



**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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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		
FULL AC			
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
FULL AC			



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103			Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”
SUPPORT			Hay & grain should not be considered “hunting gear”
104			Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes
TNA			
105			Add roof rat (<i>Rattus rattus</i>) and house mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
TNA			
106			Provide a definition for “feral”
TNA			
107			Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
TNA			
108			Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry
SUPPORT			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
FULL AC			Concerns on removing other raptors from microchip requirements when exported from the state
110			Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors
SUPPORT			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
SUPPORT			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
OPPOSE			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
OPPOSE			Based on comments on proposal 112
114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
SUPPORT			Based on comments on Proposal 110
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters



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SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC Proposal, see our comments within proposal
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
SUPPORT			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
FULL AC			
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
SUPPORT			Aligns with other existing application requirements
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
SUPPORT			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
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 119
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
*TNA			
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
*TNA			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
OPPOSE			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
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 123
125			Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts
FULL AC			
126			Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game
OPPOSE			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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*TNA			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		
*TNA			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		
*TNA			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 131
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 135
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		



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SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 135
138			Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons
*TNA			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
*TNA			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
OPPOSE			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
OPPOSE			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
TNA			
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TNA			
144			Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
TNA			
145			Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations
TNA			
146			Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year
OPPOSE			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
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			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		
FULL AC			
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		
OPPOSE			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
TNA			
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
TNA			
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
*TNA			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		
SUPPORT			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		
*TNA			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		
*TNA			See comments on proposal 164
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
SUPPORT			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		
TNA			



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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
TNA			
168			Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear
*TNA			More of a legislative issue to redefine AS 16.05.407
169			Prohibit the harvest of white animals
*TNA			Overly broad, no definitions, Dall sheep are white
170			Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries
TNA			
171			Divide Unit 19A into two subunits
TNA			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
SUPPORT			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
FULL AC			Not supported by all AC members
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.



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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
SUPPORT			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
FULL AC			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"
OPPOSE			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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OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
*TNA			Not needed, waterfowl are not furbearers
233			Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species
*TNA			See comments on proposal 122
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.
TNA			
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit
SUPPORT			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
*TNA			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
SUPPORT			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
TNA			
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
SUPPORT			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
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 147
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
FULL AC			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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OPPOSE			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
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
*TNA			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
SUPPORT			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
TNA			
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
OPPOSE			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
FULL AC			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
TNA			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
TNA			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
TNA			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
TNA			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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TNA			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		
TNA			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		
SUPPORT			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		
*SUPPORT			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
*SUPPORT			
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
TNA			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		
SUPPORT			
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.		
SUPPORT			
263	Allow the harvest of sea otter.		
TNA			
264	Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power		
TNA			
265	ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
TNA			
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		
TNA			
267	ACR 4 – Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		



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FULL AC			
268 TNA	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		
SUPPORT			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		
TNA			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:

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

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

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 2nd 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 2nd 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
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ANOTHER MEET TO ATTEND

PROPOSAL 239

MOTION BY RICH
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BRUCA

PROPOSAL 163

MOTION BY BRUCA
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PROPOSAL 171

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PROPOSAL 230

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PROPOSAL 245

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PROPOSAL 247	MOTION BRUCE SECOND RICH	Y	NO RICH KAN ROGAR DAVID BRUCE
PROPOSAL 254	NO ACTION BY COMMITTEE		
PROPOSAL 261 & 262 TOGETHER	MOTION 261 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
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**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 th 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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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	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 th AC meeting
116	Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986		
Oppose	1	8-1	From Jan. 11 th AC meeting
117	Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field		
Support	10	0	From Jan. 11 th 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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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
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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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
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 th AC meeting
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	From Jan. 11 th 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

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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 st 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 4th
 - January 10th
 - February 1st | Election
 - 2020 Expired Seats to be filled

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date | January 4th, 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 1st, 8th, 15th, 2022
Alaska Department of Fish and Game Conference Room, Ketchikan

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
<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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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			
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.		



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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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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 th 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
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present	Salmon Enhancement, hunting, sport fishing, trapping, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Keenan Sanderson		Absent/Unexc	Subsistence, Comm/Sport Fish, Tlinquit, Haida
Beau Dale		Present	4 th 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/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
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:

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