



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

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Fari Sylvester
- Tim Peltier

IV. Guests Present:

- Paul Warta

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

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

VII. Public Comment: None.

VIII. Set next meeting date: February 16th, 2022.

IX. Proposals:



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



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

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

XI. Closing Comments:

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



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

XII. Adjournment: 9:23pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/09/2022

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



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

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Fari Sylvester
- Tim Peltier

IV. Guests Present:

- Paul Warta
- Winn McKenneth
- Rod Arno

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

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

VII. Public Comment:

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

VIII. Set next meeting date: Not scheduled.



IX. Proposals:

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



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



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



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

I. Other Topics:

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

II. Closing Comments:

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

III. Adjournment: 10:17pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/16/2022

Meeting Minutes approved over email by Dan Montgomery on 2.22.22



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

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

Serena Fitka, YRKFA – gives report

Two open positions for Pilot Station and Pitka's Point

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

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



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

X. Set next meeting date – Call of Chair

XI. Adjourn – Adjourned by Bill Alstrom

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

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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

- I. Call to Order: 6:40 by Allen Mortenson

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Paul Vandyke
Alex Buetow
John Basile
Wayne Valcq
Paul Nyberg
Allen Mortenson
Matt Nutsvold
Erik Haugen

Members Absent (Excused):
Coke Wallace
Jacob Mattila

Members Absent (Unexcused):
None

Quorum: Yes

List of User Groups Present: None

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson Fairbanks ADFG

- IV. Guests Present: none

- V. Approval of Agenda: Yes

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes

- VII. Reports: None

- VIII. Public Comment: None

- IX. Old Business: None



X. New Business:

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

Matt Nutsvold and Jacob Mattila were nominated by Erik Haugen for the Healy Seats, Seconded by Wayne Valcq; unanimous

Allen Mortenson and Paul Vandyke were nominated by Matt Nutsvold, Seconded by John Basile; unanimous

Matt Nutsvold Nominated Erik Haugen for Secretary, Jacob Mattila for Vice President, and Allen Mortenson for President, John Basile seconded; unanimous

Proposals:

100 – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Traps at waterline.

135,136,137 – Vote 5-1 (two abstain) **Support**. Remove restriction of spotting sheep from plans.

244 – Vote 7-0 (one abstain) **Oppose**. Removal of community hunt. One member of the public from Cantwell said they use this program to harvest moose for his fellow native community members.

246 – Vote 5-0 (three abstain) **Support**. Sealing plug in Ram horn.

247 – Vote 8-0 **Oppose**. Predator control.

255 – Vote 7-0 (one abstain) **Support**. Antlerless hunt reauthorization for 20A

256 – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Antlerless hunt reauthorization for 20B

261 - Vote 7-1 **Support with amended language**. Tag fees. Discussion involved the funds generated by tags go to help the ADFG conduct aerial surveys, hunters education, and other programs. We agree with the management strategy of not requiring a tag to hunt bears in an effort to harvest more bears. Some hunters will not pay the \$25 tag fee, but would take a bear if there was not fee. Erik proposed to amend the language to state, **“No Tag required to hunt bears, but a \$25 sealing fee will be required upon harvest and sealing of the bear.”**

271 – Vote 8-0 **Support**. Tag allocation

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Allen Mortenson
- XII. Set next meeting date: 23 March in Healy
- XIII. Other



Adjournment: 9:02

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 9 Feb 22



**Middle Yukon Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Teleconference
February 4th, 2022**

- I. Call to Order: 1:39 pm by Percy Lolnitz
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Tom Kriska, Patrick Madros Jr., Georgiana Madros, Mickey Stickman (alt), Earl Esmailka (alt)

Members Absent (Excused): Paddy Nollner, Benedict Jones,
Members Absent (Unexcused): Richard Burnham, Van Madros, Tommy Neglaska
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Chuck Brazil, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Lisa Winter, Sara Longson,
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener (FWS), Bob Rebarchik (FWS), Freddie R Olin IV,
- V. Approval of Agenda (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (not addressed; Minutes from 2020 were deferred until next face to face meeting during 2021 meeting; 1/14/2020; 8/11/2020; 8/20/2020; 2/5/2021)
- VII. New Business:

Glenn Stout gave overview of moose population in Kaiyuk Flats, encouraged AC members to support opening a winter moose hunt (RM831) in the Kaiyuh Flats portion of GMU 21D. Patrick Madros asked if a small culling of the herd this season could boost population in future years. Fred Huntington said he would be in favor of opening the hunt, fishing was poor this last season. Dick Evans said there were a lot of moose dangerously close to roads and houses in Galena, asked what could be done about that. Glenn Stout said that he did not have the authority with this regulation to allow a winter hunt in Galena, but would talk with Alaska Wildlife Troopers about the safety issue in Galena. Tommy Kriska talked about finding a group of more than 12 moose sticking around in one location, and agreed that the hunt should be opened this year. Arnold Demoski agreed it would be good to open the hunt, the moose populations are healthy enough to support the hunt, and people need the food. **Percy made a motion to ask ADFG to open/re-authorize the winter moose hunt in Kaiyuh Flats, 2nd by Mickey Stickman.** Discussion: Fred Huntington mentioned moose surveys with large numbers of moose



on the north side of the Yukon, asked if Glenn Stout could open the hunt to the northside of the river. Glenn said he did not have the authority to do that, and that it would require a proposal to the Board of Game. Patrick Madros Jr. said that he was in support of opening the hunt. Georgiana Madros said that she was in support of opening the hunt, that only one of her kids got a moose this fall and an additional harvest would be good. Earl Esmailka agreed, it would be good to open the hunt. Patrick Madros Jr. asked if there was anyone in opposition, there was none. Percy Lolnitz reiterated: due to poor salmon harvest this last year, and low harvest of moose in the fall, food is in short supply and opening this hunt would be a good thing for everyone, especially if the population is healthy enough to support the winter harvest.

Question called: 10 Y; 0 N. Motion carries unanimously.

Glenn Stout let everyone know that the hunt will be March 1-15, and up to 25 moose can be harvested. He will post the announcement next week.

Patrick Madros Jr. discussed making a **proposal to open a winter moose hunt on the north side of the Yukon**. Tom Kriska asked about the process, asked if we could start it now, and would like Glenn Stout to help draft the language. Patrick Madros agreed, would like to start the process now and asked Glenn for help with the draft. Mickey Stickman asked about the process as well. Glenn Stout clarified that the next deadline for the Region 3 Board of Game Proposals would be more than a year away. Kyle Campbell clarified the long-term meeting cycle for the Board of Game, and that the call for proposals for the Interior and Arctic Region's next meeting will be in spring of 2023 (for a meeting in 2024). Glenn let members know that he will start working on this, but that he needs to talk with area managers about the specifics first.

Percy Lolnitz brought up **Proposal 271 to the Board of Game, defining "position" as it relates to taking large game with a snowmachine**. Fred Huntington asked about how the proposal would change the use of snowmachines for taking wolves and bears. Tom Kriska said that this will affect a lot of people, that 300 yards is too far to shoot a caribou. Percy Lolnitz shared concern about this being applied statewide, and that it includes too many game species. Georgiana Madros said we cannot support this. Patrick Madros Jr. shared concern about the speed and distance limitations. Tom Kriska made a point that 300 yards is too far, that this proposal would turn him and everyone else who harvests game during winter into criminals. Earl Esmailka pointed out that most subsistence hunters in the area use open sights on their rifles, that 300 yards is impossibly far. Patrick Madros Jr. expressed concern that if this proposal passes, it will be detrimental to Native way of life, and that it will be very hard to undo. Fred Huntington asked Kyle Campbell and Glenn Stout to make sure that the Middle Yukon Advisory Committee's strong and unanimous opposition to this proposal be brought to the attention to the Board of Game. Kyle agreed, and let folks know that all members of the public and AC representatives could give testimony remotely to the Board of Game during their statewide regulations meeting in March. **Patrick Madros Jr. made a motion to oppose Proposal 271. Georgiana 2nds. Question Called, Proposal 271: 0 Y; 10 N. Motion carries; unanimous opposition to Proposal 271.**

Patrick Madros Jr. asked about fisheries. Kyle Campbell reminded AC Members about the call for proposals to the Board of Fisheries that includes Yukon area for next year's meeting cycle. Christy Gleason (DFG) offered to give overview of Yukon fisheries season summaries. Percy Lolnitz suggested that be tabled until the next meeting. Christy shared forecasts for next season salmon runs are not good, worse than last year; encouraged taking advantage of the winter moose hunt to fill freezers. Fred Huntington mentioned making a proposal that allows subsistence users



to continue to fish during closures, Christy clarified that proposals submitted to the Board of Fisheries this spring will be considered next winter and would not impact this coming summer season; emergency petitions would be the only route to make regulatory changes that could go into affect this coming summer season. Patrick Madros Jr. asked questions to Christy Gleason, Christy reiterated the dire state of salmon runs last season and projected for next season. Tom Kriska asked the Sea Share program and inquired about writing up a proposal to save bycatch and ship to subsistence users around the state; compared it to wanton waste with game. Deena Jallen said that Sarena Sitka would be the best person to ask about this. Percy Lolnitz suggestion be tabled until the next meeting.

Fred Huntington introduced Freddie R Olin IV, Project Coordinator for Gana-A'yoo.

Tom Kriska suggested the Middle Yukon AC meets more regularly, not just once a year. Patrick Madros agreed. Percy Lolnitz agreed, suggested quarterly teleconference meetings and yearly face-to-face meetings.

VIII. Set next meeting date: Feb 18th, 2022 (teleconference)

IX. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Patrick Madros Jr. at 3:29pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description (for full descriptions, please visit the online proposal book) 2021-2022 Proposal Book: Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game		
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271	Establish a definition for “position” as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game		
OPPOSE	0	10	Unanimous opposition. This proposal is too broad; would criminalize the methods for harvest used by subsistence hunters on multiple species; 300 yards is too far to hunt caribou with open sights as most hunters in the area use; using snowmachines to position species like wolf and bear is common practice. If passed this proposal would negatively impact Natives way of life in the region.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell (DFG Boards Support)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Middle Yukon Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Teleconference
February 22nd, 2022**

- I. Call to Order: 10:25 am by Percy Lolnitz
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Mickey Stickman (alt)

Members Absent (Excused): Georgiana Madros, Earl Esmailka (alt)
Members Absent (Unexcused): Richard Burnham, Tommy Kriska, Van Madros, Patrick Madros Jr., Tommy Neglaska
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **6*** (*two members stepped down; Paddy Nollner & Benedict Jones; with 2 vacancies and 11 active members, current number needed for quorum is 6)
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Glenn Stout, Caroline Brown, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Josh Clark
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener,
- V. Approval of Agenda (not addressed)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business:
Kyle Campbell clarified current membership, and that the regulations allow for the AC to appoint up to two alternates, but not more. The Middle Yukon AC has 13 members; 4 designated seats for Galena, 2 for Koyukuk, 3 for Nulato, and 4 for Kaltag. There are two current vacancies in Galena. Fred Huntington introduced David Billings in Galena; David is interested serving on the AC.

Mickey Stickman makes motion to accept Paddy Nollner's resignation, second by Arnold. Percy suggests making a formal recognition of Paddy Nollner's long service to



this AC. Mickey and Arnold agree. Fred requested that Kyle Campbell put a plaque together to recognize Paddy. Kyle let other members know that Paddy served on this AC for 37 years. Percy suggested including other past members. Kyle shared that Benedict Jones also recently stepped down after a long service. Unanimous support for motion to formally recognize the years of service from Paddy and other past members of the Middle Yukon AC.

- X. New Business:
Board of Game Proposals: Proposals 258, 261, 271, and 162

(see page 5 for details)

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: **Tom Kriska**
Arnold Demoski made a motion for Tom Kriska to be AC representative for the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. 2nd by Joe Turner. Approved by unanimous consent.

- XII. Set next meeting date: March 22nd at 10:00 am with elections.

- XIII. Other:
at 11:27 am Percy had to leave the meeting, and there was no longer a quorum. Before leaving, Percy appointed Arnold as acting chair.

Adjournment: [11:27 am]

Continued discussion about agenda item: Discuss elections process for expired and vacant seats

Kyle presented current roster and term expirations, regulations concerning alternates, and options for elections processes. (see roster on next page)

Advisory Committees may appoint 2 alternates, this is usually done by a vote of the full AC when a quorum is present. Vacant seats and expired seats must be filled by a public election that is properly noticed minimum 14 days in advance. Elections for community designated seats can be held during a meeting at which a quorum is not present; each community with designated seats could hold separate elections. Alternatively, an election could be held for all seats during a single elections meeting. Hybrid elections in which in-person and virtual/over the phone elections can be accommodated. In small teleconference and hybrid elections, roll-call style voting has been a preferred option by other ACs; roll-call style voting means each individual vote is spoken publicly. Alternatively, boards support has an online voting platform in which individual votes are private, and voters without internet access can register their votes over the phone with a boards support staff person (and not the public).

Arnold suggested that a hybrid/teleconference election with roll-call style voting sounded best. Other members on the call agreed. Kyle will send out meeting flyers this week.

NEXT MEETING & ELECTIONS: Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:00 am



Name	Title	Designated Seat	Term Expiration
Percy Lolnitz	Chair	Koyukuk	6/2019
Richard Burnham	Vice Chair	Kaltag	6/2021
Michael Stickman	Secretary	Nulato, Alternate	6/2022
Vacant		Galena	
Vacant		Galena	
Fred Huntington		Galena	6/2020
Dick Evans		Galena	6/2020
Tommy Neglaska		Kaltag	6/2021
Patrick Madros Jr.		Kaltag	6/2022
Georgiana Madros		Kaltag	6/2021
Earl Esmailka		Kaltag, Alternate	6/2021
Tom Kriska		Koyukuk	6/2019
Van Madros		Nulato	6/2022
Joe Turner		Nulato	6/2022
Arnold Demoski		Nulato	6/2022

Additional information:

Christy Gleason reminded AC members of the upcoming comment deadline for the Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee Meeting:

March 23, 2022 Board of Fisheries; [Hatchery Committee](#) – Anchorage
 Comment deadline March 8th, 2022

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162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
SUPPORT	6	0	This proposal aligns with traditional practice. There was discussion and some concern from members about new regulations/unnecessary laws being put in place that could result in traditional subsistence hunters being penalized for doing what they've always done because of the way a law is written- that we should leave things the way they are. In this case, members agreed that the language in proposal 162 supports traditional harvest and use practices already in place.
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
SUPPORT	6	0	Would like to keep the hunt on the books. There are some mixed feelings about the winter moose hunt among community members, but AC members are in favor of keeping the option open and working with the department to meet intensive management objectives to maintain healthy moose populations in the area.
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	6	0	Members are in favor of the tag fee exemption for residents, and for the reasons stated in the proposal.
271	Establish a definition for "position" as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game		
OPPOSE	[0] -2/4/22	[10] - 2/4/22	See Feb 4 th , 2022 minutes.

Adjournment:

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**Minto Nenana Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting**
Thursday, February 17th at 1:30 pm
by Web/Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 1:40pm by Cameron Winfrey [acting chair]

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: (7) Cameron Winfrey, Andrew Jimmie, Carl Frank, Mike Carson, Steven Ketzler, Victor Lord, George Wolfenbarger (alternate, appointed 2/17/22)

Members Absent (Excused): Charlie Titus Jr., Ashley Anderson, Tim McManus, Donald Charlie, Conrad McManus (alternate)

Members Absent (Unexcused): none
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Caroline Brown, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Shame Ransbury, Josh Clark

- IV. Guests Present: Minto Highschool students, Scott Bruckler, Keith Charlie, Eva Burk, Bruce Ervin, Robin Campbell, Kathleen Demientieff, Brooke Woods, Shayna Gurtler-Rowe, Jim Simon

- V. Approval of Agenda: (not addressed)

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (not addressed)

- VII. Public Comment:

Robin Campbell: hunters line up for two days in Nenana to get their registration antlerless moose hunt permits, and they come from everywhere. Residents from Minto & Nenana should be given priority on this.

Eva Burk: Harvesting a cow moose takes away more than just one moose; it takes away all of the moose that cow would have birthed in the future. Antlerless moose hunts should be eliminated, except when needed for ceremonial harvest. Would like to see improvements in ADFG's efforts to engage, involve, and collaborate with students, community members, and Indigenous knowledge when conducting moose surveys in the Minto area.

[continued, after public comment was interrupted]

Eva Burk: We were supposed to be able to voice our concerns first. That was the order in the agenda. I really want us to get to elections. We have a lot of empty seats. So I would really hope in this meeting we set a date to do elections. What I heard from others' comments was that our subsistence needs are not being met. Federal law says that we're supposed to have a rural preference. The rural preference exists because we don't have the economic opportunities that those who live in Fairbanks and Anchorage do. Our survival is inherently tied to the future availability of all of our traditional foods. We've got our young people here trying to learn the process. I want to make sure that when we're teaching our young people how to follow up process, the first thing is you will get this agenda; follow the agenda. And then the other is I want these young people to have an understanding of their tribal sovereignty. There are some issues here. I think that we've heard food security come up a number of times, and we've heard there's discrepancies between what people here in Minto are seeing for numbers versus what [ADFG] is recording for numbers. So there's definite discrepancies there. And we really have to be fair with one another like, science has great data collection and all of that, but I'm also a scientist, I can tell you that my dad is a way better scientist than me, even with all my education, because of his experience living off land. So if I would really think about how we can build better relationships [with ADFG] in doing these [moose] counts, so we can agree on what's actually there, we need to make sure rural Alaskans and rural Alaskan food security are addressed. That's my public concern and comment. I just wanted people to be aware of that and just take a breather, and reflect on that for a moment.

Kathleen Demientieff: asked about how winter wolf predation affects population survey data that is collected in the fall.

Bruce Ervin: asked members to oppose Proposal 244 that would eliminate community subsistence harvest hunts. Wanted to let Acting Chair Cameron and AC members know that the TCC TRSP HFGTF can contact UAF Tribal Governance and let them know there is interest in a training class for Advisory Committees.

Scott Buckler: would like copies of the moose survey data and methods that ADFG uses to be shared with Minto Highschool students and community members.

Brook Woods: You are invited to the Yukon River Salmon Summit on Feb. 28-March 2, this will be a hybrid event, and virtual attendance is available for AC members and the Minto school. The summit will be led with indigenous knowledge and tribal governance to build ecosystem stewardship from the ocean to the head waters. We seek inclusion of all voices on the Yukon, including fishing families, youth, scientists and policy makers. RSVP link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYrWjNkfcIK2_yGfCj4LO1zQ8gNSXiBO97Z1DzQHnFPWSHJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



Jim Simon: [in response to a question from Carl Frank]

A rural preference for state subsistence hunting could only take place after the Alaska Constitution was amended to allow for a rural priority for customary and traditional uses. The last time the Alaska Legislature failed to allow a constitutional amendment to go before the Alaska voters by a vote of 1.

VIII. Reports:

a. Chair's report:

Charlie Titus Jr. asked members and guests for a moment of silence to honor the late Ronnie Silas and Knowland Silas who served on this committee since the 1980s.

Charlie shared that the founding members of this committee lived and hunted on this land since before statehood, and the knowledge they have

Charlie also stated that he intends to pass the torch next year, and that he is pleased to see younger generations stepping up to serve their communities. Before leaving for an appointment, Charlie appointed Cameron Winfrey as acting chair for this meeting.

Cameron reiterated Charlie's words of honor thanking Ronnie and Knowland Silas for their decades of service, and thanked Minto Highschool students, our future, for attending the meeting, and encouraged them to continue to be involved.

Concerning the Cow Moose Hunt:

The way things are going, the antlerless moose hunts need to be eliminated. Priority should have been given to Minto and Nenana residents, especially Elders, and not to anyone in the state that can travel to Minto Flats to take antlerless moose. The impacts of hunters from outside the area coming in for these hunts is real and visible. Cameron lives, plays, works, and hunts on this land and sees the impacts first-hand. It's very concerning for Cameron to see what he's seeing. Last winter, after a community member passed, no moose were able to be found for ceremonial harvest. Thankfully Minto community members were allowed to harvest caribou that time to provide for mourning families. The antlerless moose hunt should be eliminated, except for ceremonial harvest, and the number of moose that can be taken for ceremonial harvest should also be addressed.

Cameron also called on members for discussion about the bison project and caribou population health and movements in the region.

b. ADF&G:

Tony Hollis & Mark Nelson (Wildlife) shared information on moose populations in units 20A and 20B, and requested that the Minto Nenana AC approve proposals 255 and 256 that would re-authorize antlerless moose hunts in units 20A and 20B. Tony & Mark also stated that they [the department] will not open antlerless moose hunts in Minto Flats or anywhere in unit 20A next year, with the exception of ceremonial harvest for potlatch, due to the severe snow and ice events this winter that may severely impact moose populations.

Caroline Brown (Subsistence), in response to Eva Burke:

Thanked Eva for sharing her concerns and agreed that finding better ways to engage the science and involve traditional knowledge and community members in the management of subsistence resources is important. Caroline shared her contact information with meeting participants so that she could follow up on these important topics: caroline.brown@alaska.gov (907)978-8516

Christy Gleason & Deena Jallen (Fisheries) gave a brief overview of the Yukon region summer and fall season summaries, discussed the upcoming Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee Meeting, and the Call for Proposals for 2022-2023 that will address Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim region and statewide finfish (salmon) regulations, and invited questions from AC members.

c. Others:

Carl Frank asked that ADFG invite input from community members in Minto and Nenana, and this AC, when generating their annual reports, especially on moose numbers in Minto. Carl asked specifically if Tony Hollis had any ideas on how to strengthen this gov. to gov. relationship between tribes and state officials. What would you and the department like to see from the local AC's?

[To ADFG Fisheries staff] what are the penalties for fishing during closures? The fish mean so much to a lot of communities and there may be people that believe it is their god given right to fish and try support their families for a food source.

[To ADFG Boards Support] what steps can be made to have a rural preference with the state?

Victor Lord shared knowledge with Minto Highschool students about ceremonial moose harvests.

Victor Lord asked Charlie for help locating Chief Thomas's grave. He would like to put a monument there.



Andrew Jimmie is very opposed to the antlerless moose hunts. He has seen populations numbers decline over the last 10 years, and would like to know how the department is estimating population health and how confident they are in their findings.

- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
 - Cow Moose Hunts
 - Recommendations on Board of Game Proposals (see page 6)
 - Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals 2022-2023 – due April 11th
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Cameron Winfrey
- XII. Set next meeting date: April 1st, with elections
- XIII. Other:
- XIV. Adjournment: motion by Victor at 5:29 pm

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244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvests		
OPPOSE	0	7	AC members listened to public comment and are not in support of eliminating community subsistence harvests.
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	7	0	AC members supported this reauthorization with the understanding that the Department does not intend to open any antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20A next year (2022-2023), due to severe snow and ice events this year (2021-2022).
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	1	6	Community members in Minto and Nenana and members of this Advisory Committee are adamantly opposed to antlerless moose harvests in the area that allow hunters from throughout the state to harvest antlerless moose in Minto Flats. The members of this AC would like to see antlerless moose hunts eliminated altogether, with the exception of traditional ceremonial harvest for Minto and Nenana community members.

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