Strike Tier II from the Musk Ox section. Motion-Jon La Valle, 2nd- 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 & Kuskokwim Musk Ox hunters already know why this is not a subsistence animal.</p> <p>Proposal 119; Support as Amended; Unanimously Supported</p> |
| 120 | Allow proxy hunting for Moose | | |

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| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 120; Supported; Unanimously Supported |
| 121 | Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Conflict between users. When someone is out hunting and then get chased off. Proposal 121; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed |
| 123 | Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows to be used for hunting big game | | |
| Support | 6 | 1 | Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - 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. 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. |
| 124 | Allow use of integrated bow sights/ laser range finders for hunting big game with bows. | | |
| Support | 5 | 3 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Jon LaValle Discussion/Question: None. 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. |
| 125 | Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts | | |
| Opposed | 2 | 4 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: None. 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. |
| 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 nd - 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. Proposal 129; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed |
| 131 | Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait | | |
| Support | 5 | 1 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 131; <u>Supported</u> ; 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 nd - Jon LaValle Discussion/ Question: None. Proposal 132; No Action; Unanimously Voted No Action |
| 133 | Add bow and arrow as legal method for taking beaver | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: No reason to oppose this proposal. Proposal 133; <u>Supported</u> ; Unanimously Supported |
| 134 | Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 134; <u>Supported</u> ; Unanimously Supported |
| 146 | Limit big game registration permit to one per species, per year | | |
| Support w/ amendment | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Amendment: "A person should be limited to one Big Game limited registration permit, per species, per year." Motion- Lucinda Alexie, 2 nd - 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 Proposal 146; <u>Supported</u> ; Unanimously Supported |
| 147 | Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 147; <u>Supported</u> ; Unanimously Supported |
| 148 | Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: Support those that are over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs. Proposal 148; <u>Supported</u> ; 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 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: This proposal doesn't affect us. Proposal 151; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action |
| 152 | Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online. | | |
| No Action | 0 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Go to Proposal 239 Proposal 152; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action |
| 239 | Require all registration permit hunts available to residents be available for application online | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 6 | Motion-Jon La Valle, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 239; No Action; Support Justification: Allows preference for bush residents to hunt in their own area. Opposition Justification: 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 nd - 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. Proposal 153; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed |
| 158 | Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive big game meat from the State by permit | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - 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. Proposal 158; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed |
| 162 | Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - 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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| | | | Proposal 162; <u>Support</u> ; 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, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones & 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>Proposal 163/164; <u>No Action</u>; 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, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion: This is already in regulation. There is no point in tying managements hands.</p> <p>Proposal 168; <u>No Action</u>; Unanimously Voted to take No Action</p> |
| 169 | Prohibit the harvest of white animals | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | <p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: This proposal is poorly written and not stated clearly.</p> <p>Proposal 169; <u>Opposed</u>; Unanimously Supported</p> |
| 253 | Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose hunt in Unit 18 | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | <p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: No brainer.</p> <p>Proposal 253; <u>Supported</u>; Unanimously Supported</p> |
| 262 | Reauthorization for to take a Brown Bear without paying the tag fee. | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | <p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: None.</p> <p>Proposal 253; <u>Supported</u>; 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, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Assisted Introduction Alissa Nadine Rogers & 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 | Proposal 22-41; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table |
| WP 22-42 | Moose: Increase harvest limit in Unit 18 remainder. | | |
| | | | <p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- 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 | Proposal 22-42; Supported; Unanimously Supported |
| 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, 2nd- Jon La Valle, Unanimously Supported.</p> <p>WP 22-43: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- 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). Proposal 22-43; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed. ()- Support, 7- Opposed.</p> <p>WP 22-44: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- 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, 2nd- 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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| | | | 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. Proposal 22-43; Tabled; Unanimously Voted to Table |
| WP 22-45 | Hare: Establish season/ harvest limit for Alaska hare in Unit 18, 22, and 23. | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Housekeeping regulation to match State and Fed. Proposal 22-45; Support; Unanimously Supported |
| WP 22-47 | Caribou: Allow calf harvest in Unit 22 | | |
| No Action | 0 | 0 | Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: This may not no longer affect Unit 18, specifically the village of Kotlik. Proposal 22-47; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action. |
| 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 nd - 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. Proposal 22-01/02; Table; Unanimously Voted to Table |

- **Call for Board of Fisheries Proposals:** Contact Savannah or Alissa, due February 28th, 2022.
- **BOG:**
 - **Central & Southwest/ Statewide- Mulchatna Proposals (Wasilla)- January 21st, 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; 2nd by Mike

No other nominations. Mike moves to close; Walter 2nd

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.

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| 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.

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> | | | |



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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 |
| 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 nd : Denny Joe makes a motion to amend; 2 nd : 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 nd : 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 nd : 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 nd : 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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| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes |
| 146 | Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year | | |
| O | 0 | 10 | Motion: Ricky 2 nd : 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 nd : 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 nd : 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 nd : Ricky called question Wasteful |



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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 |
| 245 | Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou, and bison | | |
| O | 0 | 10 | <p>Motion: Ricky 2nd: 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 2nd: 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 2nd: Joe</p> |



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| 169 | Prohibit the harvest of white animals | | |
| O | 0 | 9 | Motion: Joe 2 nd : 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 11th 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, 2nd: 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 1st-September 30th – 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 2nd:

Minutes Recorded By: Joe Kameroff Jr

Minutes Approved By: Nicholas Kameroff

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 Lanning for small clams.
This is a proposal like 255. It should be closed until they come back.

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| Yes | No | passed unanimously |
| 11 | 0 | |

259 West Cook Inlet; Res. Bay.

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| 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

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| 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
Jan. 18-2022

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.



AC04
7 of 9

Central Peninsula Fish & 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 | Martin | David | Ninilchik | |
| 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 ADPC | |



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| 14 | Booz | Mike | Homer - ADFG | |
| 15 | Blossom | Dave | Kasilof | |
| 16 | Blossom | Doug | Ninilchik | |
| 17 | Drake | Danny | Homer | |
| 18 | Leiman | 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*)

Board of Fish Proposal 238 was discussed. 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.