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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**For Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:10 pm.  
(Advised Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

2. Establish a Quorum: completed by Chair.

Members Present:

1. Neil DeWitt
2. Joel Doner
3. Ernie Weiss
4. Phillip Calhoun
5. Georgeanna Heavenly
6. Willow Hetrick
7. Kevin Taylor
8. Scott Crowther
9. Jim Nabulsi
10. Matt Moore
11. Lynette Hinz

Members Absent Excused:

1. Martin Weiser
2. Bryce Eckroth

Members Absent Unexcused:

1. J.R. Gates
2. Ed Horton
3. Rick Rodgers

3. List of User groups present: None

4. Introduce Fish and Game staff present:

1. Henry Leasia, Board Support
2. Dave Battle, Area Management Biologist
3. Donnie Arthur, Area Management Biologist
4. Katelyn Zonneville, Information Officer

5. Public present:

1. Kneeland Taylor
2. John Horey

6. Approve the Agenda: Phillip Calhoun moved, Neil DeWitt seconded, carried unanimously.

7. Public testimony:

1. Kneeland Taylor – Regarding Proposal 104, believes that lynx are more valuable as watchable wildlife as opposed to animals that should be trapped. Regarding proposals 90-100, supports additional hunting opportunities but would suggest that the professionals (ADF&G) target predator control efforts. Regarding Proposal 130, opposes the ADF&G has proposed to keep IM for the next 7 years; suggests that IM not be the exception but the rule. Regarding Proposal



145, supports this proposal due to the high number of moose killed on the Sterling highway which is like the total number of take by hunting and predators.

8. Fish Subcommittee:

A. Recap of BOF Meeting For Bristol Bay Finfish: Georgeanna Heavenly attended the meeting on behalf of the Anchorage AC. There were only 6 Board members, one of which, when discussing commercial fishing issues, recused himself due to conflicts. The biggest item was the Nushagak/King Salmon management plan changes but that will be discussed at the Statewide meeting which is March 10-14, 2023 (in Anchorage | Egan). The Board of Fish did not consider a lot of proposals, most failed or the Board of Fish took no action on. Some highlights - commercial fisherman are going to be required to report personal take of king salmon and reduce the king salmon possession limit for sport fishing, created a youth only fishing day in the Naknek. The Anchorage AC did not comment on the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik Board of Fish proposals (February 20-25, 2023, in Anchorage | Denai'ana).

B. Schedule subcommittee meeting to discuss statewide proposals:

9. Prepare comments for BOG Southcentral proposals: See below.

10. New business:

1. The Anchorage AC is on the Wood Bison Planning meetings:
  - a. Lower-Tanana River (the area downstream from Fairbanks including Minto Flats State Game Refuge)
  - b. Dates: January 25th-January 28th from 9AM-5PM (travel days on the 24th and 28th)
  - c. Location: Westmark hotel in Fairbanks
2. Upper-Tanana River (the area between Tok and the Canadian border)
  - a. Dates: February 7th-February 9th from 9AM-5PM (travel days on the 6th and 10th)
  - b. Location: Fast Eddy's in Tok
3. Yukon Flats
  - a. Dates: February 28th-March 2nd (travel days on February 27th and March 3rd)
  - b. Location: La Quinta hotel in Fairbanks

Matt Moore moved that Joel Doner and/or Willow Hetrick would be representatives on the above meetings, Neil DeWitt seconded, carried unanimously.

11. Presentation on Motorboat Traffic and Chinook Decline by Scott Crowther.

**The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery in Anchorage**





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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
Oppose	0	11	The proposal is not geographically specific.
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Shooting from a non moving boat should remain legal.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
Support	11	0	The use of a dog for retrieval and tracking is a good conservation tool and will aid in the recovery of animals.
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support	11	0	Support to increase education, reduce the chance of taking nannies and kids.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bow hunters		
Support	11	0	Specialty hunt, requires permits to be obtained in person, in Cordova
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bow hunters only		
Oppose	0	11	Creates specialty hunt when one is not needed.
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	11	Do not see a biological concern.
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	11	0	Support the efforts of ADF&G to have additional tools to manage the hunt rather than being restricted in procedures.
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
Support	11	0	Support: Gives deer hunters a chance to take a brown bear if they choose.
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
No Action	--	--	TNA: Not enough information.
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Let ADF&G manage as needed.
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Plenty of area for all hunters to hunt without crowding.



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67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Decreasing tags with decrease opportunity for everyone with fewer weapons restricted hunts available. Net result: less opportunity.
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
Support	11	0	Support: Provides data to ADF&G as written.
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	11	0	Support: However, doubtful large numbers of elk will successfully swim to Kodiak and establish a herd.
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
Support	11	0	Support: Prefer hunters to register as they know the remoteness, expense of the hunt.
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
Support	9	1	Support: Increased opportunity for hunting & more money to ADG&G through the draw. Opposed: Doesn't like specialty hunts. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject.
72	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
Support	10	0	Support: Increased opportunity for hunting. Opposed: Doesn't like specialty hunts. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject.
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Deer life cycles are cyclical and weather dependent. Reducing bag limit will not impact their population.
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	11	1 abstained, lack of knowledge. Author clearly has a bias against boat-based hunts.
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
Oppose	1	9	Support because would help the population. Opposed because reduces opportunity and there is no biological concern. 1 abstained due to lack of knowledge.
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
Support	9	0	Support because bears are coming out of den earlier and going into den later and because there is no biological concern and typically the late



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			denning bears are driven by human food. 2 abstained due to lack of knowledge.
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed: The proposal is punitive in nature.
78	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Tags always get utilized
79	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Nonissue
80	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: The Kodiak Brown Bear is well managed.
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed: Well-placed sets are not a problem.
82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
Support	11	0	Support: Adding area for sheep hunting is a good idea.
83	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Not in favor of taking permits from other hunts to support the reopening of late rifle hunt.
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Proposed season dates begin too early.
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
Support	11	0	Support: More hunting opportunity
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0	Support: Support ADF&G in controlling moose to preserve habitat.
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	11	0	Support: Bow hunters in 14C remainder will have a small impact on the population.
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: No history of conflict, no need to limit weapon type.
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	11	0	Support: Support ADF&G in controlling moose to preserve habitat.



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90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Support the idea but not the location.
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
Support	11	0	Support: Archery equipment is very effective in taking black bear.
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: The time frame is short and during denning.
93	Allow certified bow hunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose:
94	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
Support	11	0	Support: Support drawing hunt vs registration hunt. More opportunity
95	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
Support	8	1	Support: More hunting opportunities and ADF&G does not have a biological concern for the species. Opposed to registration hunt. 2 abstained due to lack of knowledge.
96	Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag		
Support	11	0	Support: This provides hunters who draw an archery moose tag to also have a chance to hunt black bear if they choose.
97	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	11	0	Support: More hunt opportunity. Like the weapon clause: either primitive or any weapons
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	11	0	Support: More hunt opportunity,
99	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
Support	11	0	Support: More hunting opportunities.
100	Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years		
Support	11	0	Support with the friendly amendment of removing nonresidents.



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101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because would interfere with breeding season of animals.
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because would interfere with breeding season of animals.
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
Support	11	0	User group concerns with Chugach State Park. There are a lot of bears that do cause problems for hikers.
104	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
Oppose	0	11	Department has the authority to close via emergency order should there be a biological concern of the species, which there is not. This proposal would restrict opportunity to Anchorage and Turnagain Arm users.
105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because would limit opportunity for people to hunt multiple species. Suggest limiting the proposal to mountain goat, for example.
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because the suggestions are too broad and there are too many options. Support the break in ATV use to protect the habitat/trails. It's too difficult to police.
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
Oppose	0	11	Sympathetic to the problem but the Controlled Use Area is there for a reason and that is to protect that habitat and trails. 15C is a populated area and opening it up to ATV use could make it the next Hatcher Pass.
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Oppose	0	11	Sheep is already self-limiting (by full curl requirement) and the draw system in both Unit 7 and 15 limits the availability.
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
Oppose	1	10	Opposed to shutting sheep hunting down b/c the Department manages sheep by the full curl rule, and it won't affect the population. If specific areas are closed to sheep hunting, there will be additional pressure on other areas. The fines should be increased for sheep that are not full curl because it's nominal. Supports because there is population problem that might need a break to rebound.
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		



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Oppose	0	11	Opposing because would conflict with federal hunt in Unit 7 and because there are no discussion on # of registration tags to be issued which could conflict with the already limited number of draw tags in Unit 7.
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 110.
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because harvest ticket is too liberal, suggest proposal use registration hunt so that Department can control the number of animals harvested in an area with a limited sheep population.
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because harvest ticket is too liberal, suggest proposal use registration hunt so that Department can control the number of animals harvested in an area with a limited sheep population.
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	11	If the hunt was closed, it was for a reason which we can speculate is due to limited population numbers. This proposal would limit the ability for all arm users to access the area when the population rebounds and the hunt opens again.
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Support	11	0	Support because would add spacing to reduce conflicts in the field.
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated, clarifying language reduces conflict.
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	See above.
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because the area needs more time to rebound, and the fork antler animals need additional protection.
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because of allocation between user groups.
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		



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Oppose	0	11	Oppose because of allocation between user groups.
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Oppose	0	11	ADF&G needs an updated survey in 15C before making allocative decisions between user groups.
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 121
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 121
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 121
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 121
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	See comments on proposal 121
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated: more time and the same number of tags is reasonable.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because GMUs and subunits were created for a reason and keep the regulations clean and clear would be best for law enforcement.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because should be able to distinguish between GMUs. Suggest rewriting proposal to include injured bears from boats.
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		





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Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated, allows for more opportunity and more predator control.
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
Support	11	0	See comments on proposal 134
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support	11	0	See comments on proposal 134 and change dates from June 15 to June 30 to match above.
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
Support	11	0	See comments on proposal 134
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
Support	11	0	See comments on proposal 134
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support	11	0	See comments on proposal 134
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because would limit the ability of rifle hunters to access the animals and bows are less effective. Also, proposal includes three different topics and needs to be broken up as such.
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because entire state (- a few locations) has 1 mile set back requirement and having different rules for different units is confusing to hunters/trappers.
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	11	0	Support the discussion to clarify the definitions.
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
Support	11	0	An artificial way of concentrating all game should be protected.
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	Suggest Kachemak Bay State Park creating the regulation.
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		





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Support	11	0	Support: We support the Homer F&G Advisory Committee recommendations and their needs. Dogs should be leashed. The proposal will make parallel trapping trails to multiuse trail. Oppose: Imposition on trappers.
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	11	Support: Proposal will make parallel trapping trails to multiuse trail. Oppose because must identify/define multiuse trails. Identify by state agency.
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
Support	11	0	Support Reasonable separation between campgrounds and traps. Campgrounds and roads to campground are ski trails in wintertime.
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
Support	9	2	Support because reasonable separation with trails identified. Oppose because trappers must go through more loops to trap like additional regulations and further to trap.
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
Support	11	0	Support Allows for hunting within the areas that may be included in the trapping setbacks. Good identification of locations.
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
Support	8	3	Support: Identified specific locations. Oppose: 100 yards is too far in the wintertime. 50 yards would be enough. You need to manage your animals/dogs. This can negatively impact trappers, cause more legwork for trappers.
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
Support	8	3	Support: Support local community and their survey results. 90% felt it was a necessary proposal. Oppose: 100 yards is too far in the wintertime. 50 yards would be enough. You need to manage your animals/dogs. This can negatively impact trappers, cause more legwork for trappers.
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	11	Support: Oppose: Opposed due to cost for signage. Signage not necessary
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Have surveys been conducted, prove the population? This needs to be a science-based decision.
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose complete closure as it restricts opportunity.



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157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Support	11	0	Support to allow for more time to allow a break for the beavers.
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because limits opportunity for high successful predatory species.
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because opens the potential for overharvest for a species that have large home ranges and are sparse in both units.
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because it is unenforceable
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	11	0	Support the exploration.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
Oppose	0	11	Suggest being slightly more conservative with the numbers.
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because are concerned with the high level of potential guiding outfits that could easily overharvest the species in question.
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	3	Support the Homer F&G Advisory Committee. They are observing declines in sea duck #s in recent history. Opposed- need survey results before supporting the proposal and reduces opportunity.
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
No Action	--	--	TNA SEE 164
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	3	Support the observations of Homer F&G Advisory Committee. Healthy # of waterfowl guides working in Kachemak Bay. Opposed need survey results before support.
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
No Action	--	--	TNA SEE 166
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	3	Support the Homer F&G Advisory Committee. They are observing declines in sea duck #s in recent history. Opposed- need survey results before supporting the proposal.
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
No Action	--	--	TNA SEE 168
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		



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Support	8	3	Support the Homer F&G Advisory Committee. They are observing declines in sea duck #s in recent history. Opposed- need survey results before supporting the proposal.
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
Support	11	0	Support to collect hunter harvest data on sea ducks.
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
No Action	--	--	TNA SEE 171
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
182	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		



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Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
184	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
185	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	11	0	Support- Support the efforts of ADF&G to limit moose populations to not exceed the carrying capacity of the land.
186	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	11	0	Support allowing hunters to take a bear without having a fee which may limit their ability to harvest a bear. Assist in controlling the bear population.
187	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Support allowing hunters to take a bear without having a fee which may limit their ability to harvest a bear. Assist in controlling the bear population.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	11	0	Support allowing hunters to take a bear without having a fee which may limit their ability to harvest a bear. Assist in controlling the bear population.
200	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose-create a moose hunt in the Southcentral Region for seniors over the age of 65 with ADF&G permanent ID.		
Oppose	2	10	Do not support special hunt creation. Support because would provide more opportunity for elders.
201	Create a sea otter management plan to begin the process of creating a state hunting season for sea otters.		
Support	7	4	Support because sea otters are decimating the populations. Opposed because they are federally managed, and this will not go anywhere but suggest the State work with the feds to remedy the statewide issue.
202	Set the season length for taking wolves in Unit 2, without closing early due to emergency order.		
Support	3	2	Support to increase opportunity. Opposed because takes away ADF&G ability to manage as needed. 6 abstained because of lack of knowledge.



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203	Establish a moose drawing hunt within Unit 14C in Kincaid Park for hunters that meet the 70% disability standard with mobility impairments.		
Support	11	0	Support because no biological concern for the moose in the area and would reduce the moose in the area which can cause conflicts with humans in the spring/summer/fall.

Adjournment: 8:09PM

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick and Matt Moore

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: 1/12/2023

**Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 12th, 6:00PM, 2022

In Person at the Yuut Elitnaurviat, 602 Akiachak Dr., Bethel, AK

**Draft Agenda****By Phone:** 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 495 277 1108**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4952771108>

- I. **Call to order:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman. Time:*
- II. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman*

## I. Roll Call:

	<u>Jaimie Kassman</u>	<u>Alissa Rogers</u>	<u>Mike Riley</u>	<u>Robert Lakander</u>	<u>Jerry White</u>	<u>Lucinda Alexie</u>	<u>Jon Lavalle</u>
Present	X		X	X	X	X	X
By Teleconference		X					
Absent							
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Rafe Johnson</u> (alternate)	<u>Robert Hoffman</u> (alternate)					
Present							
By Teleconference							
Absent							
Abs/Excused							

- I. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 6 Only 4 needed for quorum due to low membership. (only 7 full seated members.)

6 Members present

ADF&G

John Chythlook  
Nick Smith  
Sean Larson  
Pat Jones  
Keith Oster

USFWS

Christian Alexie Jr.  
Emmit Nicori  
Boyd Blihovde  
Aaron Moses

Other:

Mary Mathias – ONC  
Dylan Brooks - AWT

- II. **Approval of Agenda:** There is a motion by Mike Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry White to move all wildlife related items to the top of the agenda, immediately after wildlife reports. Approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From December 28th, 2021



- a. Mike Riley makes a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alissa. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. Membership Elections for 4 vacant undesignated seats:
  - a. Mike Gore was nominated for one of the 4 vacant undesignated seats and confirmed by unanimous vote.
  - b. No other nominations were made.
- V. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Fisheries Reports – Sean Larson gave a brief report of the 2022 Kuskokwim salmon. King and sockeye salmon escapement goals were met, but there were poor returns of the chum and coho salmon.
    - ii. Wildlife Reports – Pat Jones gave a report on many game species in the area including moose and caribou and talks a little on predator control.
    - iii. Board Support Section Reports
      - 1. Participation – low participation in the area and are looking for ideas to increase. Jaimie said that he will pass on information to Ducks Unlimited state group. Savannah asks that members like and share posts on Facebook.
      - 2. Advisory Committee Manuals – brief introduction to new AC manual. Also, briefly mentions an upcoming drug and alcohol policy.
  - c. Others
    - i. USFWS staff gives the AC information about the Federal Zone 2 moose hunt that will start. They instruct people who would like to participate to call 543-1008 and leave their name, phone number, and where they are from, and someone will call them back.
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business – See charts below for voting results and justification.
  - a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals
  - b. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
  - c. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
  - d. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January
- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. The AC decided to send Alissa Rogers to testify at the Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim meeting. Confirmed by unanimous vote.
- X. Set next meeting date: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023





- XI. Other  
XII. Adjourn

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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Motion made by Jon Lavalley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Lucinda Alexie		
5	6	1	The dissenting vote was because the member misunderstood and felt that it was too early to hunt for cows around Bethel.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Motion made by Jon Lavalley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
5	7	0	Unanimous
Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
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<u>87</u>	Define eel stick. -Motion made by Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
S	7	0	People use them on the Kuskokwim
<u>90</u>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
O	0	7	Feel this would not be effective during federal special actions and we worry about the longevity of the tier II
<u>91</u>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
S	7	0	This would allow for greater harvest during times of conservation
<u>92</u>	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.		
S	7	0	This would allow greater flexibility and would help to align regulations with the rest of the area.
<u>93</u>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing. Motion made by Mike Glore, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
O	0	7	Opposed because it's anti jet-boating restrictions, and we do not want to further limit subsistence.
<u>94</u>	Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.		
O	0	7	It is already mostly catch and release on the Kanektok. There is minimal harvest and do not feel the need to add extra regulation.
<u>95</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>96</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>97</u>	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation. Motion made by Jon Lavalle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Glore		
S	7	0	To align regulations with Yukon

**Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik**

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022

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<u>133-142</u>	A motion was made to support any of these proposals that will help salmon get past the intercept fishery. Motion was made by Alissa Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Lucinda Alexie		
S	7	0	We want to help the chum salmon return to the area but don't know enough about the area or the fishery to comment on any one proposal.
	Mike Riley asked if any of the dates that had been proposed account for the fur seal gestation period. The did not feel that there was much of an impact on King salmon, but the worry is for chum salmon. Robert Lekander talked about Proposals 133-142 as a whole and how some adjust fishing times, some address how much fish caught. He believes that there is technology and ways to track and document the fish. He wonders why they are saving all the fish and not fishing here, when fishermen down there are just going to catch them. It is supposed to be subsistence first.		

**Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues  
Proposals**

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Feb. 23, 2022

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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion made by Alissa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by		
O	0	7	This would be a good opportunity for an enterprising person to take out subsistence. This would be adding more regulations that are not needed
<u>167</u>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Motion made by Alissa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jon		
O	0	7	Too much during the busy season.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 14 January 2023



CBSA called to order by David Carl, Chairman @ 9:15am. David Carl asked if he was still the acting chairman to Savannah Hollingworth. She said it should be changed to Chairman of Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee.

David Carl told the group that if any of the members have something to say, they should say now.

Stan Atchak made a roll call, and there was 11 present and about 3 absent . 2 of the members were on tele-conference. The quorum was established.

	<u>Kipnuk</u> David Carl	<u>Chevak</u> Stan Atchak	<u>Chefornak</u> Tommy Kusaiak	<u>Goodnews Bay</u> Peter Julius	<u>Kwigillingok</u> Johnny Friend	<u>Newtok</u> Stanley Tom	<u>Nightmute</u> Stanley Anthony
Present	X	X	X		X	11/3	X
By Teleconference						11/4	
Absent				X			
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Quinhagak</u> Jaqueline Cleveland	<u>Tununak</u> Susie Walter	<u>Undesignated</u> Leo Moses Jr.	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Mekoryuk</u> Samson Weston	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Platinum</u> John Samuel	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Toksook Bay</u> <u>Simeon Moses</u>	<u>Kongiginak</u> No representatio n
Present	X	X		X		X	
By Teleconference					X		
Absent			X				
Abs/Excused							

Stan Atchak read the agenda for the past meeting. Jackie Cleveland asked if some items were missing from the agenda.

She wanted to add the Fishery Board reports. Could put on the agenda.

Jackie Cleveland made a motion to add the Fish Board to the agenda, seconded by Simeon Moses. Motion passed to accept the agenda with additions.



Chairman David Carl explained that we could still talk in our native language since we have an interpreter with us.

Stan Atchak and Jackie Cleveland read the last minutes of 2/22-23/2022 line by line. Susie

Walter made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.

David Carl reported about the hardships that we had in our villages. He talked about the CBS AC meeting stipend that was late in coming to us.

Jackie Cleveland reported that the king salmon were smaller, and chums were good but, not enough to store them in the freezers.

Aerial surveys were conducted by F&G on the salmon around the Quinhagak area. The pikes are invasive on the Kanektok river are many and the trouts are getting less because of them.

Jackie Cleveland reported that they were successful in hunting moose this year. The other years there were not much moose around their area.

She talked about the erosion happening in Quinhagak. She said there has been more erosion lately.

Chairman David Carl asked and responded by stating about the subsistence activities in their villages. He said the subsistence will not stop and will continue on fish and game at the villages.

The subsistence fishing is different nowadays like the tomcods are fewer than the other years.

Also, this is happening to the subsistence salmon we harvest. He suspects the climate change is the main reason for the changes.

Susie Walters reported that a good number of herring fish came along with the other different fish. They stored enough subsistence fish for the winter. She said the tomcods are slowly coming back. The berries were abundant along the coast.





The moose hunters were successful during their annual hunting. They caught the moose around their villages and didn't go to further places like they used to in the past.

Tommy Kusaia stated that he was cautious about subsistence hunting because of being regulated like restricted gathering for the villages.

Stanley Tom reported the subsistence on salmon wasn't very good at their villages. The ones that always go fishing got enough and the ones that didn't go didn't get enough.

Simeon Moses agreed with Stanley Tom's report.

Sam Weston, from Mekoryuk stated that salmon fishing was not plentiful during the summer.

Not too many salmon fish came around. He said that there are about 6 active fishing camps on the island and subsistence fishing has been not good for about 3 years.

Introductions: Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support Section from Fish & Game.

15 minutes recess.

Fisheries Report for the 2022 Fishing Season.

Yukon Report: Deena Jones, Summer Season Fish & Game Manager,

Sonar at Pilot Station for salmon count was less than 50,000, runs were low this year. The other salmon species were low on counting this year. The fishing for subsistence salmon was closed on June 2, 2022 for the Coastal villages and other Lower Yukon areas to preserve the declining salmon fish. The fishermen were told to use 4 inch or less to target fish other than salmon fish.

Fall chum was the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest run than the other years. The other salmon species were record low on returning to our areas.

Holly Carol spoke about the Federal Qualified users information.



Nick Smith for the Kuskokwim Fisheries another low run and it was a record low on the chum salmon. Had the lowest on the head waters of Kuskokwim was the lowest on the record.

On Quinhagak area there was no commercial fisheries this year.

The question on proposal to allow more subsistence gear around their area. Proposal 91 on to include different fishing methods on the salmon fishing.

Jackie Cleveland asked if there will be more surveys other than aerial surveys. They will do different methods to conduct surveys and report to the villagers about their findings.

Stan Atchak asked F&G about the Coastal villages on the forecast for the coming fishing season.

He asked if the subsistence salmon fishing forecast for the coming season. Fish & Game responded that the fishing subsistence forecast will be available around April or May 2023 for the coming season.

Susie Walters asked if the beavers have an effect on the spawning salmon. Fish & Game responded that the beavers are getting more and more around our area and they do have some effect on the spawning. Fish & Game responded that the salmon and beavers have been living together for longtime.

John Samuel said that they haven't had commercial fishing for three summers. He said there was a spike in salmon numbers and he stated that when the water is low many salmon don't go up to the spawning grounds. For the commercial fishing there has not been a commercial fish buyer since 2015.

Johnny Friend stated that after the warm summer we had, the salmon and other fish like tomcods were dying. The climate affects the fish species which are dying in our areas.

12:05 LUNCH BREAK



Reconvene @1:48pm

Savannah Hollingworth report about the Advisory Comm. Regulation manual book. About the jurisdiction of the areas. She talked about the drug and alcohol during the meetings. The violators will be asked to leave immediately and reimburse the money spend before they could attend the meetings again.

The department staff will handle the drug or alcohol problem and solve it. The Boards Support in Juneau will ask the person to pay back the money used for the person. There are three conditions that have to be met before the person could attend the meetings.

David Carl stated that the persons that were asked to pay back haven't done yet.

Elections: Most of the Board's terms are up to date or outdated. Savannah Hollingworth encourages the communities to do elections for the Advisory Committees during the regular village elections.

Jackie Cleveland stated that the Tribal Elections need to go with the regular elections that goes on the villages. The voter turn-out might be low if they are electing a seat that they never heard of before.

Tommy Kusaik suggested the women on the board don't know much about the fishing and the bay how they are. The men know more about the situations about fishing and bays because they are the ones that go out and fish.

Johnny Friend stated that the women do the fishing in other areas and are dependable to be on the Boards. He supports the women because they have many talents and are smart to carry the duties of being a board member.





Jackie Cleveland defended herself and co-workers about them being resourceful and having lots of knowledge about the environment of villages.

Mr. Weston stated that he supports the non-discriminations of any sex to be on the board.

Stan Atchak supports Mr. Weston saying that to be non-discriminate on who serves on the Boards. He said some women know more about the fishing and hunting than the other men in the villages. He supports the women to be on the board or any other committees.

Johnny Friend talks about the women being a lot helpful than some of the men. He supports the non-discrimination of the people that sits on the boards or other groups.

Susie Walters stated that she grew up with her grandparents and worked on the subsistence catch. If you prepare the subsistence catches properly they will last for long time.

Savannah Hollingworth stated that all the Advisory meetings are public and open to be productive. They have a rule to non-discriminate the people.

Stan Atchak wanted to add Sargent-At-Arms to control the meeting, and to reduce the "story tellings", and to have a smooth meeting. To control and keep off the people on "point of order".

Canadian and Cackling Geese Discussions:

Last couple of years in lower 48 increased the bag limits and the geese population count got down.

In Alaska the daily bag limits got decreased. With the lower 48 bag limits got lower the geese increased. The avian flu got some of the geese which affects the populations decrease.

3:32 Break



Reconvene @3:50p

Open to Public Comment.

MS. Terese Schomogyi from the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission reported on the Kuskokwim River Salmon Situation Report. There is salmon decline on the population.

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57% of the fish were intercepted at the South Alaska Fishery. That is 1.2 million fish going to our area. This Commission is made up of several people from our area to work on the fish. They always meet, even during the fishing season.

The CBSAC talked about getting a full per-diem for the meetings and to talk to the Representatives for our area. This is because of the rising costs and inflation for our area.

Per-diem will continue if you are stuck until you go home.

The current for the per-diem payment is \$45.00 for travel, and \$60.00 for meeting.

David Carl & Jackie Cleveland will make a draft letter for the DOA Commissioner for a per diem increase to Paula R Vrana.

**Proposal #80**-Restrict subsistence king salmon in the middle and upper Yukon River.

Johnny Friend makes a motion for **No Action** on the proposal, seconded by Susie Walters.

Stan Atchak called for Question, All in favor for **No Action**, All in favor, passed for No Action.

**Proposal #81**

Johnny Friend made a motion to **accept the proposal**, seconded by Tommy Kusaiak. All in favor, motion passed.



**Proposal #82**-The nets without buoys are dangerous and Johnny Friend experienced during the summer. He supports the proposal.

Tommy Kusaik stated that when its windy or wavy the buoys are not very visible and the ropes needs to be longer.

Tommy Kusaik made a motion to **accept the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal #84**-Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.

Susie Walter made a motion for **No Action** to the proposal, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed.

Johnny Friend Tommy Kusaik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnny Friend . All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned @6:20pm. To resume tomorrow @ 8:30 am.

**11/04/2022**

CBSA meeting started @8:43am by Chairman David Carl. Roll call by Stan Atchak, with 8 present, and more coming. 10 members present when all had arrived.

**Proposal#85**-Modify Yukon Area personal Use Salmon fishery specifications gear types and gillnet mesh size for during time of salmon conservations.

David Carl asked the board if we were able to skip some of the proposals.

Chairman appointed the Vice-Chair Jackie to present the proposals.

The proposal would reduce the 7.5 inch to 6 inch and 4 inch or smaller.



David Carl stated that with a smaller mesh there is always a bycatch on other salmon fish and other fish.

Johnny Friend made a comment about the proposal to preserve endangered salmon on the Kuskokwim and Yukon rivers. He wanted the F&G talk with the elders from our area.

David Carl made a motion for **No Action**, seconded by Susie Walter, Question called by Johnny Friend, All in favor, motion passed.

Patrick Jones, F&G Wildlife Conservation, for the Wildlife Division.

Last winter they didn't conduct aerial survey, he reported that there are about 3,000 moose on the Kuskokwim area.

Yukon have 24,000 moose and still growing. Bulls and cow ratio were said. 1000 moose on the Yukon and want the hunters to get 4,000. The count is from the mouth of Yukon to around Russian Mission. From Mt. Village down river there are about 12,000 moose.

On the Kuskokwim he reported that most of the hunters had success.

Musk Ox on Nunivak and Nelson Island. Nunivak trophy hunt with 90 muskox.

57 permits will be issued for the Nelson Island.

Mulchatna Caribou is about 12,000. Will be closed for several years to get the population up.

They collared about 150 caribou. The wolves, bears, and eagles kill the caribou. The eagles kill the young ones for food.

Predator control on bears and wolves are done where the caribou calving area using helicopters. All of the Advisory Committees approved the predator control on the calving area.



Johnny Friend made a comment on the predator control and the caribou where the climate is affecting the young caribou. Can't do predator control on the Federal Land only on the State lands.

**Proposal#178**-To reauthorize antlerless moose on the Unit 18 area except the Kuskokwim. The Fish & Game wants us to support this proposal because there are too many moose around the Yukon area. This will help preserve the vegetation from depletion from too many moose.

Jackie Cleveland. asked if this proposal will become law and not to be voted every year. Fish & Game said "no" because we will have to look on this every year.

Tommy Kusaik made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#188**-For the brown bear to exempt the \$25.00 tag fees. It will be easier for the Fish & Game to have it without the brown bear tags for the hunters.

Tommy Kusaik made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, **motion passed**.

David Carl asked what will happen on the caribou hunt. The population is about 12,000 and not growing. The hunt will not likely to happen for few years or more.

The musk ox are spread all over and the ones in the Nome area are slowly coming time.

There is about 200 muskox on the mainland and when they reach 300 will probably have a small open hunt.

The proposals for hunting and trapping is coming for call for proposals, if anyone wants to change the trapping regulations.





**Proposal#86**-Require retention of sport caught salmon on the Yukon river. For the sport fish people to keep the salmon when they are fishing once they reach their bag limits.

Stanley Tom made a motion for **No Action** the proposal, seconded by Simeon Moses. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#87**-Define eel stick to be added the gear type for the Yukon subsistence.

Johnny Friend made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Susie Walter. Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#88**-Repeal and replace Yukon area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.

Tommy Kusaik made a motion for **support** the proposal, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed. The **amend** to take off the 8-inch mesh size.

**Proposal#89**-Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with s single line attached.

Simeon Moses made a motion for **Support** the proposal, seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#90**- Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in Kuskokwim River.

Johnny Friend made a motion to **oppose** the proposal. All in favor, motion passed. We do not want to make things more difficult for future generations.

**Proposal#91**- Modify Kuskokwim Area Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.

Stanley Tom made a motion to take no action, seconded by Simeon Moses. We do not feel that the river is ours to make these decisions.



**Proposal#92-** Allow more subsistence fishing around commercial fishing periods.

John Samuel said less time restrictions would be good because we hardly have commercial fishing anymore. Simeon Moses made a motion to **Support** Proposal #92, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Friend, **motion passed.**

**Proposal#94-** Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie Cleveland, from Quinhagak, said that the end date should have been June 30. She suggests supporting this proposal with an amendment that the dates are changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. Johnny Friend made a motion to **support as amended**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simeon Moses. Quinhagak knows their village and what happens there, so we should support them. **Motion passes.**

**Proposal#95-** When a federal special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range. To avoid confusion and political tensions.

Motion made by Johnny Friend to **support** Proposal#95, second by Tommy Kusaiak. **Motion passes.**

**Proposal#96-** When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11<sup>th</sup> when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range.



Motion made by Susie Walter to **support** Proposal #96, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

**Proposal#97-** Establish when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet gear specifications and operation.

Beach seines catch everything, and this proposal does not seem like a conservation effort, but dipnet is better conservation. We are all from the coast, may be in the river it is experienced differently. It is hard to decide on this proposal because there are so many parts and different gear. A motion was made to **support the proposal with an amendment to not include beach seines** by Stanley, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

**Proposal#165-** Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.

David Carl makes a motion to **support** Proposal 165, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

Proposal# 133 and Proposal# 134 – No Action

**PROPOSAL#135-** Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Island June management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.

Susie Walters made a motion for **No Action** on the proposal, seconded by David Carl. All in favor, **motion passed.**

**Proposal#136-** Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.

Johnny Friend made a **motion to support** the proposal, seconded by Simeon Moses. All in favor, **motion passed.**





**Proposal#137**-Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Johnny Friend made a **motion to support** on the proposal, seconded by Tommy Kusaia. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#138**-Amend

Simeon Moses made a **motion to support** on the proposal, seconded by Susie Walters. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#139**-Recommended for no action by the other group

**Proposal #140**- Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Motion made by Johnny Friend to **support** proposal #140, seconded by Susie Walter. **Motion passed**.

**Proposal#141 & 142**- No Action. Savannah Hollingworth asks the Committee to choose which meetings and who to send to them. She recommends having alternates since weather is sometimes a problem and there is no remote testimony. She talks about how the Board meetings work, comments, and dates. The group decides to send someone to the AYK and Area M meeting with 3 alternates each.

January 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim meeting in Anchorage nominees:

Samson Weston nominates Jackie Cleveland. Jackie declines the nomination. She is going to an NVK meeting. Samson Weston nominates David Carl. David accepts the nomination. John Samuel was nominated by Susie Walter. John declines. Jackie Cleveland nominates Johnny Friend. Johnny accepts. Jackie nominates Samson Weston, but Samson declines. Susie Walter



nominates Stan Atchak, but he was not there to decline and accept since he had to go for his flight. He can decline later if he needs to since his nomination is for a 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Susie Walter nominates Stanley Tom.

Motion made to approve sending David Carl, with alternates Johnny Friend, Stan Atchak, then Stanley Tom to AYK Board of Fish meeting by Samson Weston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie Walter. Motion carries.

February 20-25 – Area M meeting. Susie Walter nominates Jackie Cleveland, David Carl 2<sup>nds</sup>. David Carl is nominated; Susie Walter nominates Johnny Friend. Susie Walter was nominated as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate. Susie Walter makes a motion to approve the nominations to go the Area M meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Friend.

The next meeting date – Jackie Cleveland suggests a teleconference in late January or early February to prepare for the Area M meeting and to hear about the AYK meeting.

Stanley Tom makes a motion to approve a February 1<sup>st</sup> teleconference meeting date. David Carl seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula AC

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 1/24/23

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek, Torval Hansen,  
Dan Priestly - Doug Blossom, David Blossom, John McCombs,  
Joe Simpson, Ron Vanek, Gary Dreman, Madeline Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger

Greg Encelowski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO     

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Nick Flower Adfg

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM until 2/9/23

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary



## CENTRAL PENSULA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes of meeting January 24, 2023

1. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
2. Nick Flower of ADF&G gave the moose report for 2022.
3. Election of new members was held. There were no new nominations made. A motion was made and seconded that we keep the same members who were up for election. Passed unanimously.
4. It was moved and second that the Chairman or his designee represent the Advisory Committee at all BoG and BoF meetings during 2023. Passed unanimously.
5. It was moved and seconded that the same officers be retained for 2023. Passed unanimously.
6. Game proposals for Units 7&15 were taken up.
7. Since all proposal were not finished, the meeting was continued till February 9, 2023.





## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula AC

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 2/13/23

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek, Torval Hansen,  
~~Dan Prestley~~ - ~~Dave Blossom~~, ~~Nancy Blossom~~, ~~John McCombs~~  
Joe Simpson, Ron Vanek, Gary Dieman, Madeline Thompson  
9 present

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger Dan Prestley  
Greg Encelowski  
Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO     

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Nick Flower Adtg

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 PM

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary

Feb. 13, 2023



## Continuation of January 24, 2023 Meeting

### Central Peninsula Committee

1. Minutes of Jan. 24, 2023 meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Game proposals were finished.
3. State wide Fish Proposals were then taken up and finished.
4. A motion was made and seconded that we submit the same proposals to the BoF that we did the last cycle.

Passed unamamously.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.



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# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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156	Define eel stick. <i>agree with Department; housekeeping</i>		
Support	9	0	
157	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' ground fish pots.		
oppose	2	6	tabstain
	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
	Allow a person using a spear or spear gun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
156	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater. <i>agree with the Department; housekeeping, need to do everything we can to stop the spread of invasive species that can do great harm to our natural fish, wildlife and plants.</i>		
Support	9	0	
157	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year. <i>Leave as is, working good. It prevents guys from going to multiple areas and skimming the bank thus taking away from guys that stay for the season. mostly locals. those in favor said if could afford multiple permits then should be allowed to move in season.</i>		
oppose	2	6	tabstain abstain gave no reason.
	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		





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158 N/A			See # 157
159			Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species. <i>Shouldn't be Statewide. Biologist &amp; Commissioner have EO authority to open &amp; close areas. Shouldn't be paired restriction. Biologist need the flexibility to harvest the surplus and fish these areas when escapement is achieved.</i>
Oppose	0	9	
160			Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas. <i>Not necessary and impractical. need more data.</i>
Oppose	0	9	
161			Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska (To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting).
162			Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration. <i>Agree with the Department</i>
Support	9	0	
163			Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries. <i>Guiding should not be allowed for personal use. Guiding should only be allowed in the recreational sport fishery. Personal use is supposed to be for food not recreation.</i>
Support	9	0	
164			Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters. <i>Yes/No on amendment: Amended to eliminate +transported because shouldn't have transporters. we are against guided or transporting for personal use. The No vote said we can't amend this proposal.</i> <i>Yes/No on amended proposal 164: No vote said to see proposal 163 where we said guiding <del>should</del> shouldn't be allowed. The yes votes said if guiding is still legal then they should have to report &amp; register. we are against transporters.</i>
Support as amended			



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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. <i>Shouldn't be allow to hire a guide for subsistence. Subsistence is for food and a way of life. If one can afford a guide then probably don't need subsistence for food.</i>		
Oppose	0	9	
166	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries. <i>we agree with the issue described.</i>		
Support	9	0	<i>there should be a Statewide P.U. limit.</i>
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. <i>Reporting on time is important for management.</i>		
Support	9	0	
168	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters. <i>we support the Department's position.</i>		
Support	9	0	
# 169	Amend the list of banned invasive species. <i>Agree hausekeeping! Must protect against</i>		
Support	9	0	<i>Invasive species.</i>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek  
Minutes Approved By: Steve Vanek  
Date: 2/21/23





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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units <i>Not enough detail in proposal and no science</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15 <i>NO biological Reason To prohibit the Taking from a boat.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	11	<i>one abstain</i>
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15 <i>Keep from wasting animals.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units <i>We don't need this in our area but some areas need it.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		



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93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping <i>Should allow some hunting and trapping in the Park.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12</i>	

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105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15 <i>Since it says limit all big game we voted no.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C <i>There are ample days now for ATVs.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles <i>There is enough time now to use ATVs</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration <i>The decline is not caused by hunting. Hence not a solution. Unnecessary burden on ADFG.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15 <i>See proposal #108</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
110	Create an archery only, registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder <i>As a committee, we oppose special hunts. The opportunity for specialized equipment is always there.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	1	11	<i>one bow hunter wanted it.</i>
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder <i>We oppose special hunts.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder <i>There is adequate time now for everyone. Sheep count is low, why allow only some to hunt?</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder <i>See 112</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	



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114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt <i>See # 112</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons <i>Nightmare for ADFG. No real benefit and might end up saturating an area</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested <i>We see this as house keeping</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C <i>See # 116</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers <i>It seems to be working so don't change it. could cause more illegals to be killed, yes vote wanted it like it used to be.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	1	11	
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents <i>No Special Hunts. Can do archery in regular season</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	1	11	
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15 <i>No Special Hunt. yes vote wanted to hunt before ATVs showed up. No votes don't want early hunt or extend the season for bow hunters.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	1	11	
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>See # 120</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	2	10	
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>See # 120</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	2	10	





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123			Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>See #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 124	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder <i>See #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 125	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>see #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 126	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>see #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 127	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi <i>The community and Dept. supports it so do we.</i>
<i>Support</i> 128	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C <i>NO's oppose cow hunts, Moose migrate to other areas so reduce the population in other areas. yes voters want to keep it in the tool box. Don't see a problem taking lone cows.</i>
<i>oppose</i> 129	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>unanimously opposed to expanding area. Will reduce population in other areas. Enough cows get killed on the roads as it is, a lone cow might have lost her calf. Not necessarily a barren cow. This helps hunters not the starving moose</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12</i>	





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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan <i>The Dept. needs this tool if population drops below 200,</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B <i>Kaligan was moved to this management area. Kaligan Island not easy to hunt on so need to keep population under control.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	11	0	1 abstained <i>abstained is against any cow hunt.</i>
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area <i>yes votes agree with the Dept. no votes said this could cause cheating because a hunter could claim moose shot on Kaligan when it was not.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	8	4	
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C <i>Boat has to be stopped. Person <del>be</del> should be familiar with regulations where they are hunting. one size doesn't fit all.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>		
<i>N/A</i>			
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season <i>No action see # 136</i>		
<i>N/A</i>			
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15 <i>There is a quota on brown bears so this extension is not harmful. no votes worried the quota would be reached and there would not be a fall season</i>		
<i>Support</i>	9	3	



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137			Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
138			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15 <i>no action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
139			Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
140			Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15 <i>9 members present</i> <i>This creates a special hunt which we oppose. They can hunt in regular season.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
141			Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7 <i>it is fine the way it is now. works o.k. no need to change it.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
142			Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15 <i>see # 141</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
143			Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15 <i>To hard to enforce and not really necessary, most baiters are conscientious.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
144			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7 <i>We voted to support the idea that the B&amp;G needs to look into this to see if it needs to be done.</i>
<i>support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	





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145			Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15 <i>There is no problem now. Leave as is.</i>
<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
146			Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C <i>Leave as is! We agree with the Department to use ethical trapping methods. The Trapper's Association preaches and teaches proper ethical trapping methods. Pet owners also have to be responsible and not let their pets run out of their control.</i>
<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
147			Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
148			Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
149			Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
150			Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
151			Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	



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152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i> 153	0	9	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 154	0	9	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 155	0	9	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping <i>No biological reason to close: Only a very small harvest of beavers in this large area of 15C. Leave as is to have the opportunity.</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 156	0	9	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years <i>See #155</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 157	0	9	Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7 as follows <i>Leave as is because gives more opportunity and gives some open water trapping opportunity before freeze up. Yes vote thinks Oct 15th is too early.</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 158	1	8	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15 <i>Leave as is. Plenty of coyotes. No conservation reasons to shorten season.</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 159	0	9	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15 <i>we agree with the issue section stated.</i>
<i>Support</i>	9	0	





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160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		
			<i>No biological concern. No proof of trapping extirpating the beavers. <del>that</del> would be hard to enforce. A anti-trapper could just put a pole in every beaver pond and thus stop trapping.</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
			<i>Deer can give diseases to moose. They would be an invasive species. Deer could dramatically and negatively affect the flora &amp; fauna.</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
			<i>Hunting is not the main factor in population dynamics of ptarmigan. The Spring weather is, Ptarmigan population are numerous now.</i>
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
			<i>Agree. There is no shortage of sea ducks more opportunity</i>
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
			<i>No conservation or biological concerns. There is no population depletion. Harvest is low. There are lots of areas where they winter and are not hunted that have good winter habitat.</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
			<i>See #164</i>
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	



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166			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 167	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 168	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 169	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 170	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 171	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15 <i>the Department can get this information now from the Feds.</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 172	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C <i>See # 171 justification</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 173	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E





Members Present-

Josh Hayes  
John Pearson  
Jason Lesmeister  
Billy Coulliette  
Tom Lessard  
Todd Donahue  
Alex Kime  
Jeremy Lewis

Members not present with excused absence-

Mike Adams

Alternate members-

Lorraine Temple

Official Staff-

Fari Sylvester-Fish and Game  
Heather Thamm-Forest Service Subsistence Division  
Dave Battle-Fish and Game(Sub for Nick Fowler)

Community Members and Alaska Residents present-

Vince Belltrami  
Amy Broderson  
Evan Smith  
Nicole Schmitt  
Mike Amos  
Chris Perry  
Kathy Sarns  
Kathy Reckon(Liston)  
Heather Pearson  
Rhonda Lynn  
Ryan Holt  
Paxson Woebler  
Ken Green  
JJ Brown  
Ed Schmitt

Agenda Approved unanimously from last meeting.

Public Comments-

Ken Green-supports trap set backs, hopes Cooper Landing AC represents the community. Doesn't believe any proposals before the BOG about trap set backs will be accepted. Until trappers and dog owners can sit down and discuss a happy middle ground because user groups aren't collaborating and he doesn't see anything changing until it does.(Cooper Landing Resident)

Mona Painter (as read by Lorraine temple as a proxy)-told stories of old days, thinks responsible dog ownership is a must, and thinks there should be trap set backs and more detailed info on trap tags on traps about owner of traps.(Cooper Landing Resident)



Lorraine Temple-Is tired of using trails because there are possibly traps on trails, thinks trapping on or near trails may effect commerce, and thinks younger people are using trails now who don't trap.(Cooper Landing Resident)

Paxson Woebler- supports trap set backs he is a nordic ice skater who avoids trails he thinks trails aren't safe for dogs or children because of trapping. He thinks there should be safe places.(Anchorage Resident)

Kathy Sarns- read Homer AC proposals for trap setbacks in unit 15C(Homer Resident)

Nicole Scmitt- authored proposal 145 for no trapping by wild life crossings in unit 7-15. (Anchorage Resident)

Ed Schmitt- supports trap set backs told story of going on a walk up Russian River Trail with 10 friends and 8 dogs and when his friends heard people are allowed to trap on the trails in the National Forest they didn't want to use the trail anymore.

Amy Broderson(Julie Almonrode, John Almonrode,Sylve Montoblo,Mike Amos,Kathy Reckon) Amy did a presentation representing the six people mentioned above in support of trap set backs. Cooper Landing Safe trails Committee sent out 450 surveys to CooperLanding Residents and had 130 people respond, out of the 130 surveys 120 supported trap set backs and 10 did not. Amy says that there is a 7-8% margin of error depending on how many in household so the positive response rate to the survey is a 80-90% approval rating for the trap set backs.(Cooper Landing Residentsand camp ground hosts)

JJ Brown- supports trap set backs. JJ has been a year round resident in Cooper Landing the last three years and thinks that the people opposed to trap set backs don't use the trails. (Cooper Landing Resident)

Vince Belltami- supports trap set backs. Vince uses trails with dogs and says his dogs are good 98% of the time and isn't sure what the proposals are but supports them.(Cooper Landing Resident)

Jeremy Lewis-supports trap set backs. Jeremy has dogs and children and doesn't want his kid to fall off a snowmobile into a trap or have his dog get caught in one.(Cooper Landin Resident)

Chris Perry- opposes proposal 162 for extending ptarmigan season in 15C. Supports trap set backs.(Homer Resident)

Rhonda Lynn- has lived in Cooper Landing on and off since 1978 and supports trap set backs. Rhonda believes that the majority of Cooper Landing residents want trap set backs.

Ryan Holt- asked Josh to read the ANILCA act for the participants of the AC meeting. Ryan stated that Unit 7 and 15 are rural subsistence areas and trapping should be allowed anywhere. Ryan does not support trap set backs.(Moose Pass Resident)

Heather Pearson- believes that the Cooper Landing Safe Trails proposals don't address the issues of loose dogs running wild, believes that this is a social issue not a BOG issue. Heather started that there is a 21 square mile area void of traps and trapping in the KNWR for the public to use. Heather does not support trap set back laws.

BOG proposals-



62-86-89- All proposals are written by ADFG for the management of moose populations to keep populations in check to reduce car collisions and human conflict.(8-Approve)

105- Limit hunters to one registration permit at a time in units 7-15.(8 oppose) Limits opportunities for motivated hunters.

106- Modify restrictions for ATV's while hunting moose in unit 15C.(8 oppose- see 107)

107-Allow exemption for disabled veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles-Voted to resend amendment for all people with disability's, Voted as Amended.(8 Approve)

108- Make all sheep hunts in unit 7-15 registration. (8 Approve) More data to help ADFG understand and manage sheep populations in units 7-15 is a good thing.

109-Close sheep hunting in Unit 15. Bypassed vote (See proposal 108)

110-113- establish bow only hunts for sheep in units 715. (8 Oppose) Preferential to one user group.

114-Change RG 331 goat hunt in unit 7 to archery only.(8 Oppose) Preferential to one user group.

115- Divide all unit 15C drawing hunts into two seasons.(7 Oppose, 1 no vote Jason Lesmeister) Jason doesn't think there needs to be any change unless ADFG believes there is a reason)

116- Change the regulation to clarify that any hunter who harvests a Nanny Goat in 15C is restricted from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 years.(8 Pass on vote) not enough information on goat populations for a educated vote from Cooper Landing AC.

117-Implement a penalty in the RG 364,365,374 in unit 15C. (No Vote See above 116)

118- Change the the general season bag limit in unit 15 to include bull with fork antlers. (6 oppose 2 Approve) The fork rule allows for more mistakes to be made for the taking of illegal bulls, the moose population is bouncing back due to forest fires in previous years and we would like to see more opportunity for bulls to reach mature breeding age. The yes votes by Josh Hayes and Tom Lessard were because Tom and Josh don't think harvesting forks will impact populations or be a factor in more illegal bulls being killed.

119- Create archery only moose hunts in remainder of Unit 7 for residents and non residents.(8 Oppose) Preferential treatment to one user group.

120-Open an archery fall moose hunt in unit 15- (8 Oppose) See above.

121-126- establish an early archery moose hunt in units 15 A,B,C.(8 Oppose) Preferential Treatment for one user group.

127-Extend the TM 549 moose hunting season in unit 15C.(8 Abstain) No vote was due to not enough information or local knowledge of area mentioned.

128-Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in unit 15C.(7 Approve 1 Abstain) 7 approved because the ADFG supports the proposal. Billy Coulliette abstained from vote due to lack of knowledge on the area.



129- Expand the hunt area boundaries in unit 15C for antlerless moose hunt.(8 approve) hunters need more area to hunt do to the amount of private land in area.

130- Renew and update the unit 15C intensive management plan.(8 Approve) ADFG approved plan that wasn't implemented in past due to Covid.

131- Reauthorize the ante less moose season on Kalgan Island in Unit 15B.(8 Approve)

132- Remove antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgan Island and from TM 549 Tier 2 subsistence area.(8 Approve)AGFG house keeping proposal

133- Prohibit the taking of black bear in unit 15C.(8 Oppose) There is no reason to restrict hunters from feeding their families or for sound game management.

134-Extend the brown bear season in Unit 7-15.(8 Oppose) We aren't opposed to extending the season in the spring to align with black bear baiting season, but don't think opening the season earlier in the fall is a good idea due to use conflict. The earlier fall season would allow hunters to potentially harvest bears in high use areas along water ways that are traditionally used by anglers and berry pickers that time of year.

135- Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to align with black bear baiting season.(8 Approve) We support extending the brown bear season due to the fact that the season closes when the bears are moving the most during their breeding season. The Kenai Peninsula has a quota of bears that are allowed to be harvested for sound game management and this will not impact it in a harmful way.

136-137-138-139- extend the season in units 7-15 to June 15.(8 Oppose) Already voted for 135.

140- Make units 7-15 brown bear season bow only.(8 Oppose) Preferential to one user group.

141-142- Lengthen the brown bear and black bear season in units 7-15 to start April 1.(8 Approve). Earlier start of seasons will allow for safer travel into baiting areas before spring thaw and break up.

143- Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures.(8 Oppose) Poorly written proposal. To vague in definition.

144- Define developed recreation facility and permanent dwellings for bear baiting in units 7-15.(8 Approve). ADFG needs to make specific definitions in unit 7-15 as well as state wide in order to take away any ambiguity for hunters and law enforcement alike.

145- Close areas to hunting and trapping within a 1/4 mile of parts of Sterling Highway in Units 7-15.(3 Oppose as written. 5 abstain). Josh Hayes, Todd Donahue, Tom Lessard oppose as written. The remaining five board members abstain from vote because this law is not applicable due to the highway still being under construction.

146- Establish trapping set backs on specific trails within the Katchemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C.(4 Oppose 4 Abstain) Billy, John, Alex, and Jeremy abstained from vote to lack of knowledge of area. The 4 no votes were due to poorly written proposal that is to vague in description.



147- Establish trap set backs along certain snow machine and nordic ski trails in Unit 15C.(2 abstain 6 Oppose). Jeremy abstained because he didn't hear proposal due to the fact he was at work and working, Alex abstained because he doesn't have knowledge of area. The 6 opposing votes were due to the fact that a 100 yard set back is to far a set back.

148- Require 100 yard trap set backs from known multi use trails in Unit 7.(8 Oppose) Poorly written, to vague.

149- Establish trapping set backs along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7.(5 Oppose 3 Approve) The three who approve Billy, Alex, Jeremy believe that there should be areas that people can bring pets and not worry about traps. The 5 who oppose think the proposal is poorly written with different distances from 50-100 yards and that is already leash laws in developed areas in the Chugach National Forest, State Parks, and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

150-Establish trapping set backs in pull outs in Unit 7.(6 Oppose 2 Approve) the two who approve Alex and Jeremy want set backs because they have pets and or children. The 6 that oppose think the proposal is poorly written

151-Establish trap set backs along highway pull outs, back country access points, and winter trails in unit 7.( 6 Oppose 2 Approve). Jeremy and Alex approve as above mentioned. 6 oppose as written.

152-Establish trapping set backs along trails and trailheads in Unit 7.(6 Oppose 1 Approve) Alex left meeting. 6 Oppose as written and Jeremy approves as above mentioned.

153-Establish trap set backs along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7.(5 Oppose 2 Approve) 5 opposed due to the fact that a 100 yards is too far a distance to abide by the leash laws in place on the public lands on the Kenai Peninsula which state a persons dog must be leash or under control at all times. 100 yards is too far a distance to control a dog with voice commands or an e collar.

154-Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7 as follows.(5 Oppose 2 Approve). Jeremy ad Billy approve and the remaining 5 oppose proposal as written. Prejudice to one user group.

155-Close unit 15C to beaver trapping as follows.(7 Oppose) We would like to se ADFG to take a closer look at the beaver populations on the Kenai Peninsula.

156-Close beaver trapping in the Anchor and Deep creek rivers in unit 15C for 6 years.(1 oppose 6 Abstain) Josh opposed because of lack of data 6 abstained to to lack of knowledge.

157-Shorten the beaver trapping season in unit 7.(7 Approve) Proposal written by Cooper Landing AC committee.

158-Shorten the trapping season in units 7-15(7 Approve) Proposal written by Cooper Landin AC.

159-Lengthen the wolverine season to start August 10 in units 7-15(5 Oppose 2 Approve) The two who approve Jason and Todd don't see any reason not to create more opportunity to harvest the most elusive big game animal in Alaska and don't think it will effect the game population in any way. The 5 opposing votes don't see any reason to change the status quo and don't think wolverines effect the sheep populations.



160-Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for units 7-15 and require visual markers.(7 Oppose) 78 oppose as written.

161- Direct ADFG to do a feasibility study for blacktail deer to south side of Katchemak Bay.(5 Oppose 1 Abstain 1 approve). 5 who oppose Josh, Jason, Tom, Todd, John believe that ADFG doesn't transplant animal out if their natural environment and off set the natural balance anymore. The approve vote from Jeremy was because he thought why not it may create hunting opportunity. The abstain vote was from Billy due to lack of knowledge.

162-extend ptarmigan season in in Unit 15C to March 31.(2 Oppose 1 Yes 4 abstain) the two who oppose believe that upland bird seasons should not extend into the winter and spring months after January 1. Upland birds are not a subsistence animal and should be hunted in a sporting manner not shot with rifles from afar and on roads. The approve vote was because that season would align with most seasons int hesitate. That abstain votes are due to lack of knowledge of area.

163-172 Waterfowl hunting issues( 7 abstain). We have abstained from voting on these proposals due to lack of knowledge. The Cooper Landing AC believes that the we need to due more do diligence research with the federal government and local AC to properly address and understand the impact of these proposals and local and migratory sea duck populations. We will contact the ADFG and Federal Identities to further educate ourselves on the subject.

Next meeting date.....?

End of meeting.

Meeting Minutes by: Jason Lesmeister  
Minutes Approved By: Josh Hayes  
Date: 2/26/2023





02-13-23 Copper Basin Fish & Game AC Meeting

Glennallen library

Call to order @ 5:10PM. 13 members present either zoom or in person, have quorum (need 8)

Members Present: Alysia Hancock – Chair, Kirk Willson, Don Horrell, Jim Oden, Chuck McMahan, Sarah Gallt, Karen Linnell, Greg Parish, Brad Henspeter, Jim Horrell, Dave Sarafin, Dave Bruss, Mercedes Knighten

Members Excused: Nick Jackson

F&G Staff Present: Mark Sommerville, Heidi Hatcher, Tracy Hanson, Dave Rosenburg, Fari & support staff

Guests: Online Dan Gorze – AITRC Gakona, Kyle Cutting – WS NPS, inperson: Rick Helton (Copper Center), Sterling Spilinek (Glennallen), Edward Greybear (Copper Center), Tessa Whitman Gakona, Cohen Glennallen, Jonathan Shurtz & Jenna Hem Chitina,

Alysia reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: no objections

Elections:

Alysia reviewed the rules for running for AC seats

Open up nominations for Gakona.

Karen Linnell nominated Nick Jackson.

Opened up nominations for Lake Louise/Nelchina:

Jim Odden nominated by Alysia

Opened up nominations for Tazlina:

Kirk Wilson nominated Dave Sarafin

Opened up nominations for Undesignated Seat:

McMahan nominated Kirk Wilson

All seated by unanimous consent. No objections.

McMahan nominated Alysia as Chair. Unanimous Consent

Alysia nominated Karen Linnell. Kirk seconded. Unanimous Consent.

Alysia nominated Sarah Gallt. Jim Odden seconded. Unanimous consent.

Public Comment:

Jonathan Shurtz (Copper River Wild, LLC.) – proposal 163: provided public comment opposing #163, Jenna Hem #163 opposed & #166 support

**Fish & Game Reports:**

*Heidi Hatcher*, moose & caribou: gave verbal update Nelchina caribou 518 harvested, shared screen, 84 of those in the draw, rest in subsistence hunts, 1743. (Alysia will ask for handout).



Proposal 207 – housekeeping proposal: when not enough surplus, we go to a Tier 2 hunt, to get a tier 2 on the books so we have that option.

Moose: population surveys complete in October/November, 13A & 13E declines mostly. Within objectives, surplus there, 1% of population is 24 cows, so only 20 permits issued. 13B dropped 10%, bull ratio up. 13D stable, below objectives. Moose harvest, slow. Overall 15% decline in Unit 13.

*Mark Sommerville:* King salmon 50K return: spawning escapement 29K, goal 31K. Harvest on kings highest in years, 2400 in Chitina subdistrict, 3800 in Glennallen subdistrict. Overall good king return, did have a closure at one point.

Subsistence fishery higher, 40 fishwheel permits less. Good return & harvest.

Forecast for this year, chinook 53K last year was 40K, sockeye 1.6M last year was 1.3M. both came out of 2 good parent years. Karen asked question about small fish. Both fish have been decreasing in size since 1970s.

Alysia called 5 minute break at 5:58PM

Called the meeting back to order @ 6:12PM

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**#173:**

11 support, 2 oppose

Chuck moved to adopt, Jim seconded. Reauthorizing antlerless moose.

Karen – tool not to manage size of herd.

Chuck – not enough moose taken to worry about, good tool to have

Jim – good idea to keep it on the books

Kirk Wilson – when they give out cow permit it should go to a resident of the area

Chuck – hard to do

Other discussion: tool in the tool box for fish and game to use if needed. Needs reauthorization every year.

Jim called for count, seconded by Kirk

Alysia – yes, Karen – no, Sarah – support, Jim – support, Dave – support, kirk support, Don Horrell – no, Chuck – support, Brad – support, Starr – support, James Horrel – yes, Greg – support, Dave Bruss – supports via text vote

**#174:**

11 support, 2 oppose

Chuck moved, seconded by Jim to adopt. Reauthorize antlerless moose in 13C.

Heidi presented numbers. Only 10 issued.

Don Horrell opposed – so much snow this year, numbers are low

Karen – same concerns opposed

Alysia – this is a management tool, only used if needed. If it goes away its very hard to get back.

Chuck – same concerns after last winter, fly around late last spring, didn't see a lot of dead moose, head of the Chistochina, not overrun by wolves,



Sarah – clarification of how hard to get back if needed

Karen – voted for own proposal not the department generated one

Karen – call for question, Jim seconded.

Karen – no, Sarah – yes, Jim – yes, Dave – yes, kirk – yes, Don – no, chuck 0- yes, Brad – yes, Starr – yes, jim – yes, greg – yes, Alysia – yes. Dave – yes

**#175:**

11 support, 2 oppose

Chuck moved to adopt, seconded by Kirk: reauthorize antlerless in 13E

See comments above.

Jim called for question, Starr seconded. Karen – no, Sarah – yes, Jim – yes, Dave – yes, Kirk – yes, Don – no, Dave – yes, Chuck – yes, Brad – yes, Starr – yes, Jim – yes, Greg – yes, Alysia – yes

**#187:**

13 support, Unanimous.

Chuck moved to adopt, Jim seconded: reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemption.

Karen – surprised not worried as much about money

Alysia – could prevent a missed opportunity if someone with out a tag had chance to take a brown bear.

Kirk – older hunters hunt that area, wont

Chuck called question. Kirk seconded.

Karen – yes, Sarah – yes, Jim – yes, Dave – yes, Kirk – yes, Don – yes, Dave – yes, chuck – yes, brad – yes, starr – yes, jim – yes, greg – yes, Alysia – yes

**#207:**

11 support, 2 oppose

Jim moved, Kirk seconded to adopt.

Create Tier 2 for caribou on the books.

Heidi reviewed proposal. Housekeeping proposal for if and when we don't have enough ANS.

Mercedes – why wasn't it on the books?

Karen – in 2009 when they created community harvest, they got rid of that, so they could create

Kirk – isn't it for locals

Karen – longevity of use

Jim – before the community hunt, had to have 50 years of hunting there to get it.

Karen – they need this tool in the toolbox

Alysia – specify season?

Heidi – only be in tier 2 if below 600, 3-400 maximum under tier 2. So 1000 permits allowed to reach that

Alysia – if tier 2, no other hunts.

Heidi – yes, it would be only one

Kirk – how to qualify for Tier 2?



Karen – its in the books already

Dave – who qualifies

Heidi – same standard tier 2 qualifications, same scoring criteria.

Jim called question, seconded by Kirk.

Karen – no, Sarah – yes, Jim – yes, Dave – yes, Kirk – yes, Don – no, Dave – yes, chuck – yes, brad – yes, starr – yes, jim – yes, greg – yes, Alysia – yes. Karen changed to no, because community hunt requirements.

Heidi signed off at 6:50PM.

Comments on Statewide finfish proposals (we pulled those notes out and sent separately to Board of Fish)

Other:

Alysia made note that National Park Service is looking for comments on proposals by March 10.

Karen made comments explaining concerns and comments.

Dave Sarafin: news release with link on website.

Urged to make comments.

Alysia: NPS comments by February 19, compendium, prohibit camping in the parking lot of the Slana ranger station.

Alysia: continue to have in-person only, or hybrid zoom/inperson

Group will coordinate and write letter to NPS.

Forms for folks who got reelected, see alysia.

Sarah moved to adjourn, Alysia seconded. Adjourned @ 8:25PM

Sarah prepare notes. Alysia approve. 2/19/23



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## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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>			
55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Oppose	0	14	<p>This proposal has many far reaching implications and unintended consequences for rural communities within the mentioned Units that primarily hunt for subsistence purposes. We understand the intent behind the proposer's desire for conformity with black bear hunt regulations, however, black bear hunts are typically sport hunts in this region, whereas other game animals make up a significant portion of subsistence consumption within the rural communities and which provide food security to rural residents of Unit 6 – most specifically black tail deer and moose. Due to the location of these game animals within Unit 6, boat harvest is the preferred method and means of harvest, and critical to the subsistence practices of the region.</p> <p>This proposal would also impact users who hunt by canoe or raft, and require hunters to exit the canoe or raft to harvest game species, which is often challenging in Unit 6. The AC would also like to remind the BOG that much of unit 6 is considered wetland habitat and there is not always usable terrain available for walking without sinking up to hip-or-chest-deep water, specifically on the Copper River Delta, and in areas of Southeast Prince William Sound.</p> <p>Users most impacted by this proposed change would be rural elders, as well as those who receive game meat via proxy hunts, and this proposal could significantly impact food security for these users.</p> <p>Hunting from boats should be addressed specifically by species and Unit, and not grouped together simply for convenience.</p>
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		



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58			Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units
59			Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters
Oppose	0	17	This proposal reduces opportunity for local and existing hunters within this Unit. There is currently zero recorded use for bow hunting goats within Unit 6, and no users are currently prohibited from hunting via archery at this time.
60			Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only
Oppose	0	17	This proposal reduces opportunity for local and existing hunters within this Unit. There is currently zero recorded use for bow hunting goats within Unit 6, and no users are currently prohibited from hunting via archery at this time.
61			Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6
Oppose	0	17	This proposal disproportionately impacts rural users, who currently utilize the upper bag limit more frequently than urban users, per ADFG data. In conversations with our local area management biologist, this is an unnecessary regulation, and impacts local residents who rely on hunting for subsistence purposes the most.  Non-local Alaskan residents are typically filling only 1 tag, per ADFG data, and additionally, there is not a significant conservation concern.
62			Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
Support	17	0	This is a housekeeping issue that the AC continues to support fully.
63			Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island
Oppose	1	16	The AC voted to not support this proposal on the basis that brown bear are typically a slower species to recover and should be conserved appropriately. The minority opinion did not view the extension as a significant amount of time to impact conservation.
64			Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6
65			Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula



# **Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the  
Delta Junction City Hall and by web/teleconference**



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**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM by Chair Jacob White

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Jacob White,  
Alan Waldo,  
Earl McNabb,  
Tisha Kennell,  
Carl Taylor,  
Jeff Lipscomb,  
Jesse Cummings,  
Vern Aiton,  
Tim Webb,  
Mike Bender,  
Rob Mathews,  
Don Quarberg (alt),  
Tony Williams (alt)

ABSENT/Excused: 0/0

**ESTABLISH QUORUM (6 required – 13 present) 11 Votes**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS :** Mike Cassidy, Dean Lambert, Neil Kelly, Clint Cooper, Brandy Baker, and Don Bunselmeier were present present in the room. Bob Schmidt, Tony Hollis, Kyle Campbell, and Amanda Hope were online.

**Chair's Comments:** None

**Concerns/Comments of Public:** None

**Concerns/Comments of AC members:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 31st, 2023:** Deferred to March meeting as minutes were not available.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** passed unanimously

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Livestock feed assistance program update:** Jacob White read the e-mail that Bob Schmidt had sent in response to the AC's request for information regarding a news story that seemed to indicate ADF&G funds were used to pay for the livestock feed assistance program. "The quick answer to where the money came from for this program is this:

- 1) The \$1 Million mentioned is NOT Fish and Game money (P-R or license dollars).
- 2) ADF&G can't designate ANY Funds as that is part of the state budget which is passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. That is what directs how funds are spent.
- 3) The \$1 Million came from the governor's office which received the FEDERAL FUNDS and used an RSA (interagency agreement) with ADF&G to access those funds. In other words, a means to spend or move the money, but the money never was ADF&G money.

Number 3 is a little confusing. But my understanding these (federal) funds were dumped into more than one pot when they were received, including the ADF&G pot. I guess this happens from time to time and then the Governor's office moves the money around to where it actually belongs. The intent of this money was for Ag not ADF&G so the Governor did this interagency agreement to make sure department of AG got the entirety of this money.

- The important thing in this message is number 1 and 2 that the money is not PR money or Fish and Game money in anyway, including the Fish and Game general fund, and AD&G can't designate any funds

## **Update on BLM AK Resource Advisory Council**

Tisha Kennel reported that the RAC meets once or twice a year and the website for it explains it all in great detail. The website is:

[Resource Advisory Council | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](https://www.blm.gov/resource-advisory-council)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Staff updates**
  - **Bison Range Wayside and Trail Project Update (Clint Cooper)**

Clint briefed a project idea to establish a pullout (and/or off the highway parking area) off the Alaska highway in the vicinity of the Panoramic Bison fields, with educational kiosks at the parking site, a trail (~1 mile from the highway) to a viewing platform overlooking the fields. This project would provide non-consumptive users a convenient and educational place to learn about Delta's Bison herd. The trail could also potentially be a hunter access point via ATVs.

He explained that the DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAPs) is a potential funding source that requires a 9.03% match from the community. This year's deadline for applications is 28 FEB 2023. Alternatively, the Alaska Hunter Access program of ADF&G might provide funding, but requires a 25% matching contribution from the Community. The deadline for this application is 1 MAR 2023.

Clint has already contacted the Deltana Community Corporation to request that they provide the matching funds. They had questions that needed to be answered before they can decide one way or the other.

Mr. Cooper is seeking a letter of support from the Delta AC to include in the application

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packet(s).

There were many questions from the AC. The first one was about who would assume responsibility for lifecycle maintenance of the pullout, trail, and platform. Here, Clint proposed an alternative of a road off the highway to a gravel parking area off the right-of-way. This would likely alleviate any DOT concerns with construction and maintenance, as well as shorten the walk into the bison fields. Vern Aiton asked if there was an estimated cost. The response was \$200K-300K as a veery rough ballpark estimate, and that the project could be split into phases if need be based on funding availability. Vern also asked how wide the trail would be? A: ATV or snow machine access wise – not for cars and trucks.

Jacob White asked if there were quite a few folks coming into the ADF&G office asking about bison viewing? A: Not quite a few, but a few. Jacob then asked if this was more about viewing access or hunting access? A: Both, but more about providing education/info than anything else.

Earl McNabb asked if moving the parking area into the trees off the DOT right of way would eliminate the opportunity to get the DOT TAPs funding? A: Clint did not think it would, as community impact is a big part of TAPs.

Jeff Lipscomb Asked if that estimate included everything? A: Yes, but the wayside/parking area is the bulk of the cost.

Rob Matthews raised the issue of creating potential conflicts between user groups if non-consumptive viewers were there at the same time a hunter kills a bison.

Dean Lambert asked how big the wayside/parking area would be? A: Big enough for RVs.

Jacob White stated that there is already a lot of access to the bison fields and asked if somewhere like the 1408 Road would be a better place for the educational kiosks? A: 1408 does not currently have a spot near the road that would be convenient for tourists and other to access.

Don Quarberg asked what segment of the population this project was aiming to serve? A: Tourist, locals, and hunter access. Don then followed with a question on how many tourists, many of which are senior citizens, did we really think were going to walk a mile? A: they could take an ATV. Jeff Lipscomb then stated that very few tourists travel with an ATV.

Earl McNabb stated the 1408 area used to have lots of RV hunters and another area like that might not be a bad idea. A: Hunter access is a factor, but it is more about education. There was discussion on possibility of improving the existing road past the ADF&G barn so that tourist and other viewers could just drive right to the fields. Clint answered that we are trying to provide opportunity without undue disturbance to the herd, and added vehicular traffic into the fields is not in keeping with the limited access concept.

Vern Aiton: When can DOT firm up the numbers? A: They say soon.

Earl McNabb: Is cost an AC issue, or should we just be concerned with deciding on our support for a concept? Jeff Lipscomb responded that he agreed that the AC's purview is deciding if we want to support the project, not how it is funded or how much it costs. Rob Matthews added that as long as the ADF&G bison range funds were not used, he thought it was a good idea.

Don Quarberg: I am getting mixed signals here – we want to limit access on one hand, but add a new access point and encourage people to use it on the other? A: True, we do not want to get more vehicular traffic on the range, but some increase in foot and/or ATV

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traffic is desired.

Neil Kelly: Have you considered strictly non-motorized access from the project area? A: We hadn't but that can be a consideration. This sparked some additional discussion with most seeming to favor the walk-in only option.

Earl McNabb made a motion that the Delta AC provide the letter of support to the Wayside Bison viewing Project. Seconded by Rob Matthews.

There was further discussion: The kiosks at the parking area should give a realistic estimate of the chances that there will be Bison visible from the viewing platform. How many people will walk a mile for a 10% chance to see a bison?

Earl again asked if we support the concept.

Tisha Kennel said she would like to see the hard numbers before deciding.

It was also asked what about putting the kiosks at the Silverfox store?

Jacob White asked that since it had already been on the radar for a couple of years, does it have to happen this year? A: No, applications could be submitted in future cycles.

Mike Bender asked how we can support asking anyone to commit to 10% or 25% of blank check?

Vern Aiton: Sometimes a grant comes with other strings that end up preventing you from doing what you intended or anything at all – do we know if these programs have additional requirements?

The question was called and the vote was 5 in favor of the motion and 6 Opposed – Motion failed.

## **Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting information (Brandy Baker)**

Anadromous Waters review process is complete, which documents the map of water bodies that are protected from vehicular crossings.

The annual stocking plan is finalized and available.

The BoF meeting went fairly well. Since the Delta AC did not send a representative, our written comments were all they had to consider from Delta.

- = King Salmon in the Tanana and Yukon may not be removed from the water if they are to be released.

- = Proposal to allow set-line hooked Northern Pike to be retained failed.

- = Proposal to allow Catch and release fishing for northern Pike in Harding lake failed.

- = Proposal to change regs for TEA lake to match the rest of the area lakes failed.

The Fielding lake LT proposal 71 passed.

Adding Lake trout to the stocking plan and updating the list of stocked waters (73&74) passed.

Proposal 72 addressed PFAS contaminated waters and changed specific waterbodies to catch and release only for all finfish.

Brandy will provide an update on planned summer projects at the March Meeting.

## **AC's response to ADFG Moose workshop presented in January**

Jacob read the e-mails from the AC members discussing options. The consensus



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seemed to be to go to all registration hunts in 20D, with more frequent browse, twinning, and calf weight surveys.

Bob Schmidt and Tony Hollis explained why more frequent surveys were unlikely to provide better information for near-term decision making. They and the AC agreed that no antlerless hunts would take place in 20A or 20D this year. There was some discussion of allowing some harvest of smaller bulls, and Bob Schmidt responded that we already have the authority to issue up to 10 any bull permits. Bob also reminded the AC that if DM791 is abolished, the youth hunt would need to be adjusted if we ever had the need to harvest more than 10 cows. Jacob White proposed that one option could be both the youth hunt and DM 791 go away and be replaced with a youth hunt that covers the entire 20D area.

Motion was made and seconded that the AC would draft and submit a proposal to replace both DM791 and YM 792 with a 20D any moose youth hunt from 16 to 25 SEP. Passed unanimously 11/0/0 Jacob white will draft this proposal.

Motion was made and seconded to submit a proposal to change regular season moose tags in Area 20D to all registration hunts. This will provide more accurate data more quickly to allow ADF&G to manage the harvest. Passed 10/1/0 Jeff Lipscomb will draft this proposal.

Motion was made and seconded to reauthorize antlerless hunts in proposals 180, 181, 182, and 183. Passed 9-1-1. The AC wants to give ADF&G all the right tools, but urged this one not be used in 2023. Tony Hollis and Bob Schmidt both stated that the only antlerless permits in 20A, 20B or 20D would be the hunt along the rich highway and the Fairbanks Management area hunt. Jacob White asked if there was any plan for habitat improvement? Bob Schmidt replied we would have to get forestry to weigh in on that, since the best way to improve moose habitat is by burning. Tisha Kennel stated that since we lost 40% of the local moose population to the weather last winter, we need to start talking about predator control.

## **May 1st, 2023 Deadline for Board of Game Call for Interior Region Proposals:**

**Rescind Proposal 149 (DCUA Allocation):** The Ac had voted to propose this at a previous meeting and submitted a request for an agenda change to the BoG, which was not approved. The Delta AC is unanimously opposed to the way this proposal (approved in the previous BOG cycle) guarantees 10% of tags to Non-residents as opposed to the traditional "up to 10%". Jacob White will write this proposal.

**Bear Baiting 20D SW:** Tisha Kennel will draft this proposal, which was voted on at a previous AC meeting.

**Board of Game Proposals: March 17-21, 2023 [Southcentral Region II Meeting](#) (comments due March 3rd)**

**(DCUA Sheep Proposal 208):** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. As per previous discussion, the Delta AC unanimously opposes this proposal due to the unintended allocative issues associated with proposal 149, discussed above. As this

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proposal simply amends 149, we believe this one should be voided by the rescension of 149.  
No support: 0/11/0/

**Proposal 209 – Elk permits – No action.**

**Proposal 210 - Unit 19C moose - No action.**

**Proposal 211 Unit 19C moose: No action.**

## **Board of Fisheries Proposals: March 10-13, 2023 Meeting – [Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues](#) (comments due Feb. 23rd)**

- **Proposal 163 Proposal 164, Proposal 165:** Since these proposals all dealt with the same general subject, we considered them all together. Motion was made and seconded to support these proposals. Discussion revealed that the need for these measures was unclear. Vote was 0/10/1 – Delta ac does not support.
- **Proposal 166:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Discussion ensued. Delta AC members felt there was no clear need for this, and enforcement would be complicated and difficult.
- **Proposal 167:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Discussion revealed that the majority of the AC was against additional reporting requirements where there is no clear need or benefit to management of the fishery. Vote to not support this proposal was 0/9/2. The 2 abstentions indicated they needed more information in order to make an informed decision.

### **• Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed**

**Board of Game Proposal 207:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Short discussion showed majority support for giving the department another tool to help manage a caribou herd that is hunted by many people due to access and location. Vote to support was 9/0/2. Abstentions felt they did not have enough information.

**Amanda Hope of Circle** joined the meeting via internet to encourage more people to become members of the Eastern Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. She is a member and would like to see more people involved. She also asked for support of her proposal to require moose antlers taken in unit 25 and 20E to be cut in half to remove their trophy value. This is intended to reduce wanton waste of meat. Delta AC response was that wanton waste is already illegal and the same person who is breaking that law would have no issue breaking the new one. The only way to stop this is to report it. The Delta Ac thanked Ms. Hope for participating in our meeting.

**ADJOURNED 9:25**

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To whom it may concern,

The Delta Junction Advisory Committee, would like to comment on Proposal 208.

The Delta Junction AC opposed proposal 208 unanimously at our meeting.

**HISTORY:** This proposal was generated from Proposal 149, which was carried with amendments at the last BOG meeting. The problem is the BOG took action on addressing second degree of kindred and non-resident guided allocation for multiple drawing tags throughout the state. What this did was make a simple drawing system into a convoluted mess with allocating permits for Non-resident guided hunters and Nonresidents 2DK, and possibly creating an unfair probability for residents.

**Statistics from newly approved tags for 2DK and Guided nonresidents hunts. (2023-2024)**  
(This was taken from ADFG site from Applicants on drawing permits)

DS003 2DK 1 tag total available - 73 applicants-1 tag issued

DS005 Guided Nonresident - 7 tags total available - 2 applicants - 1 tag issued

The previous, existing random draw system was fair, giving equal probability to everyone that applied (roughly 1%). DCUA doesn't discriminated against any hunter that applied to hunt sheep. The only stipulation for DCUA was that non-resident tags were limited up to 10% of all tags allocated. So non-residents and residents alike had the same probability until that 10% was met, and in many years the 10% was never even met.

Proposal 149 could give a significantly higher probability of drawing to 2DNK and non-resident guided applicants, as the percentage changed from "up to 10%" to "10%" of tags. With a guarantee of 7 non resident tags available in 2023, and only 2 non-resident guided applicants, more tags were available than applicants submitting. This is a dramatic contrast to the resident applicants, with about 1% probability of being drawn.

DCUA lost opportunity for sheep hunting with this new system. For 2022-2023 130 drawing tags were issued. With the decline in sheep numbers, the Dept. reduced tags in 2023-2024 drawings to 80 tags, issuing only 77 - which was under applying for available tags to the non-residents guided. With a fair and equal drawing system, we would have issued all of the available tags and still drew tags to the guided and 2DK who applied.

Statewide allocation of resident and non-resident tags has come with heavy opposition in recent years, especially at the Sheep working group in 2016 (which one of our AC members attended). At that working group guides and residents couldn't find any neutral ground on how to manage/harvest sheep in the our state. This is a complicated issue, any decision will affect other parties.

Delta Advisory Committee will be writing a proposal that would like to rescind proposal 149. Taking things back to what they were before an equal opportunity for drawing a permit.

Comments Board of Game Proposal 207:

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**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
J.P. Jones Community Center  
204 Rickert Street  
Fairbanks, AK 99709**

**I. Call to Order:** Chair at 6:04PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<u>CHAIR</u> John Siegfried	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Absent								
Abs/Excused			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
	Levi Lewellyn	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	James Paine (alternate)
Present	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								<b>X</b>
Abs/Excused		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>					
	Lance Nelson (alternate)							
Present	<b>X</b>							
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Al Barrette (BOG), Lenny & Diane Jewkes, John Haddix, Jennifer Yuhas, Jim Wessel, Diana Leinberg

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen, Mark Nelson



**IV. Comments:** Tony Hollis announces that Mark Nelson is no longer the assistant AB for our region, and is now the AB for the northeast arctic/interior.

**Chair Comments:** Thank you to the subcommittees for the work they put in this month on Board of Fisheries & Board of Game proposals and comments. We have a lot to do tonight, would like for everybody to weigh in if you have questions or comments, but please keep it brief and to the point, would be greatly appreciated.

**Vice Chair:** none

**Trapping:** none

**Game:** none

**Fish:** none

**AC Member Comments:** none

**Public Comments:** none

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approval of January 11 minutes by unanimous consent

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

**VII. Old Business:** Gale says that we need approval of the comments the fisheries subcommittee drafted and sent to the BOF from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> subcommittee meeting.

Mark R. makes motion to approve the comments sent to BOF from the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> subcommittee meeting. Seconded by Mike T. Approved by unanimous consent.

**VIII. New Business:**

Chair asks if Tony Hollis has anything from the Department. Tony has nothing new to report. Mike Tinker asks if the fall harvest reports are out yet, and answer is not quite yet. Mark Nelson is recognized and reports that as the new Area Biologist for the eastern interior region, he will still attend our AC meetings.

**Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) Report from Mark Richards:** Mark R. attended the FSB meeting in Anchorage last week, reports that the board denied Wildlife proposals WP 22-07, WP 22-08, and WP 22-10 to close or restrict deer hunting for non-federally qualified users on the ABC Islands in Unit 4. The USFS Director spoke to the rationale for opposition, saying that these closure or restrictions proposals did not comply with Section 8 within ANILCA to restrict non-federally qualified hunters. All but one of the other board members agreed and voted NO on the proposals, but the BIA Director Chen still voted yes on each one. Mark R. expressed concern that while there was clear evidence these proposals



did not comply with ANILCA to restrict non-federally qualified users, yet one member of the FSB still voted yes.

Brief comments from Jen Yuhas about FSB in general.

**Fisheries Subcommittee update from Gale Vick:** Proposal 140 from the Fairbanks AC will be heard at the upcoming BOF AK Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish meeting later this month. Proposal 140 is first on the roadmap for that section at the meeting. There is a lot of support for the proposal, strategic planning going on. The fisheries sub-committee (FSC) has had great attendance at our meetings from user groups from Area M. Gale can't attend, but Virgil will attend the meeting to represent us. Others from the AYK districts will attend. Gale hopes everyone had a chance to read Dr. Daniel Schindler's comments to the BOF on the Area M intercept fishery, copies are in the room.

Mike Tinker says that we are at the point that every fish counts with such low salmon returns to the Yukon.

Gale states that there are discussions with Area M people who will be affected financially if proposal 140 should pass, explaining that this is about the resource, there needs to be a shared burden of conservation.

Gale and Virgil speak on hatchery issues that are also a concern in terms of overproduction of hatchery fish having negative effects on our wild salmon stocks.

Gale says the fisheries sub-committee needs delegation of authority to send in sub-committee comments for the BOF Hatchery and Statewide meetings that are due by Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark R. recognizes that everything comes up fast with fisheries and BOF meetings but would like it if we could avoid having things go to the boards from the subcommittees with delegation of authority before full AC can approve.

Gale speaks to the recent rush of these fisheries issues and it just hasn't been possible to get these out between the next full AC meetings.

Mike T. says we should send out sub-committee comments via email to AC members for review before sending.

Mike K. speaks to the crush of work recently on fisheries proposals and comments, and says we should do as much with full AC as possible. Says hatchery issues are concerning, encourages others to attend subcommittee meetings to learn more.

Chuck makes motion for delegation of authority for fish sub-committee to send in comments for the upcoming hatchery and statewide BOF meetings. Seconded by Mike T. Mark R. makes friendly amendment to motion that any comments from fisheries subcommittee be





sent out to all AC members prior to submission. Amended motion approved by unanimous consent.

Mike T. speaks to some of the fisheries proposals (163 – 165) before the BOF at the Statewide meeting in March, some concern from legislators, better to let the board deal with these.

Gale says next fisheries subcommittee meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> via zoom regarding the hatchery and statewide BOF meetings and proposals.

Virgil would like someone from the AC to attend Hatchery meeting, Kyle says we do not have funds to send someone to that meeting.

More discussion on hatchery issues, over-production affecting wild stocks, PNPs, what authority BOF has over hatcheries.

### **Game/Trap Subcommittee Recommendations on Region II Southcentral BOG**

**Proposals:** Mark Richards reviewed proposals discussed by subcommittee at their January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Hope everyone had a chance to view the comments on the proposals. Department A&Rs were not out prior to that meeting, some are out now and would like the full AC to go over the asterisked comments on the template that were dependent on seeing what the Department comments were. Proposal 66 was discussed and changed from support to oppose. Proposal 76 was changed from support to oppose. Proposal 90 was discussed and based on Dept. support the AC supports proposal 90. Proposal 97 was discussed and based on Dept support the AC supports proposal 90.

Board-generated proposal 209 regarding new elk registration hunts in Unit 8 was just released and discussed. Essentially it is a work-around to try to give a local elk-hunting preference to residents of Ouzinkie and Port Lions. It would require the permits be picked up in Ouzinkie or Port Lions and take permits away from the draw permit pool.

Mark R. would like to support the proposal, doesn't think the number of permits taken from the draw pool will have any real impact on opportunity.

Mike T. has concerns with this workaround and about it not really stating that all Alaska residents are eligible for this registration hunt.

Brief discussion of how taking permits from the draw permit pool will affect opportunity. Up-to language for these permits is much higher than what is currently allocated.

Al Barrette is asked to explain how this board-generated proposal came about and says the original proposal the way it was written was not under the BOG's authority as it gave residents of certain Alaska communities a hunting preference over other Alaskans, which is not legal.



Mike T. wants to get in comments if we support proposal 209 that our comments stress and reinforce that **all Alaskans, no matter where they live, are eligible to receive these permits if they apply at these locations.**

Motion to support proposal 209 by Mark R with language Mike T. suggested. Seconded by Mike T. Passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mark R. to accept the recommendations and comments on the BOG Region II Southcentral proposals from the game/trap subcommittee from the Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, along with the changes agreed to tonight, to send to the board. Seconded by Mike T. Passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Siegfried: Does anyone else have anything else?

Gale: Yes, presentation on PFAS, maybe at our April meeting, plus a presentation on juvenile fish production.

Chair: In April we will have the wood bison presentation, PFAS presentation.

Mark R.: We also will have to consider proposals for next year's Region III and V BOG meetings that are due May 1st, should do that at our March meeting so we can approve any AC proposals at the April meeting. That could be on our March agenda.

Gale: are we going to have a May meeting?

Discussion on whether we need to meet in May. Chair recommends we do the wood bison presentation at the March meeting, Brief discussion on what other locations besides Minto wood bison may be restored, Tetlin & Yukon Flats areas.

Mark R: please think on what proposals we may want to submit for the Region III & V BOG meetings next year.

Mike T: public is welcome to run any proposals by the AC, may be some the AC can address.

Mark R: motion to adjourn, seconded.

**IX. Adjourn:** Chair at 7:30pm

Minutes Recorded by Mark Richards



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
<b>TNA</b>			
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary, is allowed elsewhere, restricts opportunity to harvest
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Better ensures recovery, prevents wanton waste of animal
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Better goat hunter education, less female harvest that leads to closures
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			The Fairbanks AC opposes the creation of new archery only hunts & new archery only seasons in areas where bowhunting opportunities already exist.
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not justified based on deer populations. Board of Game did limit all nonresident deer hunters to 2 deer in all of Unit 4
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
<b>TNA</b>			
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Based on Dept concerns of reduction in harvest
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59



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67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		
<b>TNA</b>			
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
<b>TNA</b>			
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
<b>TNA</b>			
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
<b>TNA</b>			
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
72	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
<b>TNA</b>			
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Ethics issue, difficult to enforce
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Based on Dept. A&Rs
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Currently legal to take sows under all Kodiak brown bear permits, no reason to penalize hunters or restrict permits based on legal take of sows
78	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			All hunters should have to go through the draw permit lottery process. No hunters should be allowed to skirt that process!
79	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		





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<b>SUPPORT</b>			If permits are under-subscribed, and there is a harvestable surplus, there is no reason not to transfer those permits
80	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
<b>TNA</b>			
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Unclear directive, anchor system vague
82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Based on Dept. support
83	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
<b>TNA</b>			
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
<b>TNA</b>			
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
<b>TNA</b>			
90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Based on Dept support
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		



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<b>SUPPORT</b>			Support based on further understanding of rationale for excluding archery as method and means in this hunt
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 91
93	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			See comments on proposal 91
94	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
95	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
96	Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
97	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Based on Dept. support
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity, based on Dept A&Rs
99	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Oppose as written. If allowed, shotgun & muzzleloader should be included
100	Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years		
<b>TNA</b>			
101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		



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<b>TNA</b>			
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary, no lynx conservation concerns
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15
<b>TNA</b>			
106			Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C
<b>TNA</b>			
107			Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles
<b>TNA</b>			
108			Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration
<b>TNA</b>			
109			Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Based on Dept. A&Rs
110			Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
111			Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
112			Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
113			Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
114			Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
115			Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons
<b>TNA</b>			
116			Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested
<b>OPPOSE</b>			If taking of nannies is a concern, hunt should be billies only. If 5-year penalty was inadvertently left out of regulations then it should be reinstated



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117			Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 116
118			Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers
<b>TNA</b>			
119			Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
120			Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
121			Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
122			Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
123			Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
124			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
125			Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
126			Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
127			Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi
<b>TNA</b>			
128			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
<b>TNA</b>			
129			Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Based on Dept. A&Rs
130			Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Keep it on the books
131			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B



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<b>TNA</b>			
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
<b>TNA</b>			
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary, restricts opportunity for harvest
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			All weapons should be allowed
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Allowing an early April opening would make for easier and safer transport to bear bait sites, and have no negative effects on bear populations
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			More opportunity
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			The Fairbanks AC supports better definitions within regulations
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary





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146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Dogs on leashes solve the problems addressed in this proposal
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			The Fairbanks AC does not support trapping setbacks, however we recognize and appreciate that the Homer AC has tried to work with all user groups to avoid conflicts. Dogs on leashes solve the problems addressed in this proposal
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 146
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 146
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 59
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Trappers can voluntarily post signage if they want
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			No documented beaver conservation concerns
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Without documented beaver conservation concerns, we cannot support this proposal.
157	Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7		
<b>TNA</b>			
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary. Dogs on leashes prevent getting caught in snares
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Wolverine hides not prime this early
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		



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<b>TNA</b>			
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
<b>TNA</b>			
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
<b>TNA</b>			
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
<b>TNA</b>			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
<b>TNA</b>			
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
<b>TNA</b>			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		



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<b>TNA</b>			
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
<b>TNA</b>			
178			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
<b>TNA</b>			
179			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
<b>TNA</b>			
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
181			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
<b>TNA</b>			
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
<b>TNA</b>			
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
<b>TNA</b>			
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
<b>TNA</b>			
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
200			Create a moose hunt in the Southcentral Region for seniors over the age 65 with ADF&G Permanent ID as follows: Special moose season for seniors. No proxy allowed. Sept. 26 - 30
<b>TNA</b>			
203			Establish a moose drawing hunt within Unit 14C in Kincaid Park for hunters that meet the 70% disability standard with mobility impairments as follows:
<b>TNA</b>			
204			Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years as follows:



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<b>SUPPORT AS AMENDED</b>			<p>Amend proposal with either of the following two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Close only nonresident sheep hunting opportunity for five years</li> <li>2. All nonresident sheep hunters on draw only permits for five years with an allocation of 10 permits, resident opportunity stays the same</li> </ol> <p>Nonresident sheep hunters have consistently taken near 80% of the sheep harvest in 19C for over a decade. In 2022 nonresident sheep hunters took 90% of the 19C sheep harvest of a declining sheep population. Residents should not bear the brunt of any closures when we have had unlimited nonresident sheep hunting opportunity for decades, many proposals seeking to limit nonresident sheep hunters in 19C that were denied, and now the board wants to close it down for everyone.</p>
205			Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available as follows:
<b>TNA</b>			
206			Reauthorize the Unit 21E Intensive Management Plan as follows:
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
207			Establish a Tier II hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 13 as follows
<b>TNA</b>			
208			Modify the nonresident drawing permit allocation for Dall sheep in Unit 14C as follows:
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Housekeeping
209			Reallocate four permits each, from elk drawing permits DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 to resident registration hunts, with 8 permits available for pickup in Ouzinkie and 8 in Port Lions
<b>SUPPORT</b>			Board Generated proposal, support with additional statement that these permits are available to all Alaska residents

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mark RichardsMinutes Approved By: John SiegfriedDate: 2/8/2023



**Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk & Holy Cross (GASH)  
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Friday, February 3rd, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Web/Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: ~2:05 by Ken Chase
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Ken Chase, Nathan Elswick, Shirley Clark, Rich Freireich, Eugene Paul, David Walker, Chevie Roach, Roger Hamilton Jr., Bruce Werba  
Members Absent: none  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Josh Peirce (Wildlife), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm. Fish), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fish), Sam Decker (Comm. Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fish)
- IV. Guests Present: Kathy Chase, Matt Burkett, Carolyn Burkett, Ron Kruger, Cliff Hickson, Robert Walker, Alyssa Wulf, Don (Anvik Tribal Council), Renee Richardson (Anvik Tribal Council), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC), Olivia Henaayee Irwin (Minto/Nenana AC), Jeremy Havener (USFWS), Sam Thorvilson (AWT)
- V. Chair's Comments:
- VI. Concerns/Comments of Public:  
  
Cliff Hickson of the Anvik River Lodge wanted to know if Board of Fisheries proposal 140 was set in stone if it was adopted. Gale Vick responded that this proposal would be set for 3 years, but, if necessary an emergency order can be brought forward.
- VII. Concerns/Comments of AC Members:  
Rich Freireich would like to have sub-units within 21E. This could be an agenda item for the next GASH meeting. Chevy would like to have the regulations looked at. Nathan would like the by catch discussed. Bruce would like to see someone locally to submit their name for the RAC board. Robert Walker spoke up and said that he submitted his name for that.
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a (minutes from [2/9/22](#) & [2/15/22](#) have not been generated yet). The minutes from 2/15/22 were waived until the next meeting.





IX. Approval of Agenda as amended: Motion by Nathan Elswick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Werba; unanimous

X. New Business:

- a. Board of Fisheries AYK Meeting Recap/Update with Deena Jallen
- b. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal #140 concerning the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Salmon Management Plan and other Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish 2022-2023 Board of Fisheries proposals as requested by committee members (comments due February 6th):

Rich Freireich made a motion to support Proposal 140, seconded by David Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Wood Bison Restoration Project Update with Tom Seaton:  
On the 28 Nov. 2022 150 bison were counted. Possible to open up a hunt in 5 to 10 years. Tom explained the system for hunting permits.
- d. Recommendations on Board of Game Proposals that will be deliberated on during the Southcentral Region meeting in Soldotna, AK March 17-22, 2023: (comments due March 3rd)

Josh Peirce introduced each proposal. Proposal 185 has to be reauthorized every year by the AC. He explained that the hunt is open to those that did not have a successful hunt in the fall. Hunting is allowed on all lands, State and Federal.

- Proposal 185 to reauthorize antlerless moose harvest in unit 21E  
Rich makes a motion to reauthorize Proposal 185, seconded by David. Passed 9-0.

- Proposal 206 to reauthorize intensive management in unit 21E  
Bruce makes a motion to keep this, seconded by Nathan. Roll call vote, supported unanimously, 9-0.

- Proposal 204 to close sheep hunting in unit 19C for 5 years  
Eugene made a motion to support this, seconded by Rich, Proposal passed unanimously. 9-0

- e. Set date & agenda items for face-to-face meeting & election:  
April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Shageluk. Elections for Shageluk and Undesignated seats.



- f. Other fisheries, game, and committee business as needed:
  - i. Discussion of potential proposals to put forward to the Board of Game for the 2023-2024 meeting cycle (proposals due May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)
  - ii. select representative(s) for board meeting(s):

The GASH voted unanimously for Rick to attend the Board of Fish in Anchorage on the 20th of February 2023 to give testimony. Unanimous consent. Rich Freireich will represent the AC at the Board of Fisheries meeting Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 25th

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn: 4:56 pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
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<b>140</b>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	9	0	

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<b>185</b>	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	
<b>204</b>	Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years		
SUPPORT	9	0	
<b>206</b>	Reauthorize the Unit 21E Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	9	0	

Adjournment: 4:56 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase & ADF&G  
 Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Homer Advisory Committee

## BOG Southcentral Proposal Vote Summary

Meeting Dates 11/10/22, 12/13/22, 01/24/23

Proposal	S/SA/O/TNA	Page #	Notes
55	Oppose	5	
56	Support	5	
57	Oppose	6	
58	Support	6	
106	Support w/ Amendment	6	Amended to add after restrictions in the second line "for proxy eligible hunters." Amendment passed 11-0 as did amended proposal.
107	Support w/ Amendment	6	Amended to insert "and proxy eligible hunters" after disabled veterans in the first line. Amendment passed 11-0 as did amended proposal
108	Support	6	
110	Oppose	6	
111	Oppose	6	
112	Oppose	6	
113	Oppose	6	
114	Oppose	6	
115	Oppose	7	
116	Support	7	
117	Support	7	
118	Oppose	8	
119	Oppose	7	
120	Oppose	7	
121	Oppose	7	
122	Oppose	7	
123	Oppose	7	
124	Oppose	7	
125	Oppose	7	
126	Oppose	7	
127	Support	11	
128	Support	11	
129	Support	11	
130	Support	15	
131	Support	12	
132	Support	16	
133	Oppose	16	
134	Support	16	
141	Oppose	16	
146	Support	16	



147	Oppose	16	Reconsideration Vote
155	Support w/ Amendment	17	There is general agreement that beaver have been trapped out of the Anchor River drainage and perhaps beyond, but that they might reestablish themselves if there is a moratorium on beaver trapping. This proposal extends the trapping moratorium to areas in 15C to protect beavers that might migrate to extirpated drainages. However, the proposal as submitted doesn't have a sunset clause that would once again allow beaver trapping if populations were restored. An amendment was proposed to add to the proposal "this proposal is in effect for two board cycles with a required sunset review." The amendment was approved 12-0.
156	Support	17	Reconsideration Vote
158	Oppose	18	
159	Support	18	
160	Support	18	
161	Support	18	
162	Oppose	18	
163	Oppose	12	
164	Support	12	
165	Support	12	
166	Support	12	
167	Support	12	
168	Oppose	12	
169	Oppose	13	
170	Oppose	13	
171	Support	13	
172	TNA	13	No Action. See comments on proposal #171.





**Homer Advisory Committee  
Nov. 10, 2022  
Kachemak City Center**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone, Bob Nathanson, Michael Craig, Dan Anderson, Morgan Jones, Matt Hakala, Joey Allred.

Members Absent: Marvin Peters, Tom Young, Malcom Milne, William Roth, Losif Martishev.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: NA

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present: Andrew Fetterhoff, Gabe King, Hal Shepherd, James Brice (sp?).

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

VII. Reports - None

VIII. Public Comment:

IX. Old Business: The Homer AC meeting scheduled for October had only three members in attendance. Because of a lack of a quorum, no meeting was held.

X. New Business: AC Roster

There was lengthy discussion about; 1) our elections and 2) who is currently on the Homer AC. The record below is an amalgamation of the AC discussion and emails with Fari of the Boards Support Section.

Regarding #1, we decided that having our annual election in late November or in December would likely run into conflict with AC members holiday travel plans etc. and there was risk of not having a quorum. Also, having elections at this time might preclude others who might consider running for the AC but aren't able to attend the AC meeting.



So, it was decided that in 2023 we should have our elections on our traditional date the second Tuesday (which is January 10<sup>th</sup> this year) and that we would like Fari of the Boards Support Section to attend and supervise.

Based on an email from Fari, this appears acceptable to Boards Support.

"I talked with Kristy, and she agreed that if I could receive the election information from the January 11, 2022, meeting, I can update our records we could continue with the normal January election meeting." And "I am confident that after the January 10, 23 elections we will no longer have any concerns. I will be planning to attend this meeting in-person and look forward to meeting everyone."

In an email to Fari on Nov. 11 I said

"Another issue is terms. For some reason we continue to list the term as starting in June even though those elected sit in as AC members right after the election. This leads to contradictory statements like that below from the January 8, 2019 meeting. If their term expires in June, it's only a 2 1/2 year term, which contradicts AC regs.

In reply, Fari included the regs that give terms.

**Regulations book- 5 AAC96.060 (f)** each committee shall establish the terms of the committee members so that there's not more than 1/3 of the committee members term expires in one calendar year. Terms commence on July 1 and expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year designated or expect as specified in **(g)(1)** of this section until a successor has been duly elected at the next committee meeting the maximum length of a term.

- (i) The officers of the committee consist of a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary. The term of office for officers is 2 years starting July 1 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year, or until the next meeting when new officers can be elected. Officers are elected by a majority of vote of a quorum of a committee

In a phone conversation afterwards, Fari suggested that the Homer AC submit a proposal to the Joint Boards to rectify the situation. She also pointed out that all the other AC's she deals with have election dates that don't correspond to the regs, so they might provide support. I think we need to submit a proposal that says "Terms commence on the day of election"

Regarding #2, who is on the Homer AC and when their term expires is a bit confusing because of not having meetings during part of the pandemic and the Homer AC not submitting minutes for the January 11, 2022 meeting when we had an election.

In trying to reconstruct the record, I pointed out to Fari our minutes from last year that state we extended Homer AC member terms a year because of the pandemic lockdown (see below).



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**Jan. 26, 2021**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Normally, we hold elections in January. This wasn't done this year, so those serving terms that would have expired are given extended terms. We won't be holding any elections until we can meet in person.

Given all this, I tried to put together a roster table that accurately gives our election results. I used Sherry Wright's records from our election on January 14, 2020, as the baseline. Attached is the Excel table. It includes my recommendation that for our upcoming election we change the term expiration month from the end of June to the end of December. This brings us in conformance with AC regulations in that terms last a full three years. Right now, we have 2 1/2 year terms. Also, this approach better fits our actual practice in that those elected to the AC take their seats right after the election since their term starts January 1.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: NA

XII. Set next meeting date: Dec. 13, 2022, 6:00 pm at KBRR.

<b>Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals</b> March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, AK			
<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
	0	10-1	There is no region-wide justification for this proposal. Ramifications to other areas not considered.
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
	5	3-3	This objective of this proposal is to have regulations in GMU 6,7, 15 consistent with other GMU's. Also, shooting from a boat is not fair chase. Those opposed felt that this isn't that much of an issue and enforcement would be difficult.



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57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
	3	6-2	This appears to be an individual issue. Also, the wording is too open ended and subject to abuse and unintended consequences.
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
	10	1-0	Better hunter education can help reduce illegal taken of goats that were not properly ID. The one opposed said that this orientation is already required for nonresident hunters.
105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
			Table until Tom Young returns.
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
	11	0	Amended to add after restrictions in the second line "for proxy eligible hunters." Amendment passed 11-0 as did amended proposal.
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
	11	0	Amended to insert "and proxy eligible hunters" after disabled veterans in the first line. Amendment passed 11-0 as did amended proposal
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
	8	2-1	Submitted by Homer AC. Vote against felt this was an additional burden on ADF&G.
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	10-1	The Homer AC position is that there needs to be a balance between the number of special hunts and the loss of hunting opportunity to other hunters.
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		
	0	10-1	See #110
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
	0	10-1	See #110
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	10-1	See #110
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		



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	0	10-1	See #110
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
	2	6-3	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
	11	0-0	Support actions that penalize those who take nannies.
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
	11	0-0	Support actions that penalize those who take nannies. This should be a housekeeping issue.
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
	0	10-1	This would give archers a 45-day season which is out of balance with firearm hunters.
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
	0	10-1	This gives archers an early opportunity to hunt moose, depriving equal opportunity for other hunters.
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
	0	10-1	See #120
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
	0	10-1	See #120
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
	0	10-1	See #120
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
	0	10-1	See #120
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
	0	10-1	See #120
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
	0	10-1	See #120
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		





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	7	3-1	Most of the Homer AC supports the antlerless moose to keep moose within carrying capacity and to provide hunter opportunity.
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
			Tabled to allow discussion with other related proposals.

Adjournment: 8:18

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

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

Date: 11/19/2022



**Homer Advisory Committee  
Dec 13, 2022  
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building  
2181 Kachemak Drive**

- I. Call to Order: 6:10 by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present (13):  
Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone, Bob Nathanson, Michael Craig, Dan Anderson, Matt Hakala, Joey Allred, Marvin Peters, Tom Young, Malcolm Milne,  
Members Absent: Morgan Jones, William Roth, Losif Martishev.  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
  
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Thomas McDonough, Michael Guttery
- IV. Guests Present: Andrew Fetterhoff, Gabe King, Jim Herbert, Brent Cathey, Avery Cathey, Sue Christiansen, Dave Seaman, Penelope Haas, Ander Gustafson, Joe Brewer.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- VII. Reports: Jason Herreman, with support from Thomas McDonough gave a report on this year's moose harvest for GMU 15. He essentially said that the number of hunters and harvest were close to the average. There was also discussion about winter range for 15C moose. Recent ADF&G studies show that not all moose migrate down to lower elevations, like the Homer bench.  
  
Michael Guttery gave a brief review as to how ADF&G conducts sea duck surveys. In open waters, such as west of the Homer Spit, surveys are done by ADF&G biologists using boats that follow transects. In tandem, a USFWS plane fly's the same transect. In fiords such as Sadie Cove, surveys are done by boat following the shoreline. The surveys cover all of Kachemak Bay and take a couple of days to complete depending on weather. He said a limiting factor with doing surveys is funding, costing about \$30,000. Consequently, sea duck surveys in Kachemak Bay are not done every year.  
  
Trends for sea ducks vary. Examples he gave are.  
Bufflehead: increasing by 2.04% annually



Goldeneye: decreasing by -0.74% annually  
 Harlequin ducks: increasing by 1.17% annually  
 Long-tailed ducks: decreasing by -0.37% annually  
 Mallards: decreasing by -7.14% annually

Michael participated in the open discussion we had when considering sea duck proposals. There was some discussion about the Sea Duck Survey citizen science project done the last two years in early March by Kachemak Bay residents. Michael reiterated that getting sea duck population data is difficult, particularly abundance estimates. He did acknowledge however that this kind of survey could provide an index of abundance and if done over a series of years could provide a trendline that could be useful.

- VIII. Public Comment: There was no formal testimony, but it was an open meeting and the public frequently made comments, particularly with regard the sea duck proposals. Everyone was respectful.
- IX. Old Business: At our November meeting we had a lengthy discussion about our elections and the who's terms are expiring. See minutes for the Nov. meeting for more detail. The upshot of the discussion was that having elections in January works best for the Homer AC. Having elections during the summer, when we normally don't have meetings, runs the risk of not having a quorum. Having elections in Nov. or Dec. gets complicated with travel plans etc. by members and those who may want to become an AC member. In addition, we need to reconcile when we have elections and when terms begin with the Boards Section roster for the Homer AC. We also need to take into account that we extended everyone's term by a year during the pandemic when we didn't have meetings for a year.

Secretary George Matz went over the data and came up with an AC member spreadsheet from 2020 till now that makes these adjustments. He also recommended that we no longer list the terms as expiring on June 30 and change it to Dec. 31 with new terms starting at our Jan. elections. This not only matches how we operate but is more consistent with AC regulations that say terms should last three years. The Boards Section approach resulted in 2 ½ year terms.

A motion was made and seconded that Homer AC terms take effect immediately after our Jan. elections and expire on Dec. 31 three years later. The motion was approved unanimously (13-0).

Attached is a spreadsheet that lists the expiration date for each current member's term. The spreadsheet also sorts each AC member according to their term expiration date in chronological order to allow easy search.

- X. New Business: Brief discussion about Jan. elections and which AC members terms expire.



- XI. Set next meeting date: Jan. 10, 2023. The main purpose of this meeting is to conduct AC elections. The remaining BOG proposals will be taken up at meeting two weeks later on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.

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118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
	0	13 - 0	Concern was raised as to whether it is timely to increase moose harvest in 15C by allowing hunt for bulls with forked antlers. Jason said that biologist have the authority to extend the hunt if it were justified.
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
	12	1 - 0	The average harvest from this area is only two moose. Any increase in harvest will likely be minimal and sustainable. Also, most of the land here is privately owned, so this has limited application.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
			See November minutes
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
	11	2 - 0	Jason said that this proposal dilutes the original intent of this hunt which was to provide additional hunting opportunity and to reduce conflict between people living on the Homer Bench and moose starving during winter months. This has since proven to be a popular hunt. However, circumstances have changed. More residential development on the Homer Bench has limited the area available for this hunt. Also, we now know that moose are still in the backcountry above Homer despite the deeper snows. Given these changes, it makes sense to expand the boundaries of the hunt to include a larger percentage of the local moose population. This could also reduce potential conflict with some residents. Those opposed are not in favor of cow hunts.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		



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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
	13	0 - 0	No discussion needed.
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
	0	11 - 2	The gist of this proposal runs counter to the discussions that the Homer AC has had over the past several months with local residents who are not opposed to sea duck hunting but believe that sea duck populations in the Kachemak Bay area have been in decline for some time (for a number of reasons) and that current harvest regulations are essentially based on past population estimates rather than current conditions. This can result in nonsustainable harvest levels and even local extirpation as we have seen with other species. No one has supported the basis of this proposal that "harvest assessments need to be examined from a fly-way wide or large region perspective." In contrast local residents, including duck hunters, are asking for a sustainable harvest of sea ducks that is based on current local populations or trends and local harvest data. A recurring point of discussion is that since most sea ducks are taken for trophy, not eating, reducing harvest eliminates waste, not hunting opportunity.
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
	11	0 - 2	This is a Homer AC generated proposal that was the result of a number of discussions with local Kachemak Bay residents. ADF&G biologists said at this meeting that goldeneye are "decreasing by -0.74% annually."
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
	11	0 - 2	Considered in tandem with #164.
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
	12	0 - 1	This is a Homer AC generated proposal that was the result of a number of discussions with local Kachemak Bay residents.
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
	12	0 - 1	Considered in tandem with #166.
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
	0	11 - 2	The Homer AC submitted this proposal. ADF&G biologists said that Harlequin trends show an increasing population. Also, the proposal would reduce the Kachemak Bay daily bag limit from one to two which was not considered to be significant. Accordingly, the AC decided not to support its own proposal. After some further consideration the AC decided by a vote of 11-2-0 to withdraw the proposal. There was some question as to whether this can be done.





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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
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
	0	11 - 2	Considered in tandem with #168.
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
	0	13 - 0	The Homer AC submitted this proposal. The concern raised by a duck hunting guide is that 1 duck is essentially closing out the hunt and not worth the effort. There is not much hunting pressure for this species since it is mostly in open water. Any harvest would not amount to much, whether or not the bag-limit is reduced. The lower populations of Long-tailed Ducks in Kachemak Bay now compared to past years may be due mostly to closing of the cannery and no fish waste that attracted ducks. There was a motion to withdraw the proposal, which passed 12 – 1 – 0. The one objection was because it might still be beneficial for the Board of Game to have this discussion.
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
	12	1 - 0	The Homer AC submitted this proposal. While AC members would like to see management of sea duck hunting based on harvest data specifically from Kachemak Bay, and not Pacific Flyway data which is admittedly useless when applied to local, and even state-wide management, but there are extenuating issues such as budgets. The AC encourages the Board of Game to discuss the logistics as to how we can have local management based on local harvest. Jason Herreman mentioned that estimating black bear abundance is also difficult and that black bear harvest in 15C is managed based on harvest data, not abundance surveys.
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C		
			No Action. See comments on proposal #171.

Adjournment: 8:20

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz  
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon and AC  
 Date: January 10, 23

**Homer Advisory Committee  
Jan. 24, 2023  
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building  
2181 Kachemak Drive**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon, chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present (12): Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Doug Malone, Bob Nathanson, Michael Craig, Joey Allred, Marvin Peters, Tom Young, Andy Fetterhoff, Joe Brewer, Dan Miatke

Members Absent: Wes Humbyrd, Dan Anderson, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Morgan Jones.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: NA

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Thomas McDonough, Mike Booz.

IV. Guests Present: Coowie Walker (KBNERR), Lyn Whitmore (KHLT), Emile Springer (Homer News).

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.

VII. Reports: None

VIII. Public Comment: Coowe Walker, Lyn Whitmore.

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: Lyn Whitmore, who has been with Moose Inc for years, gave the Homer AC his annual report. He reported on new additions to the number of acres of habitat in the Homer area that are now protected from incompatible development. These are Lambert lake 28 acres (which is also a popular ice skating area), Diamond Ridge 28 acres, and the Boat Yard. Moose Habitat also received some Pittman Robertson funds to contribute to the purchase of land. Lyn said last year they hydro axed some with large



willows that were no longer good habitat for moose. The area now has a profusion of new willow shoots. Mission accomplished.

Coowe Walker, director of the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, gave a short talk about the role of KBNERR and its ongoing study of Kenai Peninsula peatlands. She described the environmental services provided by our peatlands, such as carbon sequestration. She also mentioned that studies have shown that the Kenai Peninsula peatlands are drying up and that KBNERR has received a grant to see if the presence of beavers and their water retention structures might mitigate this. Accordingly, KBNERR has interest reestablishing beaver populations in watersheds where they have been extirpated.

- XI. Set next meeting date: Feb. 14, 2023. Purpose is to decide on BOF proposals.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm

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130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	8	4 - 0	The 15C Intensive Management Plan has expired, so the crux of this issue is whether or not a new plan is needed. The proposal is to have an IM plan on the books, but with some housekeeping language that aligns the plan more closely relates to current conditions and practices. Some of the discussion was on the current 15C moose population. Over the past couple of years, the moose population has been near the capacity limit for 15C's winter habitat. So, there has been no need for a wolf control program to restore moose populations to meet population objectives. What changes to this plan do is make it more explicit that habitat enhancement can be part of an intensive management program. This might be the most viable option for increasing 15C moose populations. One method for improving moose habitat is a controlled burn. But there have been so many big fires on the Kenai Peninsula in recent years, it's not clear that more are needed. Jason said that ADF&G has no plans for now to improve habitat. Those that voted against the proposal felt that we would be better off without an IM plan



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131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
			See Dec. 13, 2022, minutes
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
Support	12	0 - 0	All in agreement without much discussion.
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Oppose	5	5 - 2	There was some abstract discussion about what is a boat? Although there apparently is a legal description of this some felt more clarification was needed and moved to amend the proposal to say floating vessel instead of a boat. This amendment passed 12-0-0. Confusion still reigned as we voted, and the proposal was not supported.
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	9	0 - 3	
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	11 - 1	
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
Support	6	5 - 1	Detailed discussion in minutes of April 12 when we discussed new proposals.
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
Oppose	5	6 - 1	There was some concern about exact location of the trails and that they change from year to year and on snow conditions.  At our Feb. 14 meeting there was discussion about a motion to reconsider the vote on Proposal 147. Two of the authors of the proposal Kathy Sarns Irwin (a skier and dog owner) and Sid Wolford (a trapper) were there to clear up any misunderstanding about trail location. The locations for the setbacks on trailheads and trail were carefully selected to reflect trail user usage. As result of this discussion, Kathy will be adding maps to their BOG testimony. Sid said that as a trapper, this proposal gives him guidance with regards to avoiding conflict between trappers and trail users with



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			<p>dogs. Some of the AC members who didn't support the proposal felt that it puts an unfair burden on trappers, the proposal doesn't really resolve the issue, and that there should be a distinction between conibear traps that will kill an animal and leghold traps/snares that allow release.</p> <p>Mention was made that the Homer AC did support Proposal 146, which is similar, but covers different trails. There was agreement that there are differences, yet common concern over the issue and that discussion by the BOG might be able to craft a suitable comprise.</p> <p>Of the six AC members that voted in opposition of the proposal, none were willing to make a motion to reconsider.</p>
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
Support As Amended	11	0 - 1	<p>There is general agreement that beaver have been trapped out of the Anchor River drainage and perhaps beyond, but that they might reestablish themselves if there is a moratorium on beaver trapping. This proposal extends the trapping moratorium to areas in 15C to protect beavers that might migrate to extirpated drainages. However, the proposal as submitted doesn't have a sunset clause that would once again allow beaver trapping if populations were restored. An amendment was proposed to add to the proposal "this proposal is in effect for two board cycles with a required sunset review." The amendment was approved 12-0.</p>
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
Support	9	2 -1	<p>This proposal by the Homer AC has been under discussion for many years. Because of unsustainable trapping, beavers haven't been seen for years in the Anchor River and Deep Creek drainages. This moratorium on beaver trapping is being proposed in the interest of reestablishing beavers and beaver trapping in these drainages as well as all the other environmental services that beaver provide other fish and wildlife. It is hoped that beaver might reestablish</p>





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			<p>themselves during this moratorium. It has also been suggested that translocation of beavers from other area may be needed. This proposal includes a sunset clause to assure that the situation is actively monitored and reviewed by biologists.</p> <p>Reconsideration vote. At the Homer AC Feb 14<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a motion for reconsideration by a member of the prevailing side. The purpose of the reconsideration was to add some drainages to this proposal. The drainages to be added are Fritz Creek and Diamond Creek. These short drainages are between the Anchor River and Deep Creek. The vote was 13-0 in support of the amendment.</p>
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
Opposed	0	11 - 1	Not much discussion.
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	10	1 - 1	Offers more opportunity and wolverine populations seem to be healthy.
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		
Support	11	1 - 0	The purpose of this proposal is to avoid unsustainable trapping by too many trappers working the same area. It's a method that has worked in other places.
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	9	3 - 0	This proposal by the Homer AC was discussed extensively at our April 12 meeting. The intent here is to introduce Sitka blacktail deer in native-type habitats where they probably would have thrived if not for landscape barriers.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
Opposed	0	11 - 1	The purpose of eliminating the spring season for ptarmigan hunting in portions of 15C was to allow their populations an opportunity to be restored to their previous level of abundance. It took a while, but this seems to have worked. Small numbers of ptarmigan are once again being seen on occasion in the hills above Homer. But



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			this initial limited success could be lost by going back to regulations that led to their population loss. If ptarmigan populations are allowed to continue to grow, it should provide more hunting opportunity earlier in the season.

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz  
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon  
 Date: January 31, 2023

**Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Proposal Actions - Southcentral Region Meeting**



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55	Oppose (0-12-0)	4		140	Opposed (0-15-0)	28
56	Oppose (0-12-0)	4		141	Opposed (3-12-0)	28
57	Support (11-4-0)	20		142	Opposed (2-13-0)	28
58	Support as Amended (15-0-0)	20		143	Opposed (4-11-0)	28
106	Opposed (5-10-0)	23		144	Support (15-0-0)	29
119	Opposed (0-14)	25		145	Oppose (1-11-1)	14
120	No Action based on 121	25		146	Oppose (0-13-0)	14
121	Support as Amended (14-1)	26		147	Oppose (0-12-1)	14
123	No Action based on 121	26		148	No Action	14
124	No Action based on 121	26		149	Oppose (0-13-0)	14
125	No Action based on 121	26		150	No Action based on 149	14
126	No Action based on 121	26		151	No Action based on 149	15
127	Support (15-0-0)	26		152	No Action based on 149	15
128	Support (13-0-0)	4		153	No Action based on 149	15
129	Oppose (4-8-0)	4		154	No Action based on 149	15
130	Support (12-0-0)	4		155	Opposed (0-13-0)	15
131	Support (12-0)	4		156	Opposed (3-10-0)	15
132	Support as Amended (14-1)	27		157	Opposed (0-13-0)	15
133	Oppose (0-12-0)	4		158	Opposed (0-13-0)	15
134	Opposed (5-10-0)	27		159	Support (12-0-0)	15
135	No Action Based on 136	28		160	Opposed (0-13-0)	16
136	Support (13-2-0)	28		161	Support (12-1-0)	16
137	No Action Based on 136	28		199	No Action	39
138	No Action Based on 136	28		200	Opposed	39
139	No Action Based on 136	28		204	Oppose (0-12-0)	39
				209	Support (13-13)	39



**Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap		X	
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Ray	DeBardelaben	X		
Mike	Smith		X	
Dick	Dykema	@6:40		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Jon	Essert			X
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts			X
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller	@6:54		X
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, AC Coordinator; Nick Fowler, ADFG Area Biologist

IV. Guests Present: 2

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

- a. Elections
  - i. Commercial Fishing – Drift
    - 1. Dyer Van Devere | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2025
  - ii. Sport Fishing Guide Seat
    - 1. Jerry Strieby | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2024
    - 2. Ray DeBardelaben | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2025
  - iii. At Large | Exp June 2023
    - 1. Mike Crawford | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2023
    - 2. Joe Thomas | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2025
  - iv. Personal Use
    - 1. Will Lee | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2025
  - v. Commercial Fishing Alternate
    - 1. Lisa Gabriel | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2023
  - vi. Sport Fishing Guide Alternate
    - 1. Scott Daletas | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2023
  - vii. At Large Alternate
    - 1. Ron Petty | unanimous consent
      - a. Exp 6/2023





Nick shared some data on local

Harvest – Total 400

Moose

221 - 15C

50 Cow hunt

59 - 15A

15 – 7

37 - 15B

10.5% sub-legal

Black Bear

350-425 is the average

Season is still open till end of June 2023

Brown Bear

EO Season closed first time since 2015

Cap was met on the 3-year running average based on calendar year, Spring season will still be open in 2023. The high number was 2020 calendar year.

Goat

Sheep | only 5 taken, not great and still in overall decline. Federal Subsistence did pass a hunt for Cooper Landing and Moose Pass in both the Crescent Lake and Round Mountain draw hunts. But have not issued a permit as the population does not support it. If they were to change the Subsistence permit from full curl to 3/4 curl then the possibility of that hunt taking place I increased.

Caribou

Caribou is stable, but only Kiley herd is growing

Wolves

No population basis for the Kenai Peninsula



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
Oppose	0	12	No data or statistical evidence for a change. Proposal needed to have biological backing to make a justifiable argument.
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Oppose	0	12	This would take away opportunity and access across multiple units without cause
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	13	0	
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Opposed	4	8	Would be good to have GPS coordinates on the boundary instead of just a land mark. Also the massive increase in land changes the purpose of the original hunt to reduce conflict moose. This could potentially move cow harvest away from the original conflict area.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	12	0	
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	12	One of the most restrictive areas for non-residents, biologically this area has plenty of bears.



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at CIAA (Tentative)
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm

XV.  
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_Will Lee\_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_11-28-22\_\_\_\_\_



**Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisor Committee**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael	@6:10pm		
Ray	DeBardelaben		X	
Mike	Smith	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			X
Lisa	Gariel			X
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller		X	
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Ron	Petty	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

IV. Guests Present: Jake Dye; Peninsula Clarion

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes



- a. Minutes from November 28<sup>th</sup> have been approved.

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 6pm, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

XIII. Other

Adjourn

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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		



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58			Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units
59			Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters
60			Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only
61			Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6
62			Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
63			Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island
64			Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6
65			Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula
66			Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area
67			Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt
68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak





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72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193
81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms
82			Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area
83			Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams
84			Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area
85			Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River



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86			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
87			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
88			Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt
89			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
90			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
91			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
92			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area
93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C



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98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15
106			Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C
107			Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles
108			Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration
109			Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15
110			Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder
111			Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder



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112			Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder
113			Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder
114			Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt
115			Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons
116			Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested
117			Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C
118			Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers
119			Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents
120			Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15
121			Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
122			Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
123			Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C
124			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder



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125			Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
126			Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C
127			Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi
128			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
129			Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C
130			Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan
131			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
132			Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area
133			Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C
134			Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15
135			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season
136			Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15
137			Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15
138			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15
139			Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15
140			Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15



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141			Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7
142			Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15
143			Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15
144			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7
145			Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15
Opposed	1	11	There are no current setbacks, this would also take away access and opportunity  The supporting vote was to support the money that was spent for the animal crossings  1 abstention: No interest
146			Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C
Opposed	0	13	Kachemak Bay State Park is a very large area that encompasses miles of trail. Enforcement would be very difficult and costly. There is very little usage during trapping season. Data for conflicts and counts of reported conflicts is limited or non-existent
147			Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C
Opposed	0	12	This would entail a set-back of over 32 million yards along public land and access 1 Abstention
148			Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7
No Action			Based on 146 and 147
149			Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7
Opposed	0	13	Trap size regulation does not solve the problem and only creates more regulation while trying to stop trapping altogether.
150			Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7
No Action			Unanimous based on 149





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151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
No Action			Unanimous based on 149
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
No Action			Unanimous based on 149
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
No Action			Unanimous based on 149
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
No Action			Unanimous based on 149
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
Opposed	0	13	No current justification or biological concern to close all of 15C to beaver trapping.
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
Opposed	3	10	<p>If passed, is it possible to quantify that the area has recovered and can we have a measurable difference. There is concern that once closed, that it would be very difficult to reopen.</p> <p>There are other factors outside of trapping that maybe potentially affecting the total population.</p> <p>Helping with salmon reproduction, opportunity is so low now that it is not really taking it away. Also the 6 year limit allows for review.</p>
157	Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7		
Opposed	0	13	Trapping beavers have not changed over the past 20+ years with the increased season length since 2015.
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
Opposed	0	13	No need to shorten season and there is no mandator sealing so there is no data on harvest numbers.
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	12	0	No reason not to increase season as the are an opportunity animal. Total number taken is variable per season due to the opportunity aspect of harvest. Lengthened season will not significantly increase overall harvest numbers.
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		



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Opposed	0	13	This is terrible hard to enforce and could also create additional conflicts among user groups.
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
	12	1	Reason against it is that the don't exist and that it is not feasible for the risk.  We do however believe that we would like to see this look at as it would increase opportunity and access.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		



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175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
178			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
179			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
181			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
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187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm      Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee

Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford and AC  
Date: 02/06/2023



**Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	6:17pm		
Ray	DeBardelaben			X
Mike	Smith			
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby			X
Joe	Thomas	X		
Lisa	Gariel	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller	6:18pm		
Todd	Smith	6:10pm		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Ron	Petty	X		
Scott	Deletist	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

IV. Guests Present: Kevin Meyers

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting minutes from November 28<sup>th</sup> are approved.
- b. Meeting minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings are approved.

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at CIAA starting at 6pm

XIII. Other

Adjourn

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		



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Support	11	4	<p>This would pertain to hunting regulations which would allow for better recover. This is already allow for big game as long as the dog is leashed and a single animal.</p> <p>How do you define and enforce hunting versus recover and tracking.</p>
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support as Amended	15	0	<p>Education is good and helping hunters to learn more is good. Goats are already difficult and having this requirement</p> <p>Amendment – all goat hunters to take a one-time ADFG goat education test, quiz, for all goats hunts in the state of Alaska.</p> <p>Unanimous consent on Amendment.</p>
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		





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68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak
72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193
81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms



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82			Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area
83			Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams
84			Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area
85			Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River
86			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
87			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
88			Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt
89			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
90			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
91			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
92			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area
93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas



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94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15
106			Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C
Opposed	5	10	Kevin came to talk about proposal 106 Caribou Hills atv access. Horse access vs ATV access came about during the rise of 3-



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			<p>wheelers. There are restrictions for a motorized use during moose hunting season in 15C.</p> <p>Rule is currently very difficult to enforce and there is a loop hole within the rule.</p> <p>The non-motorized time is quieter and the quality of the hunt is much better. The population is stable to growing, though this could potentially increase harvest opportunity.</p> <p>This could also potentially increase access during the early rut. This is contentious and much like the airplane closure for sheep.</p> <p>Closing this could also set precedence for opening other closed controlled use areas.</p> <p>This is not only a horse vs motorized group, as there are now lots of hikers, bikers and other groups that are getting out into the area without either.</p> <p>Vote on Proposal options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) Remove all restrictions – Some AC Members are in favor of this.</li> <li>b.) Every other week unrestricted access - Could be interesting, though the last week of the season would have to change between user groups so not one group received the last week of the season.</li> <li>c.) Every third day with unrestricted access - No weight, least enforceable and adds more confusion.</li> <li>d.) No Motorized hunting during</li> </ul>
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		



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109			Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15
110			Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder
111			Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder
112			Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder
113			Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder
114			Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt
115			Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons
116			Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested
117			Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C
118			Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers
119			Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents
Opposed	0	14	Area is not monitored for moose population. Density is low and terrain is limiting. No major burn has come about to increase moose population.
120			Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15
No Action			Based on Action on 121



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121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Supported as Amended	14	1	<p>August 22 – August 29 Amendment – Open all of unit 15 to archery only from August 22 to August 29<sup>th</sup> and leave current resident &amp; non-resident as is</p> <p>Vote on Amendment 2 – Opposed   like it how it currently is, seems like a special user group, also would like to see it open to both residents and non-residents across the board.</p> <p>13 - Supported</p>
	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
	15	0	Fish and Game is trying to get rid of the yearly extensions and the requests that come in from the community. Support to change of the dates is warranted to help keep the population stable plus meat quality is not great during the rut.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		





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131			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
132			Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area
Supported as Amended	14	1	<p>Amendment to Remove Sealing Completely in units 15 &amp; 7</p> <p>Vote on Amendment</p> <p>Support – 4</p> <p>Opposed – 11</p> <p>Overall decrease on Kenai sub-legal has dropped from a high of 24% down to 8%-9%. Sealing is another enforcement tool to help keep sub-legal moose harvest down.</p> <p>Confiscation and legal judgement is held with officer discretion. Moose antler sealing is time intensive. 34 citations in 2022 season out of an estimated 400.</p> <p>Biological sampling is total voluntary</p> <p>Amendment to include any-bull hunts from antler sealing in unit 15</p> <p>Support – 14</p> <p>Opposed - 1</p>
133			Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C
134			Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15
Opposed	5	10	<p>Current Season September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Extending the season could potentially close the season earlier and decrease opportunity during the fall season.</p> <p>Black bear season goes through June 30<sup>th</sup>, this would align brown bears over bait with the black bear season.</p>



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			The August opening would allow more opportunistic hunting during early mountain hunts. But if the spring bear harvest was high, this fall season could be closed by then.
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
No Action			Based on 136
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Supported	13	2	Increased opportunity to extend through some of the baiting season.  Opposed Vote – Season is adequate for our area and bear management.
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
Opposed	0	15	No need for another special use hunt, bow can be used during the regular season.
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
Opposed	3	12	This would allow the use of equipment prior to the spring melt. All baiting in the state except for unit 18 starts April 15th
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
Opposed	2	13	Keeping rules aligned across units
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
Opposed	4	11	Decrease from public use facilities could have a negative effect and or perception.  Distance is not a factor as the bear is going regardless of where the bait is. The Kenai Peninsula is getting harder to find an area that is 1 mile from anywhere.  This is a statewide issue



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144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	15	0	Statewide regulation for specific units is going to be hard to implement.  Getting a better definition would be nice statewide. This would help clarify some ambiguity within the regulations.
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		



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160			Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers
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164			Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15
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166			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15
167			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C
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177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
178			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
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Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee  
Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford and AC  
Date: 02-16-2023

**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**February 16, 2023**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm by Mike Crawford, President

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael		X	
Ray	DeBardelaben			X
Scott	Daletas	X		
Dick	Dykema		X	
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Lisa	Gariel	8:03pm		
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	6:06pm		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller			X
Todd	Smith			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Ron	Petty	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Coltan Lipka

IV. Guests Present: James Dye, Peninsula Clarion

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are approved.

VII. Reports



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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Vice Chair Paul Shasura spoke on Conversation about King salmon catch along the southern peninsula. There is no known stock composition but there is some concern that Cook Inlet King Salmon could be caught in an intercept fishery.

King salmon stocks are in questions statewide and equal burden should be shared among all fisheries.

Talk about supporting the proposed test trawl fishery with the new onboard lab for species identification.

Started Board of Fish Proposals

Started board of Game Proposals

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Paul Shadura would like to attend the Statewide finfish meeting in Anchorage during March 10-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - b. Mike Crawford is planning to attend the board of Game meeting in Soldotna during March 17 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- XII. Set next meeting date: next tentative meeting is in April for a Spring Election, time and date is still TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn



# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

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<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>These are more efficient but can be limiting as only certain boats could utilize this. This would also change the dynamic of the fisheries.</p> <p>The secondary effect is the possibility much larger harvests and more incidental catch.</p>
<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>This goes against limited entry, and could consolidate permits to a smaller number of permit holders.</p> <p>This could now change some enforcement with gear and other area regulations within different fisheries and areas.</p>
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Opposed	0	12	
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		



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Opposed	2	10	<p>This would close areas like terminal fisheries and make cost recovery fisheries difficult.</p> <p>Example, if Cook Inlet is closed to sport fishing, would this close cook inlet to commercial fishing.</p> <p>There are management plans for rivers and stocks.</p> <p>Opposed: would like to see mouths or tributaries closed to commercial fisheries when rivers are closed to a specific species fishery.</p>
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>There is no definition of feeder king, a king salmon is a king salmon. This is not practical as the state is not setup to take the money.</p> <p>How would we enforce this?</p>
<a href="#">161</a>	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska ( <i>To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting</i> ).		
Opposed	0	13	There is concern that this is lobbying for the state to put in policy that could possibly harm the small boat fisheries and expand costal and state territorial waters.
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
Support	12	0	Housekeeping allowing guides to only need a single sticker. This is only for the Kenai River
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		



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Opposed	1	10	<p>To participate you must be an Alaska resident, so this is only for Alaska registered sportfish guide. This would only be taking away a resource from both Alaskans that do not have resources to a boat and Alaskans that are making money within the community.</p> <p>This would also take this away statewide, which would affect the copper and other personal use fisheries.</p> <p>Creates a disproportionate harvest and has crept into subsistence as well.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>This would be similar to the Sport Guide Harvest log book which was removed. A better approach would be to have the already existing personal use reporting to have a check box if they used commercial services or not.</p> <p>This could be easily added to the electronic personal use reporting.</p>
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>This is for state subsistence fisheries, and taking away resource from Alaska residence that can pay to gain access to the fisheries does not make sense as it removed opportunity.</p>
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>There are already household limits and region limits</p>
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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Opposed	2	9	<p>There is already reporting requirements, and this cannot be done or enforced. There are approximately 25,000 to 35,000 permits issued for the Cook Inlet.</p> <p>Not clear what purpose this is trying to resolve.</p> <p>From a statewide perspective there are areas that do not have cell service and can be in the field for long lengths of time. This makes a reporting requirement unfair to those individuals.</p> <p>Opposed Vote would like to have better reporting and quicker data.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	12	0	There have been existing issues already and this helps protect Alaska waters.

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<i>2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
199	Early season Registration Elk hunt with required permit hunt conditions and procedures		
No Action			
200	Seniors only Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose		
Opposed	1		This was based on Proposal 209 which was unanimously supported
204	Close Unit 19c Dall Sheep harvest for five (5) years		
Opposed	0	12	Too much of a special interest hunt and the dates are well past the regular season which would be in the rut putting more during the rutting season
209	Registration hunt season and bag limits for Elk with required permit hunt conditions and procedures		
Support	13	13	no biological concern, natural cycle and this is going against Full Curl management plan. Also this is a specific unit and sheep across the entire state are in decline. Closing one unit will only increase hunting pressure by concentrating it on already depleted numbers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 9:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: 02/16/2023 \_\_\_\_\_



**Kodiak Advisory Committee  
February 28, 2023  
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game**

- I. Call to Order: **5:31p - Paul Chervenak, Chairman**
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: **Paul Chervenak, Julie Kavanaugh, Andy Finke, Coral Chernoff, Oliver Holm, Tyler Schmeil, Brandon Bartleson, Alexis Kwachka, Rebecca Skinner (Late)**  
  
Members Absent (Excused): **Ron Kavanaugh, Duncan Fields, Theresa Peterson, Wallace Fields, Patrick O'Donnell**  
Members Absent (Unexcused): **Roland Ruoss, Nathan Rose, Garman Squartsoff, Jon McElwain**  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **8**
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: **Nate Svoboda, Bill Dunker, Nat Nichols, Taryn O'Conner (Board Support)**
- IV. Guests Present: Kavik Anderson, Dick Rohrer, John Sturgeon, Lila Swantes, Bob Lochman, Dan Burch, Tristan Dilley, Michael Horstman, Brandon Payne, Michael Brady (USFWS Kodiak NWR), Joy Erlenbach (USFWS), Bill Pyle (USFWS), Jason Bunch, Josh Boyle AK State Troopers, Mike Zweng, Jeff Stephan, Caleb Oswell, Chris Sibrel, Chris Flickenger, Julian Hiner, Stig Yngve
- V. Approval of Agenda- Move to approve Agenda/ Julie K Second/ Alexis K **VOTE 8-0**  
  
**Note Rebecca Skinner AC Member joined meeting until 10:00pm; 9 members present**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- Minutes were approved by Chair Paul Chervanack for timely submission+
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment- Taken up during deliberation of individual proposals





- IX. Old Business – Transporter Working Group; Oral report by TWG member Rebecca Skinner. Two meetings held January 20<sup>th</sup> and Feb 14<sup>th</sup> . See attached TWG notes. Letter to be drafted by TWG for AC approval for the Dec 2023 Big Game Commercial Services Board meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: Reductions in bag limits most likely would not reduce # of transporters or level of business. (More discussion on this @ Proposal #73)

- X. New Business-Unit 8 proposals below

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting **Move to select Paul Chervenak to travel to Board of Game / Alexis K Second Tyler Schmeil VOTE 8-0**

- XII. Other  
**Move to approve minutes of this meeting by Paul Chervenak for timely submission - Julie K / Second Alexis VOTE 8-0**

- XIII. Adjourn 11:23 pm

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65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	Pro: -problem with easy access to goats and over harvest -problem with trespassing on Native lands



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			<p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-breaks off a small part of RG480/changes limit</li> <li>-might be better to subdivide all of RG480 to better manage</li> <li>-Still working on stabilizing or decreasing goat numbers in RG480</li> <li>-always have extra harvest in accessible areas, goats will fill in</li> <li>-area selected doesn't match regulatory areas; ridge boundaries not appropriate for goats</li> <li>USF&amp;W Opposed (Management uses hunter harvest to decrease numbers for population control</li> <li>-Easy access areas that get depleted are repopulated by inaccessible areas</li> </ul>
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-would decrease traffic in that area, increase in others</li> <li>-would likely push hunters to other "easily" accessed areas</li> <li>-would likely reduce goat harvest, <b>opposite of what we need</b></li> <li>-current archery hunters successful</li> <li>-possibly more wounded goats</li> <li>-currently Bow hunting is legal</li> <li>- Archery only hunts have been utilized to fully utilize available animals when the remaining number to hunt is small and the traditional "all weapons" season would be too difficult to manage. This is opposite that and allocative without any need.</li> <li>-Public has rarely seen another individual/hunter(s) while goat hunting; no concerns about overcrowded grounds</li> <li>USFW Opposed would reduce over all opportunity reduce harvest and impede management for reduced or stable population</li> </ul>
67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		



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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<p>Current goat population trends in DG479/480 are STABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-How often no registration hunt-not very</li> <li>-No Lack of Opportunity</li> <li>-Impedes management intent for a stable or reduction of population</li> </ul>
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
Support	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-best for managing caribou herd</li> <li>-provides authority to establish a quota; and thus emergency order authority</li> <li>-greatly increased interest last five years</li> <li>-increased interest necessitates increased management</li> <li>- herd is at it's lowest range in 20+ yrs</li> </ul> <p>USFW Supports but disagrees that 500 animals is the upper range. Suggests it should be 400</p> <p>*Noted that there is a low calf count; important food source</p>
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--elk browse blueberries &amp; elderberries, etc. like deer and this proposal could reduce an important food source (including for bears)</li> <li>-elk are more destructive to terrain/ecosystem</li> <li>-huntable population would increase bear/hunter conflicts</li> <li>-concerns of cross breeding Roosevelt with Rocky Mt Elk and</li> </ul>



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			<p>-disease transfer (Roosevelt Elk are currently a pure strain)</p> <p>*Noted that Elk are strong swimmers and leave Afognak Island when population is high</p> <p>-USFW Opposed- degradation of food source</p> <p>-lease holder for domestic Elk does not always maintain herd inside of fenced lease/ should not be the driver for closures</p> <p>*note the domestic herd is a closed herd, was tested for disease (negative)</p>
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>-small % of current draw tags used or successful</p> <p>-would open up more opportunity</p> <p>-better management of the resource; can be closed by emergency order when optimum # is taken</p>
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<p>-would disrupt elk during the breeding season; Bulls are extremely vulnerable during rut</p> <p>-harder to take proper care of meat in warmer weather</p> <p>-would disrupt bears during critical feeding time</p> <p>-less companions to help haul out meat-more bear conflicts/loss</p> <p>-success rate would drop for hunts following</p>
72	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	-See #71
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
<b>Support As Amended</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	-was submitted by hunter that has seen broad localized depletion; hard to fill freezer; 2019-2021 deceptively hard winters



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			<p>-potentially discourage res/non-res participation</p> <p>-hinder resident opportunity (amendment addresses this concern)</p> <p>-potentially reduce marine transporter overcrowding</p> <p>-excessive # of hunters may be moving bear off of critical habitat</p> <p>-each non-res tag eliminated = \$1200 to state of AK (\$300 tag x PR funds)</p> <p><b>Amend –“In the remainder of unit 8, reduce the bag limit to <del>two deer</del> per year for residents and one deer per year for nonresidents.”</b></p> <p><b>VOTE 9-0</b></p> <p>-amendment provides continued opportunity for residents to fill freezer</p> <p>-heard from Transporter Working Group that there was not initial concern that a reduced nonresident bag limit would decrease clients</p> <p>*Noted that this would only slightly reduce nonresident take; Kodiak’s liberal bag limit has made it a more appealing destination; This would reduce pressure in easy access areas that have localized depletion</p> <p>USFW opposed to the proposal as originally written</p>
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
Support As Amended	9	0	<p><b>Amendment 1:</b></p> <p><b><u>“All deer harvested in unit 8 must remain bone-in-until processed at a land-based location until the meat has been transported from the field or processed for human consumption.”</u></b> VOTE 9-0 Support</p> <p><b>Amendment 2:</b></p> <p><b><u>“All deer harvested in unit 8 must have the edible meat of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs naturally attached to the bone remain bone-in until the meat has been transported from the field or processed for human consumption.”</u></b> VOTE 9-0</p>



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			<p>-Language adopted from AS 5AAC 92.220 Salvage of game meat, furs and hides</p> <p>-Amendments clears up uncertain language</p> <p>-would hopefully reduce wanton waste, a major problem</p> <p>-better use of meat</p> <p>-legal to trim blood shot</p> <p>-greatly help enforcement</p> <p>-may result in bear/hunter conflicts if two trips required to get meat out of the field</p> <p>-USFW Opposed may lead to more Bear/Hunter conflicts as is- IE. Additional packing trips</p>
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b> <b>2 Abstain</b>	<p>-what is current reported wounding rate-1.5/yr</p> <p>-would possibly create more dishonesty; no net gain</p> <p>-ethical way to operate</p> <p>-hard to implement</p> <p>-probably not affect too many (only registration hunt)</p> <p>Abstain-undecided</p>
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	*Note AC member Skinner was excused. 8 members present



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-proposer wanted to highlight garbage issue</li> <li>-maybe resident only (guides not trying to permit grab)</li> <li>-concerns about interrupting denning activity</li> <li>-potential increase sow harvest</li> <li>-greater opportunity for illegal harvest elsewhere</li> <li>-bears in question very nocturnal, most land off limits to hunting may not help</li> <li>-many people concerned/afraid # of bears near town</li> <li>-livestock loss * member of public lost livestock with @ \$30,000-40,000 in 2022;</li> <li>-Many people have given up raising laying hens (food security)</li> <li>-Children in Womens Bay can't play outside or walk to Bus stop.</li> <li>-This was not occurring during the decades prior to 2010. Long term residents rarely encountered bears and usually never ran into a bear (mid 1950's through 2005)</li> <li>-Could utilize first snowfall to track problem bears</li> <li>-Better utilization of Bears than a "Defense of Property or Life" kill</li> <li>-noted the public sees problem bears throughout the day</li> <li>-reduced quality of life; unable to pick berries, hike/walk, play outside in yard, safety at risk</li> </ul>
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 year lag due to draw system</li> <li>-resident /non-resident equally</li> <li>-1<sup>st</sup> step in management plan if a population question</li> <li>-Department's #3 is AC's preferred alternative (Both res and non-res permits taken 2 years out for simplicity)</li> </ul>





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78	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Kodiak's bear management system for last 40+ years very successful Complex, intricate system developed over time-must be very careful changing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-alternate list-does not happen often in the state, but is a useful tool</li> <li>-proposal states major generalizations</li> <li>-close to half of the Island uses "alternate" list</li> <li>-going after a few permits in some areas due to the USFWS area selection system</li> <li>-these permits "not applied for" are utilized</li> <li>-guided non-res hunters a very important part of the Kodiak Brown bear management plan (Consistent harvest of large adult males and low harvest of females is biologically important)</li> <li>-filling of non-res tags major economic benefit to State and local communities</li> <li>-Loss of local revenues for lodging, transport, provisions, incidentals, taxes (constitution requires "maximum benefit to the people"- aren't human food source) (\$1160 for lic/tag matched 3 fold by PR funds = \$4640/permit)</li> <li>-proposal is a total loss-permits sitting vacant: no income to state or economy; loss of traditional harvest data for management</li> <li>-takes lots of effort to book hunts, may not be booked by draw deadline</li> <li>-G/C agreement and alternate list put into place to thwart anti hunters</li> <li>-some guides leave permits on table-required by federal system to have "reasonable" opportunity</li> </ul>
79	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-must be careful changing current very successful management plan</li> <li>-rely on historical harvest data</li> <li>-Department factors in some unused permits when figuring allocation</li> <li>-residents have higher sow harvest, biological ramifications</li> <li>-% of unused res draw permits transferred to non-res allocation?</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-some guides leave permits on table-required by federal system to have "reasonable" chance</li> <li>-loss of Conservation donations for hunts that are not specified by the deadline</li> </ul>
80	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-system looks at Island wide %'s, not individual area</li> <li>-bear density different in different area</li> <li>-bears ranges are larger than particular area</li> <li>-other factors used, access to an area, etc.</li> <li>-areas around villages have higher numbers to reduce bear/human conflicts</li> <li>-#'s in place since 1976, working very well</li> <li>-Seeks to codify current averages that are higher than required for residents when the regulatory language favors this result. If the percentages change- the averages would most likely change again due to this language. ("No less than 60% to residents; No more than 40% to nonresidents")</li> </ul>
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Prop 109, 2019-BOG passed then rescinded</li> <li>-Kodiak Rd system very popular for outdoor activities</li> <li>-have inexperienced, enthusiastic population (USCG)</li> <li>-domestic pets and untargeted wildlife are regularly injured</li> <li>-traps are set in high use areas</li> <li>-Have not rec'd any help from ATA as promised</li> <li>-this is "best practices" way to operate</li> <li>-AWT would like identification on snares for enforceability</li> <li>-Approximately .03-.05 cents per trap to comply (inflation may increase to .10 cent)</li> </ul>



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209	Reallocate drawing Elk permits to Registration permits.		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b> <b>2 Abstain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-May or may not provide opportunity for village residents</li><li>-Permit usage rate higher than average</li><li>-permit success rate higher than average</li><li>-Would take more than 16 permits from general draw</li><li>-Native Corp already close some of their lands to general public and charge a high fee for elk hunting when public access open</li><li>-registration hunt on Afognak Island available every year</li><li>-subsistence hunt available every year</li><li>-most likely new registration hunt (proposal 70) on Raspberry Island also available</li><li>-Sets bad precedence-Other villages /groups may want permit registrations in their locality</li><li>-Inconsistent with other registration processes</li><li>*In support it is desirable to help villagers and elders; land use permits are normal way of doing business in other states; Abstained -Felt that the pros and cons were both strong arguments.</li></ul>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Julie Kavanaugh

Minutes Approved By: Paul A. Chervenak

Date: March 3, 2023



Kodiak AC - Transporter Working Group  
January 20, 2023  
Called to Order 1:35 p.m.

Attendees: Brandon Bartelson, Paul Chervenak, Jason Bunch, Tyler Polum, Eric Howard, Andy Berestoff, Bill Dunker, Paddy O'Donnell, Sam Rohrer, Nate Svoboda, Mike Zweng, Keith Aitkins, Rolan Ruoss, Mike Flores, Melissa Berns, Alexis Kwatchka, Rebecca Skinner

*Kodiak Guide Area map, list of Transporters with Kodiak addresses, list of Transporters state-wide, and guides by Kodiak Area were attached as meeting materials on Kodiak AC website.*

Identify Issues:

1. Too many transporters operating in Kodiak, creating congestion
2. Most concerns articulated relate to Marine Transporters, not Air Transporters
3. Hunting pressure from Transporter activity is impacting subsistence and local harvest (for food)
4. Unclear whether hunting pressure is Alaska-resident or non-resident hunters
5. Overall deer population may not be threatened, but there could be localized depletion in specific areas with a lot of hunting pressure (particularly protected waters for boats), and those areas make a slower comeback after winter die-off events

Challenges:

1. Patchwork of Federal, State, and Private land, with different regulatory schemes for guides
2. Limiting Transporters by area will require changes to Alaska law
  - a. But desire to maintain entry ability to Transporter work by local youth
3. Limited availability of data on how many transporters operate in Kodiak area, & company names
  - a. Collected through both Transporter Report and ADFG Harvest Report
4. Want to maintain business opportunity and community revenue from hunting businesses

Currently in the Works:

1. BOG Proposal 73 to reduce Kodiak bag limits to 2 deer for resident, and 1 deer for non-resident; comment deadline March 3, 2023
2. Big Game Commercial Services Board – several proposals that touch on transporter issues (live-aboard requirements for Marine Transporters, requirement for Transporter to ensure upland use permits, identification marking requirements for boats and planes); comment deadline March 29, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings with Public Comment opportunity:

Board of Game Southcentral Mtg March 17-22, 2023; **comment deadline 3/3/23**, info at this [link](#)  
Big Game Commercial Services Board webpage at this [link](#), but note that the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and materials are not posted yet.

**Next Transporter Working Group meeting will be week of February 13<sup>th</sup>**



Kodiak AC - Transporter Working Group  
February 14, 2023 Meeting Notes  
Called to Order 12:05 p.m.

**Attendees:** Brandon Bartelson, Ron Blondin, Mike Brady, Coral Chernoff, Paul Chervenak, Bill Dunker, Duncan Fields, Andy Finke, Eric Howard, Alexis Kwatchka, Jeff Peterson, Tyler Polum, Rebecca Skinner, Paul Yatsik, Mike Zweng

Working Group discussed and made recommendations on the following proposals:

**BOARD OF GAME - deadline March 3, 2023**

Proposal 73 – reduce bag limits for residents and non-residents in Unit 8 Remainder.

**Recommended Position:** Oppose

Oppose because
There is no biologic concern with Kodiak deer population
Reducing bag limits will make it harder for local hunters to get their food
This proposal is unlikely to significantly limit or reduce transporter activity

Proposal 209 - reallocating elk permits to resident registration hunts

**Recommended Position:** None

**BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD - deadline March 29, 2023**

12 AAC 75.XXX. Marking of aircraft and boats used by guides and transporters

**Recommended Position:** Support, with suggested application to boats 36-40 feet or bigger

Support because	Concerns noted
Facilitates identification of transporter boats, and may help track transporter effort & location	Unclear why this proposal is needed
Makes enforcement easier	There are already too many numbers required on the side of transporter boats
Creates consistency between airplane and boat marking requirements	This requirement is unlikely to change transporter behavior

12 AAC 75.440 Professional Ethics Standards for Providers of Transportation Services

**Recommended Position:** Support

Support because
We should be ethical leaders and support this approach
Transporters should be aware of private land ownership, and share accountability for hunters they drop off trespassing on private land
This proposal enhances accountability for transporters
This is required of guides already, enhances consistency

12 AAC 75.XXX Boat Based Transporters with Living Accommodations on Saltwater

**Recommended Position:** Support through (a)(1) only, striking everything from (a)(2) on

Support because
Could reduce number of transporters and number of hunters
Could improve quality of experience for all hunters



# STATE OF ALASKA

## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Kotzebue Advisory Committee

#### Kotzebue AC Meeting Minutes

12/01/2022

#### Selawik National Wildlife Refuge

**I. Call to Order:** 7:08 pm by Chair Lance Kramer

**II. Roll Call: Members Present:** Lance Kramer (Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Karmen Monigold, Hans Hansen, Michael Kramer, Aucha Kameroff, Thomas Baker  
**Members Absent:** Eugene Smith (excused), Hannah Loon (excused), Tommy Fields (excused), Enoch Shiedt Sr., Ess Scott Sr., Chad Sheldon (resigned prior to meeting), Seth Katner (resigned prior to meeting)

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

**III. ADF&G Staff Present:** Alex Hansen (caribou biologist-Kotzebue), Christie Osburn (Area Biologist- Kotzebue), Joelle Hepler (Wildlife Biologist III-Fairbanks), Shawna Karpovich (Wildlife Biologist), Klaus Wuttig (Fishery biologist)

**IV. Guests Present:** Will Wiese (SNWR)

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with the correction of numeral listing and to add new committee proposals to the New Business.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From meeting date 10/24/19 – minutes already signed and submitted - no action.

**VII. Advisory Committee**

- a. **Nominations:** Unanimous consent to nominate all members present and absent member Eugene Smith (9 members total). Other interested persons can attend future meetings and be nominated at that time- up to 15 members.
- b. **Elections:** Lance Kramer, Alex Whiting, Cyrus Harris, Karmen Monigold, Hans Hansen, Michael Kramer, Aucha Kameroff, Thomas Baker, Eugene Smith
  - 1 year - expire **June 30, 2024:** Alex Whiting, Lance Kramer, Karmen Monigold
  - 2 year - expire **June 30, 2025:** Thomas Baker, Cyrus Harris, Hans Hansen
  - 3 year - expire **June 30, 2026:** Aucha Kameroff, Michael Kramer, Eugene Smith
- c. **Election of Officers:** Lance Kramer (Chair), Karmen Monigold (Vice Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary)

**VIII. Reports:**

Chairs Report: none



**ADF&G Reports:** Alex Hansen reported on the ongoing decline in the WACH (the latest count was 164,000), and the need to address the liberal harvest regulations to assist with halting decline. Christie Osborn discussed fall lower Noatak moose composition surveys and plans for spring abundance in the same area. Cape Thompson muskox abundance and composition surveys, and Delong Mts. sheep surveys and plans to continue with sheep study using collared animals. Joelle Hepler discussed Lower Kobuk moose survival study beginning spring of 2023 using collared animals.

**Other:** None

**IX. Public Comment:** None

**X. Old Business:** None

**XI. New Business:** Review Board of Game proposals 55-188 and Board of Fisheries proposals 75-97.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, Alaska			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
55-187	These proposals were not addressed by the AC		
			No action.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	8	0	Support continued encouragement of brown bear harvest

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Meeting Proposals January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, Alaska			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
75	This proposal was not addressed by the AC		
			No action.
76	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fisherman to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.		
	8	0	Support this traditional activity of allowing fisherman to go back and forth from their net, while leaving it fishing during open periods.





77-97	These proposals were not addressed by the AC
	No action.

A motion was made to submit a proposal to the Board of Game changing caribou harvest regulations for GMU 23 to (4) caribou per regulatory year with a maximum of one cow caribou.

**Number Support: 8 – Number Opposed: 0**

Discussion: Given the continued decline in the Western Arctic Caribou Herd drastic steps are need by the community to reduce harvest significantly to allow for a higher potential for recovery to occur. It is seen especially as critical to drastically reduce cow harvest.

A motion was made to submit a proposal to the Board of Game changing the open season for brown/grizzly bears to no closed season.

**Number Support: 8 – Number Opposed: 0**


Discussion: Grizzly bears continue to flourish in the region and compete at varying levels for the currently low numbers of moose and caribou. At times situations occur during the closed season where people would harvest bears if not for the hassle of a DLP process. There is no conservation reason not to allow for harvest of bears at any time if people have the opportunity and desire to do so.

**XII. Select representatives to attend WACHWG:** Cyrus Harris. – Primary, Thomas Baker – Alternate


**XIII. Set next meeting date:** Call of the Chair

**XIV. Motion to adjourn:** 10:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

  
Alex Whiting, Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

  
Lance Kramer, Chair

Date:

12-15-22

Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting 12/01/2022



## Lake Iliamna AC Meeting minutes      11:00 am 10-20-2022

- Roll call
  - Randy Alvarez, Kyle Aguiar, Karla Jensen, Ned Fowler, Jim Tilly, Bob Tracey, Sonny Lamont
- Approval of Agenda
  - Bob Tracey moved to approve
  - Kyle Aguiar seconds, Unanimous approval
- Introductions
  - Staff
    - Taryn O'Connor Brito, Lee Borden, Travis Elison, Tim Addock
  - Guests
    - Jeff, Jonathan Salmon, Greg Zackar, Rachel, Cody
  - - Bob Tracey nominates Jim Tilly, no further nominations
    - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
    - Karla Jensen seconds, Jim seated with unanimous consent
- Election of Officers
  - Election for Chairman
    - Bob Tracey nominates Randy Alvarez
    - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
    - Kyle seconds
    - Vote 7-0
  - Election for Vice Chair
    - Bob Tracey nominates Tinney
    - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
    - Kyle Aguiar seconds
    - Vote 7-0
  - Election for Seceretary
    - Karl Jensen nominates Ned Fowler
    - Kyle Aguiar moves to close nominations
    - Ned Fowler seconds
    - Vote 7-0
- Updates
  - Chairman
    - Organize agenda
  - ADFG
    - Sport and Comm Fish available for proposals.
  - Other agencies
    - Cody Larson asks about a former proposal that was referencing an incident that happened in nondalton fish camp. This session the proposal will be active and asks if Lake Iliamna AC will support it.
- Public Comment



- None
- New Business
  - Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal
    - Lee Borden has the floor
      - Gives basic report on how the Bristol Bay fishery was for summer 2022. Everything has come back to prepandemic levels.
    - Proposal 18
      - Bob Tracey Moves to adopt Proposal 18
      - Karla seconds
      - Vote 0-7
        - Discussion: Local users use bait in the wintertime for ice fishing. Local people have always used bait and ice fishing would be very ineffective without using bait.
    - Discussion of Local fish numbers in Lake Iliamna
      - Randy asks Lee Borden if there has been any studies of Lake Trout in Lake Iliamna recently. Lee Borden says that there hasn't been. Randy Alvarez hopes that there will be because he has not seen as many lake trout in recent years as he used to and believes it's because of the higher number of freshwater seals in Lake Iliamna. Sonny Lamont also comments how in Newhalen he believes the same is true,
    - Proposal 35
      - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
      - Ned Fowler seconds
      - Vote 0-7
      - Discussion
        - There is already a current regulation of drifters needing to remain at least 100 feet from set netters and increasing the distance would not help without more enforcement. The problem isn't the distance but lack of enforcement.
    - Proposal 36
      - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
      - Randy Alvarez seconds
      - Vote 7-0
      - Discussion
        - Jet boaters dragging their nets decreases the value of fish and is unnecessary
    - Proposal 40
      - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
      - Bob Tracey seconds
      - Vote 0-7
      - Discussion
        - The set netters will be too far offshore.
    - Break:12:45



- Return:1:01
- Proposal 42
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Ned Fowler Seconds
  - Vote 0-7
  - Discussion
    - There would be more nets in the water if this proposal went through.
- Proposal 45
  - Bob Tracey moves adopt
  - Randy Alvarez seconds
  - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 46
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt proposal
  - Kyle Aguiar seconds
  - Vote 0-7
  - Discussion
    - Committe is not in favor because permits would likely leave local area
- Proposal 49
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Ned Fowler seconds
  - Vote 0-7
  - Discussion
    - This proposal would negatively effect Kvichak escapement
- Proposal 50
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Ned Fowler seconds
  - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 56
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Kyle Aguiar seconds
  - Vote 0-7
  - Discussion
    - Proposal is note straigh forward
- 'Proposal 57
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Ned Fowler seconds
  - Vote 7-0
  - Discussion
    - Allocation is a weird and not consistent thing and has not been to state standards sine 2017.
- Proposal 58
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt



- Randy Alvarez seconds
  - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 122
  - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
  - Bob Tracey seconds
  - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 123
  - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
  - Bob Tracey seconds
  - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 126
  - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
  - Bob Tracey seconds
  - Vote 7-0
- Alaska Board of Game Proposal 187 brown bear tag fee
  - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
  - Randy Alvarez seconds
  - Vote 7-0
- Miscellaneous Business
  - Randy Alvarez (chairman) requests minutes
  - Cody Larson of BBNA asks if Lake Iliamna AC still supports Proposal 21 from 2018
    - Board assures Cody Larson that we still support that proposal in reference to sport fishing near personal use fishery
- Next meeting
  - Will be next year at a yet to be determined date
- Adjourn
  - Bob Tracey moves to adjourn at 3:41

Minutes recorded by: Ned Fowler  
Minutes approved by: Randy Alvarez  
Date: 11/14/2022



**Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee  
November 2, 2022  
Zoom meeting**

I. Call to Order: 17:13 pm AKT by Tracy Vrem

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mike Enright

Timothy Enright

Eddie Clark

Kim Rice

Catie Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Mary West

Jordan Dyer

Members Absent

-Brian Cato-excused

-Mitch Seybert- excused

-Gerald Olson- excused

-Jimmy Christiansen

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (9 members at roll call)

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

III. Approval of Agenda:

Approved by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracy Vrem. Adding Jon Clouse to agenda.

All in favor.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 4/7/22:

Approved by Catie Bursch, seconded by Eddie Clark. No discussion. All in favor. Moved to adopt minutes.

V. Introductions

Fish and Game Staff Present:



Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator  
Lee Borden ADFG BB Sports fish  
Aaron Tiernen ADFG BB Egegik/Ugashik Com fish  
Amy Vande Voort. BB Wildlife ADFG

Guests Present:

Chuck McCallum – Lake and Penn borough fish advisor  
Jon Clouse – SW Region School District  
Laura Zimin

VI. Elections for three undesignated seats with terms that expired June 30, 2022

Tracey Vrem nominated Catie Bursch, seconded by Maurice Enright  
Mary West nominated Brian Cato, seconded by Eddie Clark  
Tracey Vrem nominated Tim Enright, seconded by  
Eddie made motion to close the floor for nominations. Tracey Vrem seconded.  
Unanimous consent achieved to select the three nominees.

\*Jimmy Christiansen replaced Gerda Kosbruk as Port Heiden community representative between the last meeting and this meeting. \*

VII. Updates

-Lee Borden, ADFG - Kings in Nushagak cut bag limits in half last summer due to sharp decline.

-Aaron Tiernen ADFG- 79 million bay wide run total. Forecast not out quite yet for 2023. Kings and chum in smaller numbers. Discussion about how warmer habitats may have increased run size.... warmer winters, less ice results in more smolt. Also, higher escapement goals played a part.

VIII. Public Comments

– Jon Clouse reporting on Com Fish skills camp with SW Region School District. They would like to apply for Educational Fishing permit through CFEC again for 2023. Jon is asking for a letter of approval from the LBBAC to go to CFEC. Eddie Clark made motion for Catie Bursch to write this letter of approval. seconded by Eddie Clark. Vote was taken to approve a deputy to sign letter. Unanimous approval.

Note on vote counts:

Proposals not taken in order; votes count of 8 excluded John Christiansen who had to leave the meeting early. Vote counts of 7 excluded John Christiansen and Jordan Dyer who had to step away for part of the meeting. No abstentions.

IX. New Business:

I. Board of Fish Bristol Bay Finfish proposals (see table)





Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
November 29 – December 3, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<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>			
<a href="#">15</a>	Allow use of small fishwheels to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River, and Dago Creek drainages		
Support	9	0	Motion made to adopt proposal by Tracey Vrem. Seconded by Eddie Clark. Discussion included the fact that you could select the fish you kept for subsistence with a live box, where a gillnet is harder to be selective. Might be hard to do fish wheel on mudflats
<a href="#">16</a>	Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Tracy Vrem.  Can be hard to get permits in person. Offices seem to be short-handed.
<a href="#">17</a>	Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River.		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Tracy Vrem.  Looking out for the longevity of the Rainbows. Getting to be too much pressure on the river.
<a href="#">18</a>	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Mary West seconded. Vote taken.  Don't want fish to swallow egg sac and get the hook down deep in fish and hard to get hook out.
<a href="#">21</a>	Prohibit harvest of rainbow trout by nonresident anglers in a section of the Naknek river drainage.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Tim Enright seconded.  It would be nice to keep rainbows in good shape on the Naknek.
<a href="#">22</a>	Close Big Creek to sport fishing for salmon.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Mary West seconded.  A lot of boats are up in that creek and it has been taking a hit.
<a href="#">23</a>	Allow retention of king salmon less than 20 inches in length in Big Creek.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem  If there is an allowance to keep small kings, people will be catching the larger kings too.
<a href="#">24</a>	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Catie Bursch.  We need to do as much as we can to stay ahead of the game to try and keep our kings.
<a href="#">25</a>	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Mary West.  We need to do as much as we can to stay ahead of the game to try and keep our kings.
<a href="#">26</a>	Close tributaries and upper section of the Naknek River to sport fishing for king salmon.		



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Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright.
<a href="#">27</a>	Create a nonresident annual limit for coho salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright.  Bag limits don't need to be so large.
<a href="#">30</a>	Create a youth-only sport fishery in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, Seconded by Mary West.
<a href="#">31</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	1	8	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright. Commercial fishermen already are assigned to report king salmon on their fish tickets.
<a href="#">32</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	0	9	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright. Unanimously opposed. Commercial fishermen already are assigned to report king salmon on their fish tickets.
<a href="#">33</a>	Increase maximum offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District.		



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Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Maurice Enright, seconded by Catie Bursch.  Could be navigational hazard with nets going farther across the river channel. Many sites around the Bay go dry on low tides. Hard to keep moving distances as sand/mud bars change locations from season to season.
<a href="#">34</a>	Increase minimum distance between units of drift and set gillnet gear in the Ugashik District.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, Seconded by Eddie Clark.  We feel this could be amended to be two separate proposals. One dealing with the 1000' distance and one dealing with the navigational waters.
<a href="#">35</a>	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Mary West.
<a href="#">36</a>	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Support	6	1	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch seconded by Mary West.
<a href="#">37</a>	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Support	6	1	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer, seconded by Catie Bursch
<a href="#">38</a>	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 25 fathoms.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer seconded by Mary West
<a href="#">39</a>	Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder.		



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Oppose	1	6	<p>Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem.</p> <p>When set net sites are close together it is not unheard of for anchoring devices to be used on neighboring shore fisheries lease plats. Every district is different, and we understand this proposal is coming from Egegik. We found that this proposal was not clear on exactly what gear could or could not cross into the neighboring platt.</p>
<a href="#">42</a>	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, seconded by Eddie Clark.</p> <p>No need to have D permits if we are not in economic hard times. We also hope this will help the drain of permits out of the state and local area.</p>
<a href="#">43</a>	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	see comments on Proposal 42
<a href="#">44</a>	Review provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	see comments on Proposal 42
<a href="#">45</a>	Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark seconded by Tracey Vrem
<a href="#">46</a>	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion made to adopt this proposal and proposal 47 by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem.
<a href="#">47</a>	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		



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Oppose	0	7	See comments on Proposal 46.
<a href="#">49</a>	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer, seconded by Eddie Clark.  Prop 49-54 Bristol Bay salmon management is based on a terminal fishery. Also, there are other species that will be affected besides sockeye so can't assume they are getting to spawning grounds.
<a href="#">50</a>	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
<a href="#">51</a>	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
<a href="#">52</a>	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
<a href="#">53</a>	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
<a href="#">54</a>	Adopt an Eastside Bristol Bay late-season management plan.		
Oppose	0	7	
<a href="#">59</a>	Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion made to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark seconded by Catie Bursch  Fish do not get up into the inner district because the fishery is so efficient. Need some gaps for escapement.



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">60</a>	Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules.		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion made to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch seconded by Jordan Dyer</p> <p>Schedule will be aligned with other districts. More fishing time if markets and opportunity align.</p>
<a href="#">61</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets.		
			Brief discussion, no action

II. Board of Game proposal 187 (Brown Bear tag fee exemption)

Motion made to adopt proposal #187 by Mary West seconded by Eddie Clark

Vote was taken. 7 support. 0 opposed. Approved unanimously.

X. Misc. Business:

Motion to have Tracey Vrem approve the minutes. Motion made by Eddie Clark, seconded by Jordan Dyer. Unanimously approved.

Discuss date and agenda for next meeting

XI. Adjournment: 22:58 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch

Minutes Approved By: Tracy Vrem

Date: 11/3/22





## Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 & 26th, Beginning at 9:00 AM, 2023

In Person at the ADFG Office, 570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bethel, AK

### Draft Agenda

**By Phone:** 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 861 0497 8893 **Participant ID:** 1

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86104978893?pwd=SHAzL1kwTmcYVm1PdKdzNVNLNUZ6dz09>

**Call to order:** Chair, Phillip Peter Sr..

**I. Invocation/ Moment of Silence**

I. Call to Order: Time – 1:00 PM by Phillip Peter Sr.

**Roll Call:**

	<u>Akiachak</u> Phillip Peter Sr.	<u>Akiak</u> David Gilila or Alternate	<u>Atmautluak</u>	<u>Eek</u>	<u>Kasigluk</u>	<u>Kwethluk</u> John Andrew	<u>Kwethluk</u>
Present	<b>X</b>						
By Teleconference		<b>X</b>					
Absent			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
Abs/Excused			No Rep	No Rep	No Rep	<b>X</b>	No Rep
	<u>Napaskiak</u>	<u>Napaskiak</u> Earl Samuelson Sr.	<u>Napaskiak</u> Richard Larson Sr.	<u>Nunapitchuk</u> Henry Parks	<u>Oscarville</u>	<u>Tuluksak</u>	<u>Tuntutuliak</u> Adolph Lupie
Present							<b>X</b>
By Teleconference		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Absent	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Abs/Excused	No Rep				No Rep	No Rep	

Michael Stevens and Nicholai Stevens called to represent Oscarville and discussed what would need to be done to place someone into the designated seat for Oscarville.

II. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 ~5 members present (2 in person, 3 by teleconference)

**III. Welcome and Introductions:** Chair, Phillip Peter Sr.

- ADFG:** Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support; Patrick Jones, DWC; John Chythlook, Sport Fish; Nick Smith, Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries Manager
- Other:** None that announced themselves

IV. Approval of Agenda: Adolph Lupie made motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Samuelson. Unanimous

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion made by Henry Parks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Samuelson. Unanimous.

**VI. Reports**

- Chair's report- Finally have a quorum! We finally can take actions.
- ADF&G
  - Fisheries Reports – Nick Smith gave a report on the salmon in the Kuskokwim. Chinook – 140,000 estimated but still waiting for final subsistence numbers.



105,000 made escapement which meets the drainage wide escapement goals. Headwaters not so good: 1,300 past Pitka Fork weir when usually escapement is between 4,000-8,000 fish. Sockeye goal was met. Chum salmon had poor run and escapement. Coho salmon had worst run on record. Mid August to mid September, fishing was closed to help protect the coho.

1. Nick answered some questions about when estimates for the upcoming season will be ready, how the department finds the estimates and reasons the declines may be happening, and the smaller sizes of the fish coming into the river.
- ii. Wildlife Reports – Patrick Jones gave a report on wildlife in Unit 18. Musk Ox – Nelson Island herd above average with 550 animals. Permits for Nelson Island musk ox were distributed in Chefnak. The mainland musk ox are growing and the department would like to reach a count of 600 before opening a hunt for them. The caribou are managed out of Dillingham and are still at about 12,000. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> season when we will not be able to hunt caribou. Disease, The Board of Game approved predator control and the department will start shooting bears and wolves in the calving grounds. Moose are doing good. About 24,000 below Mountain Village in the Yukon. More brown bear sightings have happened near the mouth.
  1. There were some questions about wolves and if they were monitored. Pat explained that wolves are monitored indirectly by investigating collared moose and caribou deaths. He added that as moose move closer to villages and towards the mouth of the river, the wolves and bear follow and explains why more are noticed by the villages.
- iii. Board Support Section Reports
  1. Participation and community elections, Advisory Committee Manuals, other items as needed
  2. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim meeting report

c. Others

- VII. Public Comment: Michael Stevens asked a question “whether it was right for Fish and Game to close down our subsistence fishing, unless they give us more days to fish for our families. Do you see any more opportunities for us to fish 4 or 5 days a week or month.” This comment leads to a conversation about the current lawsuit over the Lower Kuskokwim.
  - VIII. Old Business
  - IX. New Business
- See charts below



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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>			
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : David Galila
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	5	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Adolph Lupie

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<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>			



[133-142](#)

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to manage the June fishery by emergency order to close those areas within the management plan. Amend 5 AAC 09.330. Gear. to allow other gear types to be used in the commercial fishery.

Amend South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and Post-June Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time for set gillnet gear only.



S	5	0	<p>Earl Samuelson to vote on Proposals 133-142 as a block. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adolph Lupie.</p> <p>Phillip Peter said that he supports all of the proposals because they address what we have been saying about Area M. He wants to support others in our area: other ACs, the RAC, KRITFC, ONC. Our voices are heard and I really appreciate the work.</p> <p>Adolph Lupie – NPFMC has not made any action on the Bering Sea bycatch. Traditional knowledge will help us. We want to combine scientific and traditional knowledge.</p> <p>Henry Parks – We all know our elders relied on salmon fishing. Fish camps to harvest for the winter. Now us. WE rely on the salmon. Other races to to live and make livlihoods. Som of them are commercial fisherman. They make lots of money. There is no commercial fish for us anymore, but we still rely on the salmon to feed us.</p>
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## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Feb. 23. 2022

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Op pose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments

*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.*

<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
O	0	5	Motion: Earl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Henry
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



0	0	5	<p>Motion: Earl, 2<sup>nd</sup>: David</p> <p>We are overregulated already and counting fish already. The proposer should have kept it to his region. It is overburdensome to us. This would affect us drastically out here. We don't need our fish to be counted on top of the counting already done. USFWS &amp; ADFG send us calendar to fill out, plus the surveys. It would also be hard to enforce. Some communities had KRITFC and fish techs that counted boats and number of fish coming in and surveyed people coming in and house to house with how many caught and how. If this one passes we are in trouble. We had a hard time reporting when we get a moose within 24 hours. Some people don't have a phone, especially not one that works out in the field or at fish camp.</p>
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- X. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Motion made by Earl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David to send Phillip Peter Sr. to the BOF: AK Pen meeting
  - b. Motion made by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl to choose Earl Samuelson as an alternate.
- XI. Set next meeting date – At the Call of the Chair. Motion: Earl, 2<sup>nd</sup> David. Unanimously approved
- XII. Other
  - a. Henry Parks made a comment: “Members are not attending meeting. We need to reorganize and need to sit down and talk about duties. We are all volunteers and do not receive stipends. Gas and food prices are high. That may be the reason for low participation.”
    - i. David Gilila suggested writing a letter to the appropriate people by the next meeting.
  - b. Adolph Lupie said that weather issues make it hard to meet face to face. He will speak for others in general for others in his village, but if someone has specific things to say he asks for them to call in and participate.
- XIII. Adjourn: Henry moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl

Adjournment: 5:28 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Phillip Peter Sr.

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

Date: 2/6/2023



## **Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Recap:**

### **Board of Game Southcentral Proposals**

#### **Jan 25 Meeting Minutes: Covered BOG Southcentral Proposals:**

82, 83, 176, 187, 188:

#### **February 1, 2023 Covered BOG Southcentral Proposals:**

84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98

99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109

110, 111, 112, 113

#### **February 8, 2023 Covered BOG Southcentral Proposals**

65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,

#### **February 15, 2023 Covered BOG Proposals**

114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 130, 133, 136, 144, 145, 159, 186, 200, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208





**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee**  
**January 25, 2023**  
**TCM/Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:38pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call:**

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X
Chad Schierman- Sec	X
Chad Lipse-Fish	
Gene Sandone	X
Robert Cassell	X
Mike Barnett	X
Melvin Grove	X
Birch Yuknis	
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	X
Dan Montgomery-Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	X
Aaron Bloomquist	X
Hunter Hongslo	X
Casey Dinkel- ALT	X
Dan Lewis- ALT	

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

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Fari Sylvester, Chris Brockman

**Guests Present:** Rod Arno

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Andy motioned to amend agenda to include BOG Proposal 176 and BOF Proposal 140, Dan seconded – Accepted as amended without any objections.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved prior.

**V. Public Comment:**

- a. Chris Brockman – Suggests that AC approve re-authorization of Antlerless Moose hunting in Unit 14A,B. Open to answer any questions on moose in Unit 14.

**VI. Proposals:**

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, 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
<b>82</b>	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
Support	9	4	Support: Rams are being seen in the area, more opportunity/area. Oppose: Takes away from archery take.
<b>83</b>	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
Support	11	1	Support: Good opportunity. Oppose: Proposal eliminates DS232.
<b>176</b>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support as Amended	14	0	Motion to amend maximum from 2000 to 1000, Amendment passes 13-1-0. Support: More opportunity, managed effectively. Oppose: Reduction of maximum complicates for department if change is needed.
<b>187</b>	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	14	0	Support: More opportunity, less hassle.
<b>188</b>	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	14	0	Support: More opportunity, less hassle.

**VII. Set Next Meeting Date:** February 1 (Zoom), February 8 (TCM), February 15 (TCM)**VIII. Other:**

- Herb requested that everybody send him the BOG Proposals 84-163 that they would like to go over. In-person attendance encouraged for upcoming meetings.
- Andy would like to address BOF Proposal 140 at beginning of next meeting.
- Comments for BOG Proposals due March 3.

**IX. Adjourn:** 9:16PMMinutes Recorded By: Chad SchiermanDate: 11/09/2022Meeting Minutes approved by AC on  
02/22/2023



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee**  
**February 1, 2023**  
**TCM/Zoom**

**I. Call to Order: 7:03pm by Herb Mansavage**

**II. Roll Call:**

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X
Chad Schierman- Sec	X
Chad Lipse-Fish	
Gene Sandone	X
Robert Cassell	X
Mike Barnett	X
Melvin Grove	
Birch Yuknis	
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	X
Dan Montgomery-Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	
Aaron Bloomquist	
Hunter Hongslo	X
Casey Dinkel- ALT	
Dan Lewis- ALT	

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

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Fari Sylvester

**Guests Present:** None

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Andy motioned to approve agenda, Hunter seconded – Accepted without any objections.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To be approved at future meeting.

**V. Public Comment:** None



## VI. Proposals:

Alaska Board of Fish – Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish			
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
140			
Support	10	0	Motion for AC to approve letter by Andy in support of this proposal to be finalized by Andy and Gene, Approved with no objections. Support: Post-June intercepts migrating salmon to Cook Inlet and the way down to Washington. Reduce excessive harvest.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, 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
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
Oppose	3	6	Support: Oppose:
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
Support	9	0	Support: Good opportunity, no goat hunts in area currently but small goat population, difficult area.
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: More opportunity, managed effectively.
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: High hunting pressure, doesn't need archery season.
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Area pertains to a lot of us, takes away opportunity.



<b>90</b>	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
<b>91</b>	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
<b>92</b>	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
<b>93</b>	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
<b>94</b>	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
Support	9	0	Support: More opportunity.
<b>95</b>	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
Support	8	1	Support: More opportunity. Oppose: Wounded bear concern for other users.
<b>97</b>	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity.
<b>98</b>	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
<b>99</b>	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
Support	8	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
<b>100</b>	Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years		
Support	8	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
<b>101</b>	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: June rearing, poor hide quality.
<b>102</b>	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	7	1	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity, reduce DLP. Oppose: Poor hide quality.
<b>103</b>	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
Support	6	3	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity. Oppose: Concern for other users.
<b>104</b>	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Large area to take away, eliminates opportunity.
<b>105</b>	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
Support as Amended	8	1	Motion to amend to make 1 Permit Per Species – Amendment approved (8-1-0). Support: Spreads out opportunity.

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<b>107</b>	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Not necessary.
<b>108</b>	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Oppose	2	7	Oppose: No reason to change, department can manage as necessary.
<b>109</b>	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity.
<b>110</b>	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity.
<b>111</b>	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Low population, more pressure, would limit aerial scouting.
<b>112</b>	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
Oppose	3	6	Support: More opportunity, likely low harvest success. Oppose: Low sheep population, additional pressure concern.
<b>113</b>	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
Oppose	3	6	Support: More opportunity, likely low harvest success. Oppose: Low sheep population, additional pressure concern.

**VII. Set Next Meeting Date:** February 8 (TCM)

**VIII. Other:**

- Next Meeting – BOG Proposals 65-81, 173-188, 114-172 (Select)

**IX. Adjourn:** 9:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/01/2023

Meeting Minutes approved by AC on  
02/22/2023



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
February 8, 2023  
TCM/Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:09pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call:**

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X
Chad Schierman- Sec	
Chad Lipse-Fish	
Gene Sandone	X
Robert Cassell	X
Mike Barnett	X
Melvin Grove	
Birch Yuknis	
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	
Dan Montgomery-Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	X
Aaron Bloomquist	X
Hunter Hongslo	X
Casey Dinkel- ALT	X
Dan Lewis- ALT	X

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

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Fari Sylvester

**Guests Present:** Rod Arno

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Dan motioned to approve agenda, Neil seconded – Accepted without any objections.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To be approved at future meeting.

**V. Public Comment:**

Rod Arno - Alaska Outdoor Council spoke about state and federal issue of who has authority to manage fish and game in Alaska. Kenai Rule is a ban on bear baiting that the State has challenged U S Fish & Wildlife authority to manage within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (federal lands within Alaska). State has lost in District Court and in the 9th Circuit Court — and now this rule is being petitioned to take up by the US Supreme Court. This is a battle for the State to have the ability to manage game within and throughout Alaska.





Aaron Bloomquist asked Rod's opinion about whether bear proposals to lengthen the season on the Kenai should be approved. Rod's answer is might be a good idea to improve —just to show that there is a viable bear population on the Kenai.

Neil asked about how the Federal substance board is allowed to overrule state regulations on Federal land. Rod's take: the Federal Subsistence Board has been closing out non federal subsistence hunting season based on qualified subsistence users feeling like they are competing for the resource. ANICLA gives federal authority over subsistence hunting on Federal lands within Alaska.

## VI. Proposals:

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, 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
<b>65</b>	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Not necessary.
<b>66</b>	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Takes away opportunity by restricting area where all weapons are currently legal.
<b>67</b>	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity.
<b>68</b>	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
Support	10	2	Support: Population has declined, overharvest of bulls has decreased trophy bull potential. Online registration opportunity would like to be seen.
<b>69</b>	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	9	3	Support: Potential for future hunting opportunity. Oppose: Concern of causing habitat problems.
<b>70</b>	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
Support as Amended	12	0	Motion to amend to make for residents only, Amendment approved (12-0-0).



<b>71</b>	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
Support	11	1	Motion to amend to make for residents only, Amendment fails (6-6-0). Support: Hunt would be during rut and harvest of bulls would likely be low, more opportunity, few opportunities in Alaska to hunt elk with bow in comparison to other states.
<b>72</b>	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
Support	11	1	Support: Hunt would be during rut and harvest of bulls would likely be low, more opportunity, few opportunities in Alaska to hunt elk with bow in comparison to other states.
<b>73</b>	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
Support	9	3	Motion to amend to eliminate any changes for residents but reduce bag limit to 1 per year for non-residents, Amendment passes (9-3-0). Support: Hard winters have quite the affect on does and fawn production, deer can be hit hard on the beaches. Lack of information from ADF&G when AC took up this proposal.
<b>74</b>	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Restriction to transporters.
<b>75</b>	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Restricts hunter from continuing to hunt and does not allow participation in Kodiak Brown Bear drawing for 4 years.
<b>76</b>	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
Support	11	1	Support: Some bears do not den if there is a food source and these would make harvesting some these bears easier.
<b>77</b>	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
Support	10	1	Support: Seeks to address conservation issue. 1 Abstain: Lost without ADF&G comments.
<b>78</b>	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
Support	7	5	Support
<b>79</b>	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		
Oppose	5	6	Oppose 1 Abstain
<b>80</b>	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Seeks to change allocation of permits to favor residents.

**VII. Set Next Meeting Date:** February 15 (TCM)



**VIII. Other:**

- Next Meeting – Statewide fisheries proposals should be considered as comments are due by 02/23/2023.

**IX. Adjourn: 9:18PM**

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/08/2023

Meeting minutes approved by AC on  
2/22/2028



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee**  
**February 15, 2023**  
**Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:04pm by Dan Montgomery

**II. Roll Call:**

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage-Chair	
Chad Schierman- Sec	X
Chad Lipse-Fish	
Gene Sandone	X
Robert Cassell	
Mike Barnett	X
Melvin Grove	
Birch Yuknis	X
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	
Dan Montgomery-Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	X
Aaron Bloomquist	X
Hunter Hongslo	X
Casey Dinkel- ALT	
Dan Lewis- ALT	X

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

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Fari Sylvester, Tim Peltier

**Guests Present:** None

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Neil motioned to approve agenda, Hunter seconded – Accepted without any objections.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To be approved at future meeting.

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Proposals:**



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues

### Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<b>154</b>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	4	0	7 Abstain: Not enough information.
<b>157</b>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Monopolize fisheries, move back and forth between areas.
<b>158</b>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Monopolize fisheries, move back and forth between areas
<b>159</b>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
Support	11	0	Support: Logical to close area for all, small area.
<b>161</b>	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska ( <i>To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting</i> ).		
Support	11	0	Support: Policy to manage groundfish, certification to market. Bycatch concern not shown in proposal.
<b>163</b>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Limits residents that don't have means. 2 Abstain: Not enough information.
<b>164</b>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Already regulated (Sport Fish, Coast Guard, Business License), data collected through personal use fisherman.
<b>165</b>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Limits residents that don't have means.
<b>166</b>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Allocation not conservation concern, no statewide limits for sport or commercial fishing.
<b>167</b>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Reporting should be set per area/fishery.



<b>168</b>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
Support	11	0	Support: Housekeeping.

## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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
<b>114</b>	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity (rifle).
<b>115</b>	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity, less conflict.
<b>116</b>	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	11	0	Support: Backup regulation, maintain goat population.
<b>117</b>	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support: Backup regulation, maintain goat population.
<b>118</b>	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity for resident hunters to fill freezer, concern with grooming for non-resident hunters. Support unless department opposes.
<b>119</b>	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Specialty season.
<b>130</b>	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Support: Increase moose population, manage predators.
<b>133</b>	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support: Unethical, not steady to shoot.
<b>136</b>	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support	10	1	Support: Extend season, more opportunity. Oppose: Hide quality poor after May 31 <sup>st</sup> .

<b>144</b>	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	10	1	Dept: Definition for statewide. Support: Starts conversation, alleviates confusion.
<b>145</b>	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Closure not necessary, eliminates hunting opportunity.
<b>159</b>	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	2	Support: More opportunity. 1 Abstain: Unknown population concern without department comment.
<b>186</b>	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity, less hassle.
<b>200</b>			
Oppose	1	10	Oppose: No restrictions, extend season.
<b>203</b>			
Support	10	1	Support: Hunting opportunity. Oppose: Area used by other user groups and in town.
<b>204</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Unncecessary closure, no safety or biological concern.
<b>205</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Registration preferred.
<b>206</b>			
Support	11	0	Support
<b>207</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose
<b>208</b>			
Support	11	0	Support: Reallocates drawing permits as originally intended by proposal approved by Board of Game.

**VII. Set Next Meeting Date:** February 22 (Zoom)

**VIII. Other:**

- Andy motioned to have Gene represent AC at BOF Statewide meeting, Aaron seconded – Motioned passed 11-0-0.
- Andy commented that Kevin Delaney presenting BOF King Salmon Action Plan for Nushagak.
- Andy motioned to have Gene represent AC at BOF Area M meeting, Neil seconded – Motioned passed 11-0-0.

**IX. Adjourn:** 9:12PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/15/2023

Meeting minutes approved on 2/22/23





**McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**January 27th, 2023 at 11:00 am**  
**McGrath City Office & teleconference**

**Join the meeting online:** <https://bit.ly/mcgrathACjan27>  
**Dial in: (669) 444-9171 OR (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free)**  
**Meeting ID: 864 8685 0102**  
**Passcode: MCGRATH**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Members Present: Brett Gibbens (Chair), Jesse Grady (Vice Chair), Lewis Egrass, Ken Deardorff, Dan Esai, Jimmy Nikolai,  
Members Absent: Daryl Petruska, Andrew Runkle, Mark Cox, Clinton Goods  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff present
- IV. Chair's Comments
- V. Concerns/comments of Public
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members
- VII. ~~Approval~~ Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/10/2021 [incomplete]  
[audio recording available at <http://notice.alaska.gov/204517>]
- VIII. Approval of the agenda
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates
- X. Old Business:
  - a. Others
- XI. New Business
  - a. Discuss of Board of Fisheries Proposals 140 & others as requested and review staff comments on Proposal 140 & others as requested
  - b. Discuss Board of Game Proposals 179, 204, 205 & others as requested
  - c. Discuss of Dall Sheep population and conservation strategies
  - d. Discuss 2023-2024 Calls for Proposals
  - e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Op pose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#"><u>140</u></a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6	0	

## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

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179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	6	0	
<a href="#"><u>204</u></a>	Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years		
SUPPORT	6	0	
<a href="#"><u>205</u></a>	Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available		
SUPPORT	6	0	

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

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

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



**Middle Yukon River Fish & Game  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 pm  
Nulato Tribal Council Office & web/teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by Percy Lolnitz  
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz (chair), Michael Stickman (secretary), Fred Huntington, Tommy Neglaska, Patrick Madros Jr., Georgiana Madros, Joe Turner, Arnold Demoski  
Members Absent: Tom Kriska, Richard Burnham, Van Madros  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Glenn Stout (Wildlife), Sara Longson (Wildlife), Jeremy Choleva (Wildlife), Christy Gleason (Comm. Fish), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish), Sam Decker (Comm. Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish.), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fish), Holly Carroll (USFWS), Jeremy Havener (USFWS)
- III. Guests Present: Maurice McGinty, Howard Beasley, Tyler Huntington, David Billings, Leo Lolnitz
- IV. Approval of Agenda: add Koyukuk CUA; Motion by Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tommy N.; unanimous
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Patrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arnold.; unanimous
- VI. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: AC has fallen behind because of Covid, good to have a face to face meeting again and hold elections and officer elections.
  - b. ADF&G: Glenn Stout, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Lisa Stuby [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Public Comment: [yet to be transcribed]
- VIII. Old Business: N/A
- IX. New Business:
  - a. Elections for expired and vacant seats  
Election results as follows:  
Nulato: Tom Kriska, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner  
Koyukuk: Percy Lolnitz, Leo Lolnitz  
Galena: Fred Huntington, Dave Billings, Tyler Huntington, Howard Beasley  
Kaltag: Georgiana Madros, Patrick Madros Jr., Calvin McGinty, Tommy Neglaska  
Alternates appointed: Michael Stickman, Maurice McGinty



b. Officer Election Results:

Chair: Percy Lolnitz

Vice-Chair: Arnold Demoski

Secretary: Michael Stickman

c. Board of Fisheries Proposals

Proposal 79: SUPPORT 13-0

Proposal 80: OPPOSE 0-13

Proposal 81: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 13-0; Amendment- *cross out the part that says "annual limit"*

Proposal 82: SUPPORT 13-0

Proposal 84: OPPOSE 0-13

Proposal 86: OPPOSE 0-13

Proposal 87: SUPPORT 13-0

Proposal 88: SUPPORT 13-0

Proposal 89: NO ACTION

Proposal 140: SUPPORT

d. Board of Game Proposals

Proposal 184: SUPPORT 13-0

Proposal 186: SUPPORT 13-0

e. Koyukuk Controlled Use Area [yet to be transcribed]

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Tom Kriska & Tommy Neglaska

XI. Set next meeting date: TBD

XII. Other: [yet to be transcribed]

Adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Recorded By: ADF&G Staff (multiple divisions)

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

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



## Mid Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday November 17th, 2022

In Person at the St. Mary's City Hall in St. Mary's, AK

- I. **Call to order:** ~~Chair, William Alstrom~~ Acting Chair: Vice Chair Stanislaus Sheppard

Call to Order: Time - 10:14 by Stanislaus Sheppard

- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** Vice-Chair, Stanislaus Sheppard

Roll Call:

	<u>Andreafski</u> <u>Alternate</u> George Beans	<u>Mountain Village</u> Stanislaus Sheppard	<u>Pilot Station</u> Rex Nick	<u>Pitka's Point</u> William Riley
Present	X	X		X – Arrived at 10:18
By Teleconference				
Absent			X	
Abs/Excused				
	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson	<u>St. Mary's Alternate</u> Sven Paulkan	<u>Marshall</u> No current member	
Present		X	-	
By Teleconference	X		-	
Absent			-	
Abs/Excused			-	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4 – 5 members present, quorum has been met

Attendance/Introductions:

Mid-Lower Yukon Advisory Committee Members introduced themselves.

ADFG: Keith Oster, Wildlife in Bethel; Lisa Stuby, Sport Fish in Fairbanks; Sam Decker, commercial fishing summer assistant manager for Yukon; Fari Fernandez, regional coordinator assisting; Savannah Hollingworth, western regional coordinator; Jesse Coleman, division of subsistence.

Others: Ashley Johnson, AVCP; Christian Alexie Jr. YK Delta, USFWS; Emmit Nicori, USFWS

- III. Invocation led by George Beans

- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by George Beans to approve the agenda, Seconded by William Riley. Approved Unanimously.

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 9th, 2022

Sven Paulkan points out the adjournment time is not recorded. Stanislaus Sheppard said he can look at his notes.

Motion made by George Beans to approve the minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the recommendation that the adjournment time be added. Seconded by William Riley. Approved unanimously.

- VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: Tabled, since the chair is out on travel

b. ADF&G

i. Fisheries Reports: Given by Sam Decker, ADFG.



1. Fish came in even less than expected
  - a. Only 45,000 King salmon past Pilot Station sonar
  - b. Estimates based on Pilot Station did not reach Eagle
    - i. Only about 12,000 passed into Canada; lowest on record
    - ii. Summer chum: 470,000, up from 156,000 last year. Still not enough for subsistence, but allowed some small harvest with 4 inch mesh.
  - c. Emmonak, Pilot Station, Eagle and new Rampart station partnered with USFWS for ichthyophonus work.
  - d. No goals were met
2. Question about difference in estimates between Pilot and Eagle
  - a. Department thinks that it may be disease, prevalence of ichthyophonus first reported by subsistence users. Studying.
  - b. Please report if salmon seen spawning in place that they are not usually seen.
  - c. Absence of dead fish or evidence is unknown.
3. Member Basil Larson talks about how eels can be caught in 4 inch nets but haven't been any recently. Elders say when eels stop showing up, everything else follows. Hope the abundance of eels this fall means the salmon will follow in the spring.
4. Concern about smaller King salmon from members. Sam Decker says that the jacks can still spawn larger fish, but there is concern for jills (smaller female Kings) because they carry less eggs.
5. Stanislaus Sheppard asks about what the Yukon Panel, the treaty, and state says in regard to escapement into Canada.
  - a. False Pass and Area M makes no action but restricted here but it is known that the fish are intercepted. He feels that the difference is because there is no money involved in subsistence harvest. There must be action taken in False Pass and Area M. Harry Wilde, Johnny Sheppard, Johnny Thompson, John Hansen took action and we saw a rebound after.
  - b. Stanislaus Sheppard said that it was a high water freeze up and he got eels November 9<sup>th</sup>. He repeats that when the eels run, the salmon follow.
  - c. Sam Decker sympathizes and encourages people to contact the Board of Fisheries and participate in the Board



meetings. She talks about resources available and offers to talk and listen to people. She says Savannah has resources to help too. Sam gives her desk phone and the main office number to the group.

6. George Beans asks how much enforcement happens when the chum and Kings are running?
  - a. Sam Decker said that she does not know but hears there is good compliance.
7. Stan Sheppard asked how Federal takeover works with people who have moved away from their village returning to fish and with their families.
  - a. Sam answered that it would not matter in state waters, but in federal waters people who had moved away would not be able to fish. She stated that it is complicated.
8. Shane Ransbury gave a report on the fall chum and coho salmon on the Yukon.
  - a. Chum, 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest on record at 236,000. Coho 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest at near 100,000. Treaty unlikely to be met. Selective gear was opened. Expect near record low subsistence harvest. Three new research projects: stress hormone analysis, Sheenjek River sonar, and coho radio tags. Also, Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska research.
    - i. Questions from members about high water, freeze up, and water temperatures? Could run be late or changing? Shane said that salmon could be affected, but fall chum are more consistent in the areas they spawn.
    - ii. Wildlife Reports: Keith Oster gave a report.
      1. Surveys completed February 2021, Innoko downriver to mouth of Yukon. 24,000 moose, about half downriver of Mountain Village. On-going browse surveys and capture project show nutritional stress. Twinning and composition show moose population is growing.
        - a. Questions about outsiders hunting moose, enforcement, and predator control. Keith answered that there are about 200 non-resident hunters that are successful each year. Basil Larson made comment that many people and other animals are targeting moose because of the low salmon numbers. No counts on predators. Moose are overpopulated and continuing to grow so no need for





predator control. Predator control would need to be approved by Board of Game. Basil said he and others notice that bears are more aggressive. Ripple effect of no fish. He said he and others have also noticed more wolves.

2. Mulchatna caribou still closed. Numbers are consistent the last 4 years at about 12,000. There are talks of proposals for tier II, but for now closed.
  - a. William Riley expressed concern over lack of enforcement. Have noticed same day aerial shooting and headhunters. Himself and others have seen headless moose in the field. Buying antlers makes problem worse. We need more enforcement. Need to conserve now for the future.
3. Pat Jones talked about the antlerless moose and brown bear tag fee exemption proposals. He said that moose are overpopulated and are overgrazing. That could lead to a population crash because they are starving. Biologists are trying to figure out if it is because the habitat can't support the population or if the winter weather is making it hard for the moose to access the food available. Pat discusses what would need to happen for predator control to take place and said that he does not think that it will happen anytime soon.
  - a. A member of the public asks about high water and moose wading in the water to eat the algae. Pat answered that the moose like the aquatic plants because of the salt. They also like the horse tail.
  - b. Pat reminds everyone that a call for proposals will be announced soon and offered help to polish up any draft proposals and get them submitted.

12:04 Lunch break, reconvene at 12:42

4. Enforcement questions are discussed. Stanislaus Sheppard said that people worry that when they report they may be blamed and receive a ticket themselves. Members said they are concerned and would like to see more enforcement. Sven and Matt Waskey ask about how to report wanton waste on federal lands. Pat Jones promises phone numbers for both Federal wildlife enforcement and state wildlife troopers.
  - a. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Thorvilson from Aniak joins into the teleconference to address the ACs concerns about off airport landing and wildlife violations. More enforcement in the area is requested by members. Officer Thorvilson said that he will make more of an effort to cover the area



and states that AWT is trying to station someone in St. Mary's. Officer Thorvilson asks that people please report when they see wildlife violations and he said that the troopers would be happy to follow up on any reports made.

iii. Board Support Section Reports

1. Participation, membership and elections

Savannah Hollingworth gave an update on the AC – Pilot Station and Marshall need elections, she has been trying to get them to do their own. Out of term members, villages should also do elections for those seats. She asks for suggestions on how to support or ways to improve participation.

i. Stanislaus Sheppard would like to request a stipend or per diem.

2. He feels that the AC business is important, but most members sit on other boards or have jobs that they are paid to attend and he could be doing other things that are just as important and paid. AC meetings take volunteers away from their jobs and other activities. Educated and experienced sitting on committees. We make proposals and make decisions on proposals to help the communities. High cost of living and inflation has impacted our communities making it harder to participate.

3. Savannah Hollingworth states that the issue had been brought up by the Central Bering Sea AC as well. She suggests writing a letter to the DOA commissioner and the local legislature and says she can pass on contact information. This is what the other AC is doing.

4. Other members add comments that they feel that their time should be compensated. A question is asked how much the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game receive stipend and per diem and the point made that they do the same thing. All members are in favor. Local knowledge is important to fish and game laws and effect everyone in the region. The Board uses our recommendations when they come to decisions. Difficult to get any interest because it is volunteer and costs the members, either in trying to participate or by time off of their regular job. Feel that it would be in the general interest of the people.

c. Others

II. Public Comment

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals



- b. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
- d. Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear tag authorizations
- e. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
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<a href="#"><u>80</u></a>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
S	5	0	Support equal harvest.  There were some questions about subsistence harvest counts. Members feel that the counts may not be accurate since reporting is voluntary. They suggested doing counts of fish on racks.
<a href="#"><u>81</u></a>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
NA			The AC decided to take no action because the lower Yukon does not have a permit system and feels this proposal does not apply, does not address household, family, or personal permits and limits. Too vague and how would this affect the lower river?
<a href="#"><u>82</u></a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> George		



S	4	1	Does not feel this is a practice in the Lower Yukon. It is dangerous and crazy that people would do this. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> George
<a href="#">84</a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
S	5	0	There was a question whether people on the Yukon had 7 ½ inch nets to comply with this proposal. Sam Decker said that subsistence surveys indicate that most people do.
<a href="#">85</a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
NA			
<a href="#">86</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
O	0	5	People will take advantage knowing that they will keep every fish they hook. Should not be any sport fishing if subsistence is closed or limited.
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> George		
S	5	0	Eel sticks have been traditionally used for many generations. District 1 is not listed, but also traditionally use eel sticks; only Districts 2, 3, and 4 are listed.
<a href="#">88</a>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications. Motion George, 2 <sup>nd</sup> William		
O	0	5	Opposed to 6 inch commercial gear river wide. One member commented that they would like commercial fishing gear regulations consistent river wide, but not 6 inch.
<a href="#">89</a>	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached. Motion George, 2 <sup>nd</sup> William		
S	5	0	
Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals March 10-13, 2023   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Feb. 23, 2022			



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<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion George, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
S	5	0	Subsistence is for food not money.
<b>Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik</b> February 20-25, 2022   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Op pose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#">134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141</a>	Motion made to address these proposals as a block.  Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> George		
S	5	0	Need fast action. Would like to support AFN action to deal with these issues that effect Yukon. We are overregulated here, but hardly any regulations there.





## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	5	0	

- V. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. BOF: AYK January 14-18 – Basil Larson
  - b. BOF: AK Pen/Aluetian Islands/Chignik February 20-25 – Basil Larson
- VI. Set next meeting date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- VII. Other
- VIII. Adjourn: Motion made by Sven, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George

Adjournment: 4:53

Minutes Approved By: Verbally approved by Vice-chair Stanislaus Sheppard

Date: 1/7/2023



**Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**January 6th, 2023 at 12:00 pm**  
**Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference**

- I. Call to Order: 12:40 pm by Victor Lord
- II. Members Present: Carl Frank, Cameron Winfrey, Victor Lord, ~~Steven Ketzler~~, Donald Charlie, Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, Kathleen Demientieff, Larry Ketzler  
Members Absent (excused): Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Andrew Jimmie  
Members Absent (unexcused): ~~Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Conrad McManus~~  
(alternate), ~~George Wolfenbarger~~ (alternate)  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Election Results:

Victor Lord and Donald Charlie re-elected; Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, and Larry Ketzler newly elected to Nenana designated seats prior to start of meeting. Kathleen Demientieff elected to undesignated seat immediately after meeting was called to order. All re-elected and newly elected members seated immediately.

- III. Fish and Game Staff present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Tony Hollis (Wildlife), Mark Nelson (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gryska (Sport Fish)
- IV. Chair's Comments: N/A, chair(s) not present
- V. Concerns/comments of Public: N/A, no public members present
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/17/2022 & 2/18/2020 - Motion made by Eva Burk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Frank
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – Motion made by Eva Burk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olivia Irwin
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates:  
Deena Jallen – Yukon Summer Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]  
Christy Gleason – Yukon Fall Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]  
Andy Gryska – Sport Fish Report [yet to be transcribed]  
Tony Hollis – Moose and Wildlife Report [yet to be transcribed]  
Tom Seaton – Wood Bison Update and Discussion [yet to be transcribed]  
-Wood Bison Planning Meetings scheduled in Fairbanks 1/25/2023 – 1/27/2023
- X. Old Business: none





## XI. New Business

- a. Elections for:  
5 expired seats (Nenana) and 1 vacancies (undesignated)  
[See above]
- b. Officer Elections for:  
Chair(s) - Olivia Irwin unanimously voted in as Nenana Co-Chair  
Vice-Chair(s) - Kathleen Demientieff unanimously voted in as Vice Chair  
Secretary/Records Keeper – Eva Burk unanimously voted in as Secretary
- c. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals  
~~Proposal 63: SUPPORT 8-0, Motion by Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olivia~~ [see 1/12/23]  
Proposal 64: OPPOSE 0-8, Motion by Eva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen  
Proposal 79: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Olivia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald  
Proposal 80: OPPOSE 0-8; Motion by Olivia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eva  
Proposal 81: TNA; Motion by Kathleen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry  
Proposal 82: DISCUSS FURTHER AT 1/12/2023 MEETING  
Proposal 83: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Eva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cameron  
Proposal 139: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen  
Proposal 140: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen
- d. Discussion of future meeting schedule: [yet to be transcribed]
- e. select representative(s) for Board meeting(s)  
Carl Frank will represent the AC at Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries Meeting. Motion by Eva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cameron. Unanimous.  
Eva Burk will represent the AC at Alaska Peninsula Board of Fisheries Meeting in February. Motion by Kathleen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cameron. Unanimous.

## XII. Other:

Cameron Winfrey requested agenda item for 1/12/2023 meeting: discussion of who will represent the Minto/Nenana AC at the Wood Bison Planning Meeting later this month.

Donald Charlie made a motion to support the Minto/Nenana AC submitting a proposal to the Joint Board of Fish and Game to allow 4 alternates on the Minto/Nenana AC; 2 from Minto and 2 from Nenana. Seconded by Eva Burk. Motion approved unanimously.  
(current regulations allow for a total of 2 alternates on the committee)

## XIII. Adjourn: 4:50 pm



**Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**January 12th, 2023 at 12:00 pm**  
**Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference**

- I. Call to Order: \_\_\_\_\_ by Charlie Titus Jr.
- II. Members Present: Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Olivia Irwin (co-chair), Kathleen Demientieff (vice chair), Andrew Jimmie, Cameron Winfrey, Carl Frank, Larry Ketzler, Victor Lord, Eva Burk  
Members Absent: Donald Charlie  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Guests Present: Phillip Titus, Alex Hannah
- IV. Fish and Game Staff present: Kristy Tibbles (Boards Support), Georgie Phillips (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gyska (Sport Fish)
- V. Chair's Comments: [yet to be transcribed]
- VI. Concerns/comments of Public: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – [yet to be transcribed]
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates: [yet to be transcribed]
- X. Old Business:

**Board of Fisheries Proposal 63** – The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and changed their position from Support to **OPPOSE**. Motion carried unanimously 9-0.

**Board of Fisheries Proposal 83** - The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and modified their support to **SUPPORT AS AMENDED** [see below]

- XI. New Business
  - a. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals
    - Proposal 63: OPPOSE 0-9
    - Proposal 65: OPPOSE 0-6
    - Proposal 82: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 7-0; Amended language: *“In the Yukon Area from May 1 to September 30, gillnets in operation must have one red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats visible on the surface of the water at each end of the submerged net, and for submerged gillnets over 60 feet in length, a third red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats must be attached to the middle of the net.”*



Proposal 84: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 85: NO ACTION

Proposal 86: OPPOSE 0-6

Proposal 87: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 88: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 89: NO ACTION

- b. Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations: [yet to be fully transcribed]  
Board of Game Proposal 180: OPPOSE

- c. Representation on Wood Bison Planning Group at Jan 25-27 Meeting:  
Carl Frank and Victor Lord appointed unanimously to represent the  
Minto/Nenana AC.

XII. Other:

Members discussed appointing Louis Titus to be an alternate for the AC representing Minto.

Members discussed harvesting a moose with tape worms, and requested information from ADFG on the cause.

Members requested written report from ADFG on moose populations in GMU 20A & 20B

Members requested information from ADFG on waterfowl in the region and avian flu

Members requested information from ADFG on impacts of climate change on local wildlife

XIII. Adjourn: 3:42 pm

[DRAFT] Minutes Recorded By: ADFG BOARDS SUPPORT & \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



March 3, 2023

[regarding BOG Proposals 180 & 181]

In order to preserve the ceremonial use of cow moose in Unit 20, the Minto-Nenana Advisory Committee opposes the antlerless moose hunt in all management areas of Unit 20 including but not limited to Unit 20A and 20B. We ask that the Board maintains the availability of cow moose for purposes such as funeral and memorial potlatches. A right provided in law found in 5 AAC 92.017 as well as in accordance with 5 AAC 92.019. Authorizing an antlerless moose hunt when numbers of cow moose in the Minto-Nenana management area are already low, would compromise the ability for the Board to uphold the right to potlatch and cultural harvest of cow moose when and if that time comes.

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Olivia Henaayee Irwin  
Nenana Co-Chair  
**Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee**



**Naknek, Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7 pm  
Dolly's hall**

- I. Call to Order: William Reagan call to order at 7:06
- II. Roll Call William Reagan, Everett Thompson, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, Marc Watson  
George Wilson Jr, Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch  
Members Present: 8

Members Absent (Excused): John Wise, Ralph Zimin

Members Absent (Unexcused): none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Amy Vandervoort, Travis Ellison, Tim Sands, Jeff Wildly, Charles Russell, Tyler Lawson.

- III. Guests Present: None
- IV. Approval of Agenda Richard Wilson approves agenda, Marc 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Everett moves to approve minutes of 3/30/2022, Marc 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard asked about the local biologist that stated that commercial fisherman has been fishing later in the seasons because of
- VI. Reports
- a. Chair's report, the committee hasn't met yet because of the bay fin fish proposals. There is a lot of information out there with nothing definitive with what's the issues of king salmon. Everyone is pointing at the other user groups, but most are saying weather patterns and ocean conditions are to blame. Not the trawlers but to get creditable information is very hard.
  - b. ADF&G The area M deadline for comments was moved to February 6<sup>th</sup> and also, I believe that a joint board call for proposals because there hasn't been made in about 5 years. Amy introduced herself to the board as the local biologist for game in our region. She gave an update NAP caribou population is stable and healthy, moose as well. Richard said he thinks it great a local biologist here is great.
  - c. Others None



VII. Public Comment

VIII. New Business Board of Game proposal 187 Everett made motion to adopt, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Passed 8-0

IX. Board of fish area M proposals- and statewide proposals

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting Hopefully Everett or George will be available  
to attend area M or statewide meeting in anchorage.

XI. Set next meeting date sometime in end of September or early October

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn 9:12pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
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<a href="#">105</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action	0	8	The local advisory apposed this because they felt they wanted to keep the stocks separate. Several members felt same way but it's out of our region and most felt the same way. The biologists wanted to update the management goals as they already manage it that way as a single goal. Member asked if any stocks of Naknek Kvichak stocks are affected otherwise I would like to take no action
<a href="#">120</a>	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
support	8	0	Marc moved to adopted, Everett 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Department opposes mandatory closers and over escapement is possible with this proposal. Richard asked if there's numbers of Bristol bay sockeye stocks caught in this area. The biologist said it would reduce the overall catch of Bristol bay fish because of the mandatory closures. Richard wanted to know the % of Bristol bay stocks caught, biologist said the WASSUP report has a detailed species for rivers of origin.
<a href="#">121</a>	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopted, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> All of the members don't think area M fisherman need anymore fishing area or time. They already have miles and miles of area and have continues fishing for weeks at a time.
<a href="#">122</a>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		





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Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> William asked the biologist could the area M fisherman catch local stocks inside the district? The biologist state that yes they can but fisherman said it's difficult to fish and would like to move to the outside. Everyone said they don't need anymore time or area to fish.
<a href="#">123</a>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		
No action	8	0	Everett moved to take no action as it's for set net. George 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<a href="#">124</a>	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
oppose	0	8	Everett For the same reasons we didn't support proposal 121. Everyone in agreement
<a href="#">125</a>	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
No Action	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard asked if the line wasn't straight off shore and if we helped move the line would it have a negative impact on Bristol bay stock. Marc said that we should not take no action because we don't know the area of the real issue.
<a href="#">126</a>	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marc said we should support this proposal as it came from our lower Bristol bay advisory committee. All advisory committees here supported this proposal. Joe said he has seen escapement into meshik and Ilnik rivers varies from trickle to surge depending on the seasons in June and July as everyone knows
<a href="#">127</a>	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		



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Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> As the other proposals the area M fisherman do not need any more fishing time or area because of all the stock of concerns with King salmon and chums throughout Alaska. It doesn't make any sense.
<a href="#">128</a>	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
Support as amended	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> Everett would amend the inside nelson lagoon to leave the net restriction the statues que. 2 <sup>nd</sup> by George
<a href="#">129</a>	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> The effectiveness of catching sockeye would be huge and increase the effectiveness of getting Bristol bay sockeye.
<a href="#">140</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> The biologist said they harvest over 544,000 chums last June 2022, the department did a genetic study of those chums caught, 58% are Asian chums,18% coastal western Alaska chum salmon.



# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Opposed	2	6	Everett moved to adopt Richard 2 <sup>nd</sup> Everett feels that the younger fisherman may want to continue fishing in different areas of Alaska waters with another permit. George agrees that it the direction of the future fisheries. Richard feels that the rich will get richer and allowing those that own getting a monopoly of the fisheries, William can see that if a person owns multiply permits he will own one boat and fish different areas which would limit access.
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
No Action	8	0	For the reason stated in proposal 157
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Richard 2 <sup>nd</sup> The ability for those in rural Alaska to have to report at an office isn't realistic at all. No way those out in fish camp or hunting camps to return to camps to report in person.

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr

Minutes Approved By: Co-chairs William Reagan and Everett Thompson

Date: 2/6/2023

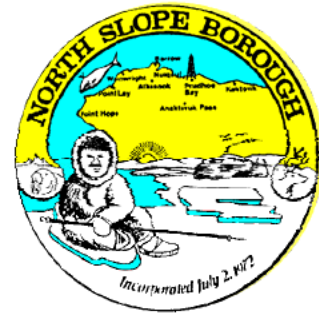


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RAYNITA "TAQULIK" HEPA, DIRECTOR

March 3, 2023

To: The Alaska Board of Game

From: The North Slope Advisory Committee to the Alaska Board of Game

The North Slope Advisory Committee met on March 1 and 2, 2023 in Barrow Alaska.

Members present included:

Enoch Oktollik (Vice Chair) – Wainwright  
Ester Hugo – Anaktuvuk Pass  
Robert Lisbourne – Point Lay  
Leonard Barger – Point Hope  
Dorcus Nashoalook – Nuiqsut  
Lee Kayotuk – Kaktovik

Members took action on two proposals that will be heard at the Southcentral Region Meeting March 17-22,2023.

Proposal 186 which would reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Interior and Northeast Alaska GMU 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C).

The Committee unanimously supported this proposal.

Proposal 188 which would reauthorize current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in GMU 18, 22, 23, and 26(A).

The Committee unanimously supported this proposal.



## NORTH SLOPE FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:30PM  
at the Assembly Chambers and via Zoom Web-conference  
Utqiagvik, Alaska.

### *Draft Meeting Summary*

1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Enoch Oktollik @ 1:32 p.m.
2. Invocation – Provided by Leonard Barger
3. Welcome Remarks - provided by Taqulik Hepa, Director of the North Slope Borough Wildlife Management Department
4. Roll Call: Members present: Chair Vice Chair Enoch Oktollik of Wainwright; Wanda Kippi of Atkasuk; Esther Hugo of Anaktuvuk Pass; Lee Kayotuk of Kaktovik; Dorcus Nashoalook of Nuiqsut; Leonard Barger of Point Hope; and Robert Lisbourne of Point Lay. (Chairman Joseph Leavitt of Utqiagvik was absent.)

5. Staff and Guests Attending:

ADF&G: Carmen Daggett, Alex Hansen, & Kristy Tibbles.

North Slope Borough Wildlife Department staff members: Brian Person, Lucy Leavitt, Nicole Wojciechowski, Rita Acker, Quincy Adams, John Citta, Todd Sformo, and JakyLou Olemaun.

North Slope Borough Planning and Community Services Department staff members: Robert Akpik Jr., Frank Akpik Jr., Jesslee Aklik, and Roy Barnum.

Carolyn Cannon, Point Hope Mayor's Office

Andrea Bishop, Inupiat Community of Arctic Slope

6. Approval of Agenda.
  - Motion to support the agenda was approved unanimously. (Motion made by Leonard, seconded by Lee.)
  - Request to move “agency reports” to the end of “new business”.
  - Motion to approve the revised agenda approved unanimously. (Leonard / Lee)
7. Old Business – none reported.
8. New Business
  - a. Board of Game Proposal 186 to Reauthorize Brown Bear tag fee exemption throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska, Units 26 B and 26C.  
  
Motion to support carried unanimously. (Leonard / Wanda)



- b. Board of Game Proposal 188 to Reauthorize Brown Bear tag fee exemption and Antlerless Moose season portion of Unit 26A.

Motion to support carried unanimously. (Esther / Leonard)

- c. Proposal submissions to the Board of Game for the 2023/2024 Meeting Cycle which includes Game Management Units (GMU) 26A, 26B, and 26C, due **May 1, 2023.**

- i. Align musk ox hunt boundaries in 26A and 26B.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Leonard)

- ii. Re-establish an antlerless moose hunt for GMU 26A and align state and federal boundaries.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Leonard / Lee)

- iii. Modify the boundary of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area and create a trilateral cue for when the caribou hunt can start when the caribou progress through Anaktuvuk Pass.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Leonard)

- iv. Modify the daily harvest limits for caribou in a portion of Unit 23 North of the Singolik River and the southern portion of 26A to align regulations between the Northern and Southern portions of 26A.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Dorcus)

- d. Reports

North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management - Taqulik Hepa

Teshekpuk Caribou Herd population report – Carmen Daggett, ADF&G

- 9. Set next meeting date – no date discussed.

- 10. Other

- 11. Adjournment at 2:10 pm.

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*Note: The North Slope Fish and Game Advisory Committee also serves as the North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee which met March 1 and 2, 2023. For information, please contact Lucy Leavitt, Subsistence Research Coordinator with the North Slope Borough at 907-852-0350.*



Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting  
12/19/2022 Monday

1. Called to Order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present ( Quorum to open meeting and start of agenda items. Tom Gray left meeting about 1:20pm – No quorum during part of public testimony – Jack Fagerstrom entered meeting during public testimony at about 2:00pm and re-established a Quorum)
    - i. Charlie Lean
    - ii. Brandon Ahmasuk
    - iii. Kevin Knowlton
    - iv. Jacob Mannix
    - v. Drew McCann
    - vi. Patrick Knodel
    - vii. Davis Lincoln- Telephone (Beginning 1:15pm to end of meeting)
    - viii. Tom Gray- Telephone (1:05pm to 1:20PM – left meeting during public testimony on Musk Ox)
    - ix. Jack Fagerstrom – Telephone (joined about 2:00pm)
  - b. Absent
    - i. Edward Stang- Resigned
    - ii. Charlie Saccheus
    - iii. Jack Fagerstrom (joined about 2:00pm)
    - iv. Henry Olanna Jr
    - v. Lloyd Kiyuktelluk
    - vi. Clyde Oxerok
  - c. Fish and Game Staff
    - i. Keane Richards- telephone
    - ii. Alicia Carson
    - iii. Sara Germain
    - iv. Tony Gorn
  - d. Members of the Public
    - i. Diana Adams- telephone
    - ii. Beverly Tran- Telephone
    - iii. Chelsea Hubert- telephone
    - iv. Peggy Darling- telephone
    - v. Jacob Martin
    - vi. Kristy Selesky
    - vii. Miranda Musich
    - viii. Neils Hahn
    - ix. Jeff Darling
    - x. Melissa Stuart
    - xi. Kamey Kapp-Worland
    - xii. Garrick Fuller
    - xiii. Deanna Hacker- Nome Nugget
3. Committee Approved the agenda with a motion to modify for public comment early.





- a. The committee heard significant testimony on the issue of Muskoxen near and within city limits and the problems they have caused Nome residents, including the recent death of a community member.
  - b. The committee approved a resolution to draft a letter after hearing the concerns from participating members of the public.
- 4. Alaska Board of Game Proposals
  - a. Proposal 188: Reauthorize the current brown bear tag fee exemption for Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed
- 5. Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals
  - a. Proposal 75: to modify Arctic Grayling bag, possession and length of limits.
    - i. Committee votes in favor. 5 support, 3 oppose.
  - b. Proposal 77: Establish escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence subdistrict.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
  - c. Proposal 78: Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishery.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
  - d. Proposal 165: Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.
    - i. Committee is opposed.
  - e. Proposal 167: require the reporting of subsistence caught salmon to be reported within 5 days.
    - i. Committee opposed unanimously.
  - f. Proposal 140: Reduction in Area M fishery seasons.
    - i. Committee supports the proposal unanimously.

*David Lee - chair*



Dear Commissioner,

At the scheduled Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, during public comment time, the committee heard from a number of residents of the Nome area describe in some detail the increased number of human and pet encounters with herds of muskoxen within Nome city limits as well as the surrounding area. These testimonials were mostly in response to a recent muskox to human encounter which ended in a human fatality. The public is asking that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game review the Nome area muskoxen management strategy with a focus of reducing human and muskoxen encounters.

Members of the public shared stories of daily encounters with muskoxen around their homes causing fear for the safety for children and pets/sled dogs. Increasing number of encounters have resulted in the muskoxen injuring or killing a number of pet dogs which were tied up in accordance to common practice and city ordinance, as well as sled dogs both in the dog lots and on the mushing trails in the area. One encounter resulted in a citizen using their vehicle to come in-between a herd of angry muskoxen and an ADF&G employee whom was attempting to run-off a herd from a residential neighborhood. The Nome local muskox population has also required major actions to restrict herd access to the Nome airport area. The fencing project was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The muskoxen are now much less of a hazard at the main airport, but the smaller City Field is still very much in harms way for aircraft landing and taking off.

The public also shared stories of how the local muskoxen have become unafraid of human encounters requiring more and more aggressive tactics to get the herds to move off trails, or out of residential neighborhoods. One instance resulted in a resident taking lethal action towards a muskox in defense of life and property while in a heavily populated neighborhood, causing one home owner in the area to find pass-through bullets in the railing of their deck around their house. Thank goodness the bullets stopped there and did not hit someone sitting in their living room.

In follow-up to all of the public testimony the Northern Norton Sound Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly supports this public request for the department to review the current Nome Area Muskox Management Plan with a focus on reducing human/pet dog/sled dog encounters. Keeping in mind suggestions of reducing the herd size through allowing limited female harvest, more closely attaining the harvestable surplus by issuing more permits for the local Tier II hunt and considering a means of more evenly distributing the harvest over the season in TX095.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Lean".

Charlie Lean, Chair  
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

cc: The Alaska Board of Game



## Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee

November 9, 2022

Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, AK

I. Call to Order: 9:14 AM by Chair Susie Brito-Jenkins

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dlg, **Chair**

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, **Vice Chair**

Dan Dunaway, Und. **Sec**

Peter Christopher New Stuyahok

Joe Kazmirowicz, Ekwok, phone

Joe Chythlook, Dlg, phone

Tom O'Connor, Dlg, phone

Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt, phone

Chris Carr, Portage Creek, phone

Robert Larson Sr. Koliganek, phone

Todd Fritze, Dlg

Curt Armstrong, Dlg

Mariano Floresta, Clark's, phone

Kenneth Nukwak, At Large Alt. phone

Members Absent (Excused): Gayla Hoseth, Barbara Moore

Members Absent (Unexcused): Moses Kritz, Togiak; Steve Perkins, At Large Alt.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9

List of User Groups Present:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Trapping           | 7. Processing       |
| 2. Sport Fishing      | 8. Personal Use     |
| 3. Subsistence        | 9. Outdoors Person  |
| 4. Hunting            | 10. Assoc./Corp     |
| 5. Commercial Fishing | 11. Conservationist |
| 6. Guiding            |                     |

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands, Com Fish; Phil Stacy, Com Fish; Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Tim Adickes Sport Fish; John Landsiedel, Wildlife; Evelyn Lichwa, Wildlife,

IV. Other Govt Agencies: AWT, Joe Wittkop; USFWS Togiak Refuge, Kenton Moos, Andy Aderman, Truett Cawfield



V. Guests/ Public Present:

Rick Wysoki, set	Reed Tennyson, drift
Gary Cline, drift, BBEDC	Lindsay Layland, set
Randy Sandvik, drift	Misa Webber, set , drift
Fritz Johnson, drift	Angelo Brito, drift
Jeff Regnart, BBSRI	Cody Larson, BBNA
Dave Bendinger, OBI	Craig Chythlook, drift
John O'Connor, set	Chris O' Connor, set

VI. Introductions: All attendees in person and on phone introduced themselves.

VII. Approval of Agenda

Todd moves Trav 2nd to adopt an agenda. Peter Christopher asked to add a discussion on gear allocations at appropriate times with proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Joe C moves to approve minutes Tom and Peter 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Elections: SEATS Chair announced 3 open seats one undesignated and two at large alternates. Gayla was elected to the At Large seat. Kenneth Nukwuk and Lindsay Layland elected alternates. Since a couple AC members were absent, the alternates were then seated by unanimous consent for this meeting. OFFICERS: Trave moved Todd 2n to open nominations for officers. Todd nominated the slate of Susie Jenkins-Brito for Chair, Travis Ball for Vice Chair, and Dan Dunaway for Secretary. Nominations were closed and officers seated by 14 -0 unanimous consent.

X. Reports and Updates

- a. Chair's report: Board meeting in Anchorage Nov 29 to Dec 3, on time comments due Nov 14. Recommended focusing only on proposals addressing the Nushagak and Togiak areas. May need another meeting to take up other districts.
- b. ADF&G: Lee Borden Sport Fish - sport effort rebounded to pre-covid levels. 2022 was poor for Nushagak king salmon. He issued 2 EOs. 1 to reduce Nushagak bag limits and 2 specified catch & release only, no bait. July 19 a third EO for all Bristol Bay sport king salmon: seasonal harvest restricted to 1 over 20 inches. At this time, Lee is planning for very conservative management in 2023 pending coming BOF actions; 1) declared Nushagak Kings a stock of concern, 2) the developing ADFG King Action Plan, and 3) BOF actions on proposals including Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan. Follow up comments included concerns for rainbows in the Lake Iliamna drainage. Several comments of concern about Nushagak king sport fishery including recent hooking mortality study (6.6% in lower Nushagak). A just completed study is in analysis and to be presented at BOF. The late and low numbers of silvers seen in the Nushagak this fall was mentioned. There were good silvers in Togiak and Alagnak.

Commercial Fish: Tim Sands: ADFG is working on run reconstruction. The Nushagak king escapement did not meet the goal even though there were strong



parent runs and forecasts suggested a run of 118,000 kings. Actual '22 King run was very weak and even if there had been NO commercial sockeye fishery, the king goal probably wouldn't have been met. ADFG doesn't count silvers and there was no real commercial coho harvest this fall. Mixed info on coho returns, small pulses and generally late. Biggest item ADFG recommended was that the status of Nushagak Kings should be considered a "Stock of Concern". BOF agreed at the October worksession. Now ADFG is developing action plans that won't be available until the Nov 29 meeting. These plans are being developed jointly among Commercial, Sport and Subsistence divisions. Tim sees 4 management options: 1) status quo. 2) Use the Wood River Special Harvest area to keep the fleet off kings but harvest Wood R. reds. 3) Cutting commercial district size and possibly change the upper district boundary. 4) Add mesh restrictions. Tim said BOF will choose options and will need public comment to help with decisions.

Discussion followed suggesting eliminating D boat fishing to reduce gear in the Nushagak Bay. A brief discussion whether the AC should delegate some AC members to be prepared to speak for the AC at the BOF meeting. More discussion on timing of red and king runs, the problem of accounting for commercial catch of kings as they are often sold as reds, and brief mention of trawler by-catch. Tim listed ADFG efforts to get better accounting of kings harvested in commercial catch including working with processors. Numerous comments on the short time until the BOF meeting and no time for the public to digest any data or action plans that may come out.

Tim also discussed the process used to decide early June commercial openers and efforts to protect kings. Concerns for Muklung R (Wood R tributary) kings if the fishery is put in the WRSWA.

Chums have been doing poorly too and ADFG considered adding them as a stock of concern but held off for now. ADFG is watching closely.

ADFG Wildlife Conservation. John Landseidel and Evelyn Lichwa. Dillingham office is now fully staffed with wildlife biologists after several years of intermittent staffing. John provided a thorough hand out summarizing Div Wildlife projects and data. Focus points on moose: documenting un-reported harvest, addressing low calf survival, interruption of long term data sets due to recent lack of staff. Moose population goal in GMU17C is not being met. The handout showed harvest data for moose and bears. No winter hunt planned for 17C, winter permits expected for 17A and B. Intensive Management (IM) for wolves will be available to local trappers and hunters. Bears have been added to the IM program and removal will begin next spring on caribou calving grounds. Heads hide meat will be salvaged. John spoke briefly on the cultural educational hunts for each of the Southwest Region Schools.

**c. Brief Break 10:53 to 11:01**

- d. USFWS Togiak Wildlife Refuge Andy Aderman presented: Note the refuge's fall report is available online. Noted 2022 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou counts estimate 359 animals up 100 from 2021 which was better than 2020. The





caribou committee recommended a 48 animal harvest with permits distributed to eligible villages. Estimated 41 bulls and 63 calves per 100 cows which is very good. The 17A moose survey is completed but in the analysis stage now. Aderman expects the moose population to be above objectives. During surveys ptarmigan have been observed in great abundance. There were no bear or wolf surveys.

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- f. Wood Tikchik State Park: Lee Borden is State rep on the advisory council in addition to his duties as Sport Fish Area Biologist. Council composition was described. Borden reported the council reviewed some proposals to BOF - soliciting comment from park users. It's part of Park responsibility and council by-laws to consider uses occurring in the Park. Proposals weren't formally addressed but proposals 18, 20, 28 were discussed. Borden outlined Park discussions which are noted in the proposal comments in this report.
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  - i. Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Gary Cline : Fewer halibut fishers participated in spring 2022 due to lack of processor participation.
- XI. Public Comments: Public comments were encouraged and allowed throughout the meeting.
- XII. New Business:
- I. Board of Game Reauthorization
    - BOG 177** Reauthorized antlerless moose in GMU 17A.
      - Trav moved to adopt Dan 2nd.
      - SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No** - Unanimous.
      - ADFG supports reauthorization. Moose population likely above goals according to ADFG and USFWS.
      - We support it as a prime source of meat to communities and are biologically sustainable.
    - BOG 187** Reauthorize brown bear tag exemption in GMU 17.
      - Trav mov Dan 2nd.
      - SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No** -Unanimous
      - ADFG explained this is a Dept proposal and BOG requires annual reauthorization.





ADFG supports.

We think anything to facilitate the taking of bears is good, we have too many, they prey heavily on moose and caribou. This makes it easier for locals to harvest opportunistically and without cost. One commenter wished this could be made permanent and not require annual reauthorization for GMU 17.

### **LUNCH BREAK Approx 12:00 - 12:47**

Chair re-announced: on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Members present after lunch: Mariano Floresta, Tom O'Connor, Bobby Larson Sr, Chris Carr, Travis Ball, Lindsay Layland, Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dan Dunaway, Peter Christopher, Todd Fritze, Curt Armstrong, Kenneth Nukwak, & Walter Kanulie.

Proposal #28: Joe Chythlook arrived.

Proposal #31: Walter Kanulie Signed off, 13 present.

Proposal #35: Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.

Chair noted on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Chair asked AC members to focus on Nushagak and Togiak proposals due to the limited time the meeting place was available for that day.

## **II. BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS**

SEE TEMPLATE BELOW.

In all cases, the appropriate ADF&G biologist would introduce the proposal and provide information to the AC. ADFG has not completed their official comments so the biologists were limited in how much they could provide.

## **XIII. Miscellaneous Business**

AC could not complete all proposals at this meeting due to meeting place time limits. The AC decided to end this meeting after completing the following agenda items to allow these minutes to meet the On Time Deadline.

I . Select person(s) to review, approve and submit minutes.

Travis moved and Dan 2nd to: Secretary to write up minutes for today's meeting and submit to Taryn for review then, Susie to review and approve and submit to Boards by the On Time Deadline Nov. 14.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved..



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

Todd moved Lindsay 2nd to appoint Chair Susie to represent Nushagak AC at the BOF meeting. Travis to be first alternate in the event Susie is unable to attend.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved.

**XV. Set next meeting date**

Meeting scheduled by zoom for 4:30 PM Monday Nov 14 to address remaining Bristol Bay proposals to the BOF. Minutes to be submitted as an RC.

**XVI. Adjourn: 4:28 PM**



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<a href="#">11</a>	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		



<b>NO ACTION</b> <b>Request</b> <b>BOF to</b> <b>Defer to</b> <b>March</b> <b>Statewide</b> <b>Board</b> <b>meeting</b>			<p>Tom O moved, Todd 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>Jeff Regnart explained the history of the draft plan and planning group. Group continued even after BOF dropped it. Goal to conserve kings.</p> <p>Extensive discussions and concerns expressed.</p> <p>Given Nushagak kings are now a stock of concern and ADFG is developing action plans that aren't available - how do we make any decisions? Many concerns for how the King Management Plan and Action plans work together. Need to take all these as a whole. With so little information it's hard to get specific recommendations.</p> <p>King assessment tools and data are poor, research aspects are as critical as management.</p> <p>How does the plan address if all efforts fail - an off ramp is needed.</p> <p>Triggers are hard to set.</p> <p>This plan sought to have a more robust management language.</p> <p>Section 2: guides ADFG to achieve lower escapement goal 85 % of the time, is too aggressive &amp; more likely to harvest more kings not less - its counter to the plan intent. Management should hit a lower goal 30%-40% of the time not 85%. This needs rewording.</p> <p>Concerns for enforceability of sport seasonal and bag limits. Lack of enforcement personnel is a concern.</p> <p>Why should there be consistent sport opportunities when we are trying to conserve kings? Some believe sport harvest is part of the problem. In former King plans, sport fishing sought to set extremely conservative rules at the outset to minimize impacts and avoid sudden in-season closures that devastate the lodge operations.</p> <p>A key point to the commercial fleet is how much of the red harvest should be sacrificed to save kings?</p> <p><b>Todd moves Trav 2nd to ask BOF to defer any action on 11 until the March Statewide meeting when there will be more time and information available.</b> Just too much to take in, too many problems, and not enough information for decisions at this time.</p> <p><b>Unanimous support for asking BOF to defer to the March meeting.</b></p>
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<a href="#">12</a>	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
NO ACTION			The AC was informed the authors have requested to withdraw this proposal.
<a href="#">13</a>	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Trav Mov Tom 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>This focuses on the B2 section of the current King plan. Speaks of maintaining natural run. B2 entered the King plan in 1997. At the time a lodge operator was concerned about the size composition of king escapement.</p> <p>ADFG says this proposal is impractical. At the time of writing there was no expectation of huge red runs in the Nushagak River .</p> <p>It conflicts with other regulations directing time or tide stages when opening commercial fishery.</p> <p>Discussion how large harvests, possibly excessive, could occur during a 12 hour openings</p> <p>This may result in sockeye over escapement in times of huge runs.</p> <p>Others see some merit in allowing pulses of fish upriver. Discussion how early in the run there seem to be more small males while later in the run the bigger males and females tend to appear.</p> <p>This could tie management's hand too much.</p> <p>Anything that comes out of King plan and Action plans could affect allocations</p>
<a href="#">14</a>	Reinstate provisions that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		



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Support	13	0	Trav move Dan 2nd to adopt This proposal seeks to close an accidental loophole that was created by other regulation changes last BOF cycle. Trav This a housekeeping proposal. Dan: I support cleaning up accidental, unintended regulations changes. Maintains "normal" rules.
<a href="#">18</a>	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	13	Todd moves Dan 2nd to adopt. This is too general and broad. There are / should be places in our fisheries with bait where there are no conservation concerns. Even the Rainbow Trout Plan accommodates bait in some areas. When other areas were closed to bait to protect a population there was an angry outcry. This would be a problem around villages especially for children where bait is commonly used.  Wood Tikchik Council noted there are waters near or within the Park where Chinook salmon are a concern. Some Park stakeholders support 18. Council noted there are no known biological issues in the park.
<a href="#">20</a>	Prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in the Wood River Lakes system.		



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Oppose	0	13	<p>Dan moves Trav 2n to adopt.</p> <p>Dan noted ADFG has resisted barbless hook rules due to an Idaho study showing little biological gain for considerable loss of social license. He noted the Rainbow Trout plan sought to diversify tackle restrictions across the whole Bristol Bay area.</p> <p>Enforcing barbless, especially pinched barb regulations can be difficult and seem arbitrary at times.</p> <p>Borden confirmed there are no barbless regulations anywhere in Alaska at this time. Noted study is Shill and Scarpella 1997.</p> <p>There can be issues defining barbless as well as enforcing.</p> <p>Lindsay noted the author may be unaware of the number of locals who really use the area described, many who highly value catching and harvesting fish.</p> <p>Several AC members expressed strong opposition to the discriminatory nature of fly only regulations for whole area.</p> <p>We use spin gear. Fly gear is difficult for young children. We want to hook and hold a fish for harvest.</p> <p>We can use barbless or pinch them by choice but don't want to impose on others.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council this proposal got the most discussion at their meeting. Concerns were noted for the discriminatory nature of it. A couple stakeholders supported eliminating bait, but several lodges and individuals strongly opposed tackle restrictions.</p>
<a href="#">28</a>	Close the Nushagak, Mulchatna, and Nuyakuk river drainages to sport fishing for king salmon.		





Support	13	1	<p>Dan moved Trav 2nd to adopt Todd likes the proposal, keep out of the spawning areas. A lodge may oppose, but kings are our mainstay. If they can fly to these locations, they can go elsewhere.</p> <p>Sport Fish estimates an effort of 700 angler days on the Upper Nushagak, 700 on the Mulchatna, and 300 on the Nuyakuk - overall relatively low effort. Catch and harvest of kings in these areas are estimated to be low: 50 caught on the upper Nushagak, 70 caught, 0 harvested on the Nuyakuk. Mulchatna is a little higher with 1,400 kings caught and 35 harvested.</p> <p>Trav has done a few tours as a guided fisherman in the area and lodges "hopscotch" among king spawning beds.</p> <p>A couple members noted the Stuyahok and Koktuli, Upper Nushagak, other smaller rivers are the prime king spawning beds for kings.</p> <p>Dan asked if this closure would totally disenfranchise some of the smaller river based lodges who don't fly around. Sport Fish thought there were 3-6 lodges in that area. They also noted sections of these upper reaches are already closed and existing regulations close the remainder on July 24.</p> <p>The kings need places of refuge, especially the spawning areas. With the coming action plans and possible restrictions on the commercial fisheries this may be necessary for the sport fishery.</p> <p>Some concern expressed for boat motors disturbing eggs in the spawning beds.</p> <p>Roll call vote 13 Support, 1 opposed.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council: There was not a lot of discussion but Royal Coachman lodge in strong opposition. It was noted by ADFG that effort is relatively low and approximately 200 kings are harvested annually from the proposed closed areas and is not a biological concern.</p>
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<a href="#">29</a>	Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved.		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Trav move Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Introducing the proposal Lee of Sport Fish noted that this proposed trigger point usually occurs before the sport fishery has gotten under way. The commercial harvest never achieved 2K kings in 2011, '14, '20, '21, '22.</p> <p>In years when 2k were achieved the dates were June 3, July 1, 5, 8, 10. - generally early July.</p> <p>Com Fish - adds complexity and commercial harvest hails are somewhat delayed. The 10 year commercial harvest averages about 3,500 kings annually but only 1,000 in recent years.</p> <p>Togiak AC had not met.</p> <p>It is unclear to the AC what this proposal accomplishes? The commercial fishery gets first shot at the fish out in the bay, the sport fishery occurs up river. This will do nothing for the commercial fishery.</p> <p>Efforts to get the proposal author to call in were unsuccessful.</p>
<a href="#">31</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		



Opposed	0	13	<p>Trav moves Dan 2nd to adopt 31 and 32; they are identical.</p> <p>Walter Kanulie signed off</p> <p>ADFG Com Fish reviewed current reporting requirements for the fishery bay-wide, which most felt is sufficient. ADFG doesn't need or want length data and already collects some data in its own programs. It's not likely to aid management.</p> <p>ADFG Sport Fish - this may essentially revive guide log books that were dropped in 2018. Log books had not provided any in-season utility as they were turned in at the end of the season. There weren't always funds to analyze the books, data was chronically late and some data has never been analyzed.</p> <p>Set Netter: We already keep records and it's a constant hassle at time of delivery. There are regulations already in place.</p> <p>It was clear discussion the AC felt reliable Sport Fish data is needed.</p> <p>We often heard how the log books were nearly a fantasy as guides were often too busy during the day and completed at the end of the day. Many believe much of guide book reports were made up or approximations.</p> <p>Sport Fish was asked about removing kings from the water, Lee noted only harvested fish were measured.</p> <p>Short discussion on accuracy of Statewide Sport Harvest Surveys and on river angler surveys when there are critical data needs. The larger the fishery and greater the participation the more accurate it is due to sample size. Real small fisheries are less so.</p>
<a href="#">32</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Opposed	0	13	SEE 31 ABOVE
<a href="#">35</a>	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		



Opposed	4	8	<p>Trav moves Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Set netters would like drift nets to be farther from set gear. This would only apply to some portions of the Nushagak district, not all. Some areas drifters can "bump set buoys".</p> <p>Set Netter: As a set netter I'd like to support it but I realize it's unrealistic; some set back is needed; maybe a compromise can be found; the goal is to reduce tangling.</p> <p>Set netter: In reality the way it works now drift nets can be legal at only 25 feet off the set nets; I've had several tangles with drifters; our set net sites must be 450 feet apart, it's fair to keep drifters 300 feet away.</p> <p>Drifter: I do all I can, I want to avoid tangles too and stay off "guard" buoys.</p> <p>Set net: we follow the incoming tide with our nets, there should be a way to word this to help set netters at Igushik and Coffee Point.</p> <p>In the early morning I see drifters fishing in between the set nets when no enforcement is around.</p> <p>Several concerns expressed that big jet boats especially, get right on the beach at high water; very often at Clarks and Ekuk and it's so bad, set netters couldn't get to their nets to pick them. The really big smooth bottom boats this summer made the problem worse.</p> <p><b>This is more of an enforcement issue.</b></p> <p>Drifters were asked how this might affect their harvest responses were: 1) fish are often hard on the beach 2) I can tell if I'll be able to avoid the set net buoys - I really don't want to tangle their gear or mine but I'm concerned how to be sure to comply. 3) we try hard to avoid tangling 4) this might be an enforcement issue 5) This proposal could have allocative implications</p>
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			<p>Set net: My site is in the zone where it's legal to "bounce buoys", and the boats slide over my buoys. Annually I average losing 1.5 buoy sets per year and when my buoys are cut by a drifter I'm liable to get a citation for unmarked gear- but I might not be able to get out and replace my buoys right away. I feel like the local drift fleet tries harder to be nice but some boat operators don't care.</p> <p>This issue is worse in the seasons with huge fleets when competition is fierce.</p> <p>300 feet is too extreme - I don't want to wreck my gear -maybe there is a happy medium. There will always be jerks.</p> <p>I'd like to add the beach from Clarks Point to Etolin to this proposal.</p> <p>Roll call vote 4 Support, 8 opposed - motion Fails. Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.</p>

Discussion started on Proposal 36, 37, 38 regarding Drift Vessel Tow Line Lengths, vote tabled to subsequent meeting.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway secretary  
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair  
Date: 11/14/2022



**Valdez Advisory  
Committee 2/28/2023  
Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 by Nick Crump
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Nick Crump, Bruce Bowman, Dan Eames, Brett Willbanks  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Hope Roberts, Charles Upicksoun  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Charlotte Westing
- IV. Guests Present: Daniella Verna, interested public
- V. Approval of Agenda:
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Nick Crump, no report
  - b. ADF&G: No report
  - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business: BOG unit 6 proposals and Proposal 103
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: BOG- None
- XII. Set next meeting date: Next season
- XIII. Other



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
Oppose	0	4	Discussions focused on the proposed reductions as an individual perspective, in contrast to ADFG's biologically focused management ability. Members recognized determined that resident bag limit adjustments require more substantial justification.
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Oppose	0	4	Discussions resulted in a determination that these game management unit's methods (taking game from a boat) for access to hunting opportunities appears to be balanced (acknowledging the restrictions on black bear hunting from a boat as appropriate). The members recognize that the purpose of game management unit regulations are intended to allow various means and methods base on specific attributes in that particular region (GMU).
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
No Action			Unanimous consent. Members felt that the BOG should guide dicussion on the appropriateness and regulation of the proposal.
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
No Action			Unanimous consent. discussion identified ADFG management currently has and exercises the authority to require additional orientation/training as needed. Unanimous consent of members felt that the BOG should guide discussion on the appropriateness of additional requirements as proposed.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
Oppose	0	4	Deliberation by members determined this proposal to be highly preferential to one user group and unsupportable. Furthermore as membership are hunt participants, collectively in our shared experience, we have not encountered a state of conflict between user groups (in fact quite the opposite).
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		





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Oppose	0	4	Deliberation by members determined this proposal to be highly preferential to one user group and unsupportable. Furthermore as membership are hunt participants, collectively in our shared experience we have not encountered a state of conflict between user groups, and determined current regulation provides equal opportunity for users.
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion resulted in a consensus that an individuals perception that a species is in decline should not be elevated to supercede ADFG management of said species. Analysis of hunter opportunities by the Department appears to distribute the benefits this resource appropriately.
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	4	0	Management of this hunt is proposed by the Department logically with respect to its intended users.
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion identified issues with the timing and implementation of this proposal that are applicable and supported.
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion identified issues with the timing and implementation of this proposal that are applicable and supported.
200	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.		
No Action			Unanimous consent. Lacking further definition this proposal has issues moving forward. The intent is worth consideration, but it is noted that hunts with an emphasis on opportunities for the elderly and disabled currently exist.
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
Oppose	0	4	Members determined that a new bear baiting season in a highly populated area like McHugh Creek , with a currently high number of other user groups, would create unnecessary and potentially dangerous incompatibility.

Adjournment: by Nick Crump 8:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman

Minutes Approved: Nick Crump

Date: 3/3/23



**Seldovia Advisory Committee  
12/14/2023  
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06 PM by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Bryan Chartier, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jevon Chartier, Jordan Cameron  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Cutter Grahn, Keith Swick  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused): None  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Jason Herreman  
  
IV. Guests Present: Chris Keithly, Ashley Keithly, Chance Collier  
  
V. Approval of Agenda: Motioned to approve by Jordan Cameron, Second by Alvin Swick  
  
VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting minutes not available  
  
VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: None
  - b. ADF&G: Jason Herreman: Jason provided an update on Moose, Goat and Bear harvest in the Seldovia area/ unit 15. 235 moose were taken and illegal harvest was down to 10% from a recent high of 25%. Herreman stated harvest between GM Units 7-15 harvest was on par with recent years.  
  
For goats there was discussion about this last seasons hunt. Between Unites 7-15, 86 goat were harvested. 4 goats were harvested in the Seldovia area of which 2 were on the outer coast and two were inner. Unfortunately the two goat harvested in the inner coast/ Barabara Valley were female and taken from the same area.  
  
Between 2012 and 2017 three surveys had been done in the area.
  - c. Others



VIII. Public Comment:

*Hi Fari,*

*I would like to submit the following comment on Proposal 155 for tonight's Advisory Committee meeting in Seldovia. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting in person or Zoom.*

*My family and I are avid year round spearfishermen in the greater Seldovia area and we are excited to see the proposed amendment expanding ADFG's saltwater spearfishing regulation to include surface swimming. This proposed amendment clarifies some confusion that folks have about spearfishing in Alaska and it will open the sport to beginners and youth alike.*

*Thank you for your time considering my comment.*

*Amelia Pollack*

*907-205-7963*

*Buck Brown in a communication to the chair: Michael Opheim: Just in case I don't make it to the meeting, please write into the minutes that I am against proposals 163, 164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,and 172. Except for 163 all these proposals have no biological justification and are aimed at keeping one person happy.*

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business: none

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date:

XIII. Other

Adjourn: 9:12 PM



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Support	7		Shooting game from a boat increases the risk of hitting but losing an animal among other issues.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support	7		Hunter Orientation is required for other big game and couldn't hurt to have for goat as hunters (especially new ones) have trouble distinguishing a male from female.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		



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67			Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt
68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
Support	7		Discussion: If it helps ADF&G manage the population it sounds like a good idea.
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
			Discussed but no action taken.
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak
72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
Oppose		7	The AC feels there is not a problem with the deer population.
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193



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81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms
82			Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area
83			Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams
84			Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area
85			Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River
86			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
87			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
88			Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt
89			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
90			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
91			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
92			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area



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93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15





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Amended	7		<p>AC supports as amended: <b>5AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.</b></p> <p>Limit hunters to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 7 and 15 as follows:</p> <p>Add Units 7 and 15 to the areas in regulation that hunters are limited to one big game registration permit at a time.</p> <p>5 AAC 92.052(19) a person may be limited to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 1,<u>7 and 15</u>, 17,20(E), 22, and 23.</p> <p>Discussion: The AC unanimously agreed with this proposal with the exception it be species specific. This way opportunity can't be taken away by hunters holding multiple goat or other game permits in multiple units. By making it species specific hunters will still have the opportunity to hold permits for multiple game species but not multiple of any one species.</p>
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Support	7		<p>Discussion: The AC felt that if this management tool would make it easier to better manage sheep hunts then it's an action that should be taken. Especially with the current concern for sheep populations.</p>
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		



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112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Oppose		7	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	7		This proposal by Seldovia AC came about as when draw hunts were established in the Seldovia area it came to our attention that the 5-year penalty for shooting a nanny in this area was not established. The AC strongly feels that a hunter be prohibited from hunting any goats in unit 7&15 for 5 regulatory years if they take a nanny.
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting proposal 116 we support proposal 117 which suggests the same penalty.
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Oppose		7	
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		



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123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
Support	7		The AC agrees with this proposal and according to ADF&G staff, Port Graham and Nanwalek ask for this season extension every year, but this is the first time they have put in a proposal which is required to make the change.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	7		Based on information provided by ADF&G The Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity for residents to fill their freezers.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	7		The Seldovia AC recognizes the issue between hunting opportunity and lack of land and the conflict this creates with home owners/ private land owners. Expanding the area to reduce conflict is a good idea.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	7		Based on hunt and population information provided by ADF&G the Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity it provides residents to fill their freezers.
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
			It appears the sealing requirement is in place for the Kalgin island moose hunt as it was an oversight when the hunt changed game management units. There was lots of discussion on this proposal. The AC wants to make it known that although they support removing this sealing requirement being removed from the Kalgin island moose hunt and TM549 Tier II subsistence hunt, we do not support by any means



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			removing sealing requirements on the entirety of the Kenai peninsula. The removal of sealing requirements would be detrimental as it would allow poaching of sublegal moose to go unchecked.
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By Supporting Proposal 56 we support this proposal which suggests the same thing. We support proposal 56 because it addresses all big game and not just black bear.
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		



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Support	7		These comments cover Proposals 145, 146, and 147: The Seldovia AC supports these proposals as setbacks for trapping from established and heavily used trails is necessary for the safety of pets and recreational users of these trails.
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		



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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
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
No Action			Discussion: The topic of planting deer in the Seldovia area has been brought up many times. The AC understands there are concerns of disease and pests being introduced with a new species, although ADF&G quarantines any animals to be transplanted which would clear them of disease and pests. The AC took no action on this proposal as it is not a decision the board of game can make.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
Oppose		7	The board opposes this proposal as we believe the ptarmigan population needs more time to rebound.
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
Oppose		7	Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC opposed this proposal as we feel the harvest amounts are reasonable and don't need to be increased.
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		These comments cover proposals 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, and 170: Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC was also informed that hunting guides and other users supported the reduction in bag limits. Based on this information the AC agreed taking this approach is safe and will not have any negative effects on the number of users for these hunts.
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 164 we support proposal 165 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 166 we support proposal 167 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.



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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
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough Harlequin duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By opposing proposal 168 we support proposal 169 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough long-tailed duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
Support	7		Every other game and fish species has to be reported for accurate counts and proper management, ducks should not be an exception.
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting 171 we support 172 as it proposes the same regulation change.
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		





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182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

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<a href="#">87</a>			Define eel stick.



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<a href="#">153</a>			Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.
<a href="#">82</a>			Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
<a href="#">154</a>			Allow the use of purse seine drums.
<a href="#">155</a>			Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.
Support	7		The AC has seen the increased popularity of free diving/spear fishing in the area and supports this proposal as some areas are too shallow to dive or as suggested by a community member it restricts new users and youth from the fishery.
<a href="#">156</a>			Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.
Support	7		The use of felt soled footwear increases the risk of spreading invasive species. This is a law in most places and shouldn't be allowed in any fishery.
<a href="#">157</a>			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
<a href="#">158</a>			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
<a href="#">159</a>			Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.



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<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
<a href="#">161</a>	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska <i>(To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting)</i> .		
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		Establishing a statewide bag limit for personal use fisheries would stop people from being able to go from one river system to the other filling their bag limit in multiple areas.



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<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	7		The AC agrees with ADF&Gs decision to make additions to the list of banned invasive species.

Adjournment: 9:12 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim

Date:12/21/23



**Seward Advisory Committee  
January 26, 2023  
City Clerk Council Chambers**

- A. Call to Order: 7:04 by Jim McCracken, Chair
- B. Roll Call
  - Members Present: Jim McCracken, Diane Dubuc, Andy Bacon, WC Casey, Maile Branson, Kenn Carpenter, Mark Clemens, Bob White, Nate Smith arrived at 8:18
  - Members Absent (Excused): Arne Hatch, Jim Hubbard
  - Members Absent (Unexcused): 0
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
  - List of User Groups Present: 1-6, 8-12
- C. Fish and Game Staff Present: Britney Roth, Sportfish Area Management Biologist, Jason Herreman Game Biologist out of Homer, Georgie Phillips, Boards Support out of Kotzebue
- D. Approval of Agenda: Motion to amend (Dubuc/Carpenter) Hold new business item 2, elections, before new business item 1, game proposals. Motion passed unanimous Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Casey/Clemens) - Unanimous
- E. Correspondence- No official correspondence. Carpenter discussed PWS Pollock trawl opener. White discussed hearing of a Polar Bear sighting at Mieres Lake.
- F. Public Comment - None
- G. Presentations/Reports
  - 1. **Game Report:** Herreman reported on peninsula moose harvest. Slow as usual in GMU 7. 14 moose harvested, on permit hunt 4F & 10M. Overall moose harvest higher this year on the peninsula. Total 430 moose harvested on the peninsula. 15C: 233 moose 15A- had lower harvest: 40 moose 15B: 64 moose. Has not received all harvest tickets. 11% illegals overall, on par with averages. None in GMU 7. Unit 15C had 36 illegal takes. Clemens asked for Brown Bear report, Herreman doesn't have info, browns managed out of Soldotna. Herreman stated that the highest brown bear harvest is in unit 7, most off bait stations. Herreman doesn't have the numbers handy. Unit 15C: 13 brown bears. 15C Reached cap for adult females taken, and overall taken: 10 females, 60 overall (harvest cap measured off a 3 year running average). Expects a higher number next year, as a high harvest year will be dropping off the 3 year average.  
**Fish Report-** Dubuc reported statewide BoF meeting is March 10. Only 19 proposals. Britney Roth reported that she is now officially our new AMB. White asked about the stocking plan for troop lake, who is responsible. Roth said its now managed in the North Gulf Coast region (the lake is located right near the drainage divide for Kenai River/Resurrection Bay). Stocking plan didn't change: every other year it gets stocked. White expressed interest in helping pack fish up to the lake next time they stock it, he did so in the past, back as far as when it was originally stocked. Dubuc reported that the LCI BoF meeting is coming up next year in Homer and there is a

deadline of proposals April 10. Dubuc encouraged our members to come up with any proposals. Roth stated she doesn't have any proposals for LCI, is waiting to see some rockfish harvest data, after review, she may introduce proposals based on the new data. Roth reported seeing an increase in pelagic rockfish harvest across NGC and PWS. McCracken asked if Dubuc if she had any proposals in mind, and if she wished to form a committee, Dubuc said she would consider that. McCracken and Dubuc discussed the advantages of holding the next LCI BoF meeting here in Seward, and McCracken asked if Dubuc would contact the BoF Chair. Dubuc said she would present an invitation to the Chair of the BoF to hold their meeting in Seward, noting that last time it was a success and that Board members gave positive feedback on the meetings and the amenities in Seward. Roth advised the Committee that it is early in the cycle for planning that particular meetings location and the invitation may be better received if put forth at a later date.

H. Old Business-

**Kid Fish-** Carpenter reported Kid Fish 2022 was a great success, the event received many donations from the community, about 60 kids attended, and every kid won at least 2 items. Carpenter purchased materials to put a new wier in First Lake. Roth said she'd ask for some larger fish to be added to the stock for First Lake. Roth said the new wier would need to be cleaned of debris periodically, and then removed before salmon enter the system. Carpenter discussed a design idea for a self-cleaning wier. McCracken asked if the mobile classroom was available, Britney said it was sold a few years ago, discussed a mobile fishing event trailer, could look into bringing it down. In response to Roth, Carpenter said the event will happen the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May, and please stock 1<sup>st</sup> lake the Wednesday prior to that date. McCracken advised Roth to encourage hatchery staff to withhold feeding the fish *at least* 3 days prior to transport.

I. New Business

1. **AC Elections** – discussion. Bacon reported that Hatch and Hubbard, unable to attend this evening, would like to keep seats, and are willing to accept nominations for reelection. (Bacon/Clemens) Moved to nominate the candidates up for re-election: McCracken, Hatch, Casey, Hubbard. Dubuc, attending telephonically, asked about how votes would be tallied since she was on the phone and not present to write on a paper ballot. Phillips stated that she would be willing to receive Dubuc's vote via text to maintain anonymity  
(Dubuc/White) – Asked for unanimous consent to elect the nominees, and the nominees were reappointed to new terms by unanimous consent.

2. BOG Southcentral Proposals – ***See vote sheet below***

J. Citizens Comments on fish/game items -none

K. Response to citizens comments - none

L. Select representative(s) for board meeting – postponed to next meeting

M. Set next meeting date- March 23, 2023- Agenda to include *Finalize any proposals for LCI BoF* and any other business that may be brought to the Committee

N. Adjourn 9:44 (Carpenter/Clemens)



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
			No Action
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
support	7	1	(Carpenter/Clemens): Carpenter discussed issues with taking of big game from boats- ex.: shooting a deer, not knowing where they ran off, not landing on shore to recover resulting in wanton waste.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
			No Action
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
			No Action
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
			No Action
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
			No Action
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
			No Action
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
			No Action
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
			No Action
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
			No Action
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
			No Action
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
			No Action
67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		





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			No Action
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
			No Action
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
			No Action
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
			No Action
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
			No Action
72	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
			No Action
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
			No Action
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
			No Action
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
			No Action
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
			No Action
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
			No Action
78	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
79	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		
			No Action
80	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
			No Action
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		



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			No Action
82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
			No Action
83	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
			No Action
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
			No Action
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
			No Action
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			No Action
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
			No Action
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
			No Action
90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
			No Action
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
			No Action
93	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		



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			No Action
94	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
			No Action
95	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
			No Action
96	Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag		
			No Action
97	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
99	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
			No Action
100	Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years		
			No Action
101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
			No Action
104	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
oppose	0	8	(White/Carpenter) White said that Lynx should be managed under current ADFG regulations, no need for changes.
105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	8	(Carpenter/White) Herreman said ADFG was going to put forth an amendment to make proposal apply to individual animal species,



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			allowing hunter to harvest each animal type within a respective GMU, but not hold mult. tags across mult. GMUs.
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
opposed	2	3	(White/Dubuc). Dubuc doesn't want to vote for proposals that limit disabled vets. Proposal 106 and 107 were taken up for discussion concurrently, AC discussed the differences between the two proposals, a consensus among some members developed favoring one over the other Roll call: Aye: White, Carpenter Nay: Dubuc, Bacon, Clemens Abstain: McCracken, Branson, Casey
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
Support, as amended	8	0	(White/Dubuc). Dubuc doesn't want to vote proposals that limit disabled vets. (White/Clemens) Amend to change disability level from 50% to 25%, allowing more disabled veterans to benefit from the proposal, amendment passes unanimous, main motion as amended passes unanimous
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
oppose	0	7	(Clemens/Dubuc) Moved to group 108, 110-113. Based on action taken on proposal 109 the Seward AC doesn't support these other Sheep proposals. Dubuc abstained, stating this was not an area of expertise
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
Support, as amended	6	1	(Carpenter/Casey) moved to discuss Amendment (Carpenter/Bacon) Amend to add Unit 7, (Carpenter/Bacon) Amend to add a 5-year sunset to the closure White stated the problem isn't hunting pressure, it's wolf predation, he will be voting no. Casey stated that if the hunt is closed for 5 years it may inform the theory that predation is cause for low Sheep numbers, so he will vote yes. Aye: 6 Nay: 1 Abstain: Dubuc
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		



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oppose	0	7	(see 108)
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Opposed	0	7	(Clemens/White) Clemens would like regulations unchanged. Herreman discussed conservation concerns with allowing spike-fork. White discussed a past study looking at winter mortality of spike-fork moose due to malnourishment. Clemens stated some must survive the winter. Herreman aware of winter mortality study, what wasn't considered was % of moose that were spike vs. fork vs. paddled. A large number of harvested moose were spike fork when it was allowed. May create a conservation issue if passed White abstained
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
opposed	0	7	(Carpenter/Clemens) discussed the regulation. Herreman said no concerns with the population if this was adopted. White abstained
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
opposed	0	9	(Clemens/Carpenter) Discuss 120, 122-126 as a group. Seward AC support of proposal 121 nullifies all these proposals. ***After AC



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			approves 121, and begins discussing this group of related proposals, Smith joins the meeting, and total voting members goes from 8 to 9***
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
support	7	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) Herreman is neutral because proposal allocative. Dubuc supports because it brings into alignment White abstained
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Opposed			See proposal 120
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Opposed			See proposal 120
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
Opposed			See proposal 120
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
opposed			
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
opposed			See proposal 120
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
No action			
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
support	8	1	(Casey/Clemens) Herreman reported that this requires annual reauthorization. 25 moose average harvest. White voted no for Billy.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(White/Smith) Herreman discussed ADFG support for the proposal.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous



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133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	9	0	(White/Carpenter) adopt and reference proposal 134 in subsequent proposals relating to extending brown bear season. Seward AC generally supports extending the Brown Bear season
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
Support			reference proposal 134
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
			NO ACTION
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
			NO ACTION
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
			NO ACTION
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
			NO ACTION
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
			NO ACTION
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	8	(Diane/Carpenter) Discuss proposals 145-154 as a group. Dubuc stated the rules that are in place are adequate, reminds the public to mind their pets. Smith supports multiple uses be allowed on public lands, consensus of the committee to support multiple uses. Branson abstains
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
oppose			See 145





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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
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
oppose			See 145
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
No action			
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
No action			
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
No action			
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	9	(Carpenter/Smith) Discussed that there are plenty of coyotes in unit 7, Seward AC does not want unit 7 to be part of this proposal and made no action to amend the proposal, rejected outright.
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
No action			No action
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		
No action			
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		



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	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Opposed to moving animals beyond their natural range, which equates to introducing invasive species. Herreman stated the Kachemak Bay state park plan opposes introducing animals, leaving majority native lands as lands available for proposed blacktail introduction.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
			No action
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
opposed	0	9	(White/Carpenter) Discuss proposals 163-172 as a group. Discussed opposing this suite of proposals. ADFG states no conservation problem with sea duck populations at this time (with exception of noted species-spectacled eiders, etc..)
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
No action			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
No action			



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
No action			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
No action			
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No action			
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
No action			
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
No action			
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
No action			
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
No action			
182	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
No action			
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
No action			
184	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
No action			
185	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
No action			
186	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
No action			
187	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
No action			
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
No action			

Adjournment: 9:44 PM (Carpenter/Clemens)

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Bacon

Minutes Approved By: Chair Jim McCracken

Date: 1/26/2023



Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G)  
**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee**

DRAFT Agenda

**October 27, 2022 - 11:00am**

Myles Gonongnan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall - Unalakleet, Alaska

to participate by teleconference dial:

**1-800-504-8071 Access Code: 4421717 Passcode: 51202**

Jacob Ivanoff-Chair, Morris Nassuk-Vice Chair, Renae Ivanoff-Secretary  
Wes Jones-Unalakleet; Gary Eckenweiler-Unalakleet  
Matilda Hardy-Shaktoolik, Randy Takak-Shaktoolik  
Johnny Richardson-Member; Leo Kobuk-St. Michael,  
Kelsi Ivanoff-Unalakleet

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Morris Nassuk called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

**2. Roll Call - 4 to make quorum**

Present: Morris Nassuk (telephonic), Wes Jones, Renae Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy (telephonic)

a. Excused -

b. Unexcused - Gary Eckenweiler, Randy Takak, Leo Kobuk

**3. Fish & Game Staff present -** Kevin Clark, Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson, Georgie Phillips

**4. Guests present -** Fred Jay Ivanoff, Ron Pitka, Louisa Paniptchuk, Kelsi Ivanoff, Steve Ivanoff

**5. Approval of Agenda**

*Wes Jones made a motion to approve to approve the agenda with ability to amend as needed, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. There was no opposition.*

**6. Election of Members**

Johnny Richardson submitted a written nomination to fill an undesignated seat. Morris Nassuk (Koyuk), Wes Jones {Unalakleet}, and Matilda Hardy {Shaktoolik} were re-elected in their designated seats. Renae Ivanoff nominated Jacob Ivanoff to the vacant Unalakleet seat. Kelsi Ivanoff nominated herself to fill a fifth Unalakleet seat. All nominations were unanimously approved.

**7. Election of officers**

Chair - Jacob Ivanoff

Vice Chair - Morris Nassuk

Secretary- Renae Ivanoff

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to seat Jacob as Chair. Matilda Hardy moved to close nominations, no opposition. Matilda Hardy moved, seconded by Wes Jones to seat Morris Nassuk as Vice Chair. Wes Jones closed nominations. There was no opposition. Jacob Ivanoff moved, seconded by Kelsi to seat Renae Ivanoff as Secretary. Matilda Hardy closed nominations. There was no opposition. Wes Jones moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve the election of members. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

**8. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

*Wes Jones made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 20, 2020, as presented, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.*



## 9. Reports

### a. Chairs Report

Jacob Ivanoff noted the 2020 winter and summer closure of the Norton Sound king crab in addition to Norton Sound related proposals that passed at the last Board of Fish (BOF) meeting cycle.

### b. ADF&G

Kevin Clark gave an overview of three proposals (75 - sports fisheries, 77 and 78 - commercial fisheries) that will be presented at the BOF -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) Finfish for Norton Sound in addition to proposal 76 regarding the Kotzebue Commercial Fisheries.

*Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 78 with no action taken on proposals 75, 76, and 77 as these address areas outside of Southern Norton Sound. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

There was a question regarding the deadlines for proposals and comments which lead to a subsequent discussion on proposal 140 which addresses the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan. Supporting proposal 140 could allow for the reduction of intercepted AYK bound salmon in the June fishery. Jacob Ivanoff added that a further, more in-depth discussion on proposal 140 should be advised before the BOF meeting after committee members have time to thoroughly look through and understand the proposal.

*Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 140. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

A subsequent discussion on the opposition of proposal 167 took place as this proposal addresses in-season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Wes expressed that this proposal would cause an extra burden and that a much better proposal can be crafted specifically for the region.

*Wes made a motion to oppose proposal 167, seconded by Morris Nassuk. The question was called. There were no opposition.*

Lastly, a short discussion was held on Board of Game proposal 188 regarding brown bear tag fee exemptions.

*Morris Nassuk made a motion to support proposal 188, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

### i. Spring 2023 Yearling capture - Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson

Sarah Germaine gave an overview of one of two possible surveys that will take place in the spring of 2023, a browse survey and/or a yearling capture study. She detailed the methodology of both surveys noting that the browse survey would be the preferred survey over the yearling capture study as it is less invasive. Fred Jay Ivanoff asked a question relating to the invasiveness of the study and Sarah Germaine explained that the calves would be under for 10 minutes where a reversal drug would be administered and within 1-2 minutes, the calves would be back to normal. A consensus was established that the browse survey would be the preferred method.



ii. **Moose survey 2021- Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson**

Sarah Germaine gave an update on the 2021 spring moose composition survey stating that the moose population was stable, noting 765 moose were observed and the ratio of bulls to cows were 122:100. This in turn increased the quota in unit 22A. Plans for future surveys near the Shaktoolik and Koyuk area will take place fall of 2023 and fall of 2024 for the Unalakleet area. Wes shared his concern with the high harvest rate continuously over the next several years comparing it to the 1980's when the moose population crashed. Morris Nassuk asked about the density map referring to the provided packet where Sarah Germaine explained that a neonatal project (in units 22C&D) was conducted where calves were collared and monitored. Results showed an 85% mortality rate within the first 5 months. In addition, Jacob Ivanoff and Morris Nassuk had general questions regarding the musk ox hunt. Sarah Germaine noted that a musk ox survey is scheduled for spring of 2024.

c. **Others**

There were no other reports.

10. **Public Comment**

Hunter and fishermen, Fred Jay Ivanoff, made two comments regarding subsistence hunts for musk ox and moose. First, for the destruction of musk ox horn: his suggestion was to allow subsistence users to keep the cut tip part of the horn for subsistence purposes instead of submitting entirety to the State. The second suggestion he made was having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting. A following discussion proceeded with a consensus in support of the two comments made. Topics within the discussion brought up concern regarding hunters in general using low caliber rifles, evidence of nonfatal wounds amongst moose harvested, often non-harvestable meat near and around the wound area and finding other solutions to minimize trophy hunts without the destruction of entire musk ox horn.

Alicia Carson asked if there was any way that ADF&G can help in relation to providing hunter education to the communities. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes Jones suggested that this course could be administered through the school that gears towards young hunters with the help of the committee members in Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, and Koyuk.

Steve Ivanoff gave a comment regarding the pink salmon commercial fishery, particularly opportunities for Stebbins and St. Michael community members to participate. Issues about past management were discussed and if this were to be proposed, who would be taking lead on such a proposal. In addition, he was also in support of having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting.

11. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

12. **New Business**

a. **Board of Game and Fisheries meeting Cycle/Schedule**

- i. November 29, 2022, Board of Fish - Bristol Bay Finfish, comment deadline November 14, 2022
- ii. January 14-18, 2023 **B o a r d** of Fish -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish, comment deadline December 30, 2022
- iii. February 20-25, 2023, Board of Fish -Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish, comment deadline February 3, 2023



- iv. March 10-13, 2023, Board of Fish - Statewide finfish & supplemental issues, comment deadline February 23, 2023

Sarah Germaine gave insight to a potential commercial, non-resident moose hunt in unit 22. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes shared concern that this should be addressed as a community, resident discussion. In addition, Morris Nassuk shared that this would be a good economic resource for locals to obtain their commercial guide license but noted the difficulty in obtaining such license. It was recommended by Jacob Ivanoff to work with tribal entities to have such possibility. Sarah also recommended to come up with a backup or counter proposal in case that there is opportunity for a non-resident moose hunt. Jacob Ivanoff also brought up a point of extending the winter hunt dates in RM841 for additional moose harvest. Kelsi commented on potential tribal members to allow hunting during the federal hunt.

Lastly, Board of Game submission proposals dates were addressed for upcoming potential proposals discussed throughout the meeting.

**13. Set the next meeting date**

No set date, however, the next meeting is anticipated to take place spring 2023.

**14. Other**

Morris Nassuk requested to Board Support, Georgianna Phillips to advocate for in-person meetings for the future. Alicia Carson asked if there were any interest in the Department of Conservation being present in Unalakleet during the moose hunting season; there was a consensus amongst committee members agreeing that this was an appropriate time:

**15. Adjournment**

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.*

*Approved minutes by Secretary, Renae Ivanoff and Advisory Member Wesley Jones.*

*Renae Ivanoff*  
*Wesley W Jones*

# Meeting Minutes



AC31  
1 of 5

**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee  
January 11, 2023  
Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)  
Members Present:
  - In person: Bryan Kirby, Eli Hoffman, Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach
  - Zoom: Mark Buracr Tim BuechleMembers Absent (Excused): Mike Wood, Dave Fish, Todd Kingery
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  - Zoom: Tim Peltier, Sam Ivey
- IV. Guests Present:
  - Jacob Fletcher, Fari Fernandez, Chris Campbell
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion by Steve, Second by Robert
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Robert, Second by Mark
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report (none)
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Mr. Peltier
      - 1. Nothing on unit 13
      - 2. 16B this fall, Still within population objectives, Bull to Cow ration is decent, Overall population estimates 6790, 6500-7500 objective.
      - 3. 16A No survey since 2020, estimates 3666, 3500-4000 objectives.
      - 4. 14A This spring estimates 7112, 6000-6500 objectives.
      - 5. Harvest Levels 14A up from last year 100 moose, 14B down a bit 56 moose, 16B general harvest is down but DM540 is up from last year as well as the youth hunt so far.
      - 6. Looking at possible predator control for wolves in the near future. Also seems more bear predation not wolves in unit 16B
      - 7. 14A & 14B antlerless seems to be within population objectives
    - ii. Mr. Ivey
      - 1. 3 years of Dip net fishery on Susitna, Open Saturday/Wednesdays.
      - 2. 2020 had 377 days fished: 2300 Reds, 538 Silvers, 68 Chum, 747 Pinks Total 3700 fish taken.
      - 3. 2021 had 221 days fished: 1400 Reds, 900 Silvers, 110 Chum, 400 Pinks Total 2800 fish taken.
      - 4. 2022 numbers not out yet will be emailing AC Chair when they get them.





- c. Others
    - None:
- VIII. Public Comment
  - None:
- IX. Old Business
  - None:
- X. New Business
  - a. Current board of Game Proposals
    - i. See attached documents
  - b. Current board of Fish Proposals
    - i. See attached documents
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. None Set but will talk to Mike Wood
- XII. Set next meeting date:
  - a. None set at this time but looking at Fall
- XIII. Other
  - a. None
- XIV. Adjourn
  - a. 7:28 PM



# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<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>			
<a href="#"><u>156</u></a>	<b>Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.</b>		
	6		
<a href="#"><u>163</u></a>	<b>Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.</b>		
	6		We support this if by personal use you are referring to dip net fisheries. We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of personal use as defined on the <a href="#"><u>ADF&amp;G Website</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>165</u></a>	<b>Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.</b>		
	6		We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of subsistence fishing as defined on the <a href="#"><u>ADF&amp;G Website</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>166</u></a>	<b>Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.</b>		
	6		We feel that a large number of people give fish away each year as they end up not using all the resources that they took.
<a href="#"><u>167</u></a>	<b>Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.</b>		
	6		This will give ADF&G a better understanding of current fish numbers in the water systems.



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-22, 2023 | Soldotna, 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>			
<b>55</b>	<b>Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units</b>		
	0	6	F&G already tracks this and adjusts permit numbers
<b>89</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>104</b>	<b>Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping</b>		
		5	1 abstain, We feel this could lead to more trails being closed in a slower progression. The one abstain vote didn't feel as they had enough information
<b>173</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>174</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>175</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>176</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>187</b>	<b>Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region</b>		
	6		We feel this is a good way to help keep the predators in check and also encourage the taking of bears.



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-22, 2023 | Soldotna, 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
200	<b>Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose for seniors</b>		
	6		We like the idea and spirit of this but there are many things that need to be worked out. Some include Units, Draw/Registration, Antler or Antlerless, just to name a few.
203	<b>Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose with disability</b>		
	5		1 abstain because they don't feel they have enough information.
207	<b>Tier II Hunt for Nelchina Caribou Unit 13</b>		
		6	The AC feels very strongly that the current Tier II system does not work as designed and does not support the new hunt until the Tier II system is looked at and the proper checks and balances are in place.

Minutes Recorded By: Bryan Kirby  
Minutes Approved By: Rest of board via email  
Date: 1/19/2023



**Togiak Advisory Committee  
November 10, 2022  
Togiak Traditional Council Office/Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 11:30 am by Peter Lockuk Sr, chair

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Peter Lockuk Sr, Chair, Togiak  
Joe Alexie, Vice Chair, Togiak  
Walter Kanulie, Secretary, Togiak  
Jimmy Coopchiak, Togiak  
Kenneth Nukwak, Manokotak  
Moses Kritz, Togiak  
Keith Fayer Sr., Togiak  
Norman Gloko, Manokotak  
Thomas Dock, Togiak  
Mickey Sharp, Twin Hills  
Tessa Nickerson, Manokotak  
Kevin Lund, Togiak (seated after election)

Members Excused:

Roger Wassillie  
Dan Nanalook  
Frank Logusak  
Terry Evette  
Jonah Lomack

Members Absent:

Lester Moore

Staff Present:

Joe Wittkop, Wildlife Troopers  
Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards  
Lee Borden, Sport Fish  
Cassidy Colson, Wildlife Research  
Tim Sands, Commercial Fisheries  
Phill Stacy, Commercial Fisheries  
Assistant Manager  
Todd Rinaldi, Wildlife Conservation  
John Lansiedel, Wildlife Conservation  
Evelyn Lichwa, Wildlife Conservation  
Tim Addikes, Sport Fish

Guests Present:

Bob Dubey, Togiak Fish  
Cathy Albright, Togiak Fish  
Andy Aderman, Togiak National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Kevin Lund, Togiak River Lodge  
Craig Chythlook, Nushagak fisherman  
David Cleveland, Twin Hills

Note: Three to four additional Togiak residents were present but did not sign in.



Quorum was met, The minutes from February meeting- Walter K. mentioned he has started last minutes from February and says they can be reviewed next meeting.

After the quorum was established then Taryn provided updated information of the Nushagak advisory recent meeting. Followed by TAC voting representative for NAC.

Moses Kritz and Walter Kanulie were select on unanimous votes by TAC members for Nushagak AC seats.

Updates: There was a question from Walter K. what happened at Nushagak meeting about Jimmy C. proposal 29. Taryn says Proposal 29 failed. AC questioned what the proposal tying to the commercial fishery was accomplishing.

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jimmy C., for approval, Moses K. seconds, ques., motion carried.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The TAC secretary Walter K. reiterated that the minutes are not completed yet. The majority meeting attendants verbally agreed to cover the last meeting minutes upon completion – meeting continued on

V. Reports

- a. Chair's report- no current report – I have mentioned that due to my hearing, I wouldn't sufficiently lead the meeting. The attendants chose to go on with the meeting and says they will help me if needed.
- b. ADF&G-Tim Sands -commercial fisheries- season summary-583,000 sockeye harvested. Escapement met at Togiak lake tower. Forecast is out and is 700,000 sockeye. Above average. Nushagak AC meeting discussed Nushagak King salmon Stock of Concern and developing an action plan for the Board of Fish meeting. More conservative management to protect king salmon in the Nushagak District.
- c. Others-ADFG – Sport Fisheries – Lee Borden – Fishing on Togiak was below average. King Salmon bay wide was low and below average. E.O. on July 19<sup>th</sup> restricted bag and annual limit for entire Bristol Bay wide. First of its kind. Nothing new to report.
- d. Adf&G – Wildlife – John Landsiedel – Update is fully staffed division  
Walter K. – I want to make clear that this update be a local report. Not for Bristol Bay wide report. Make it local. Peter L. – agrees  
Evelyn: Mulchatna caribou heard 12,500. Below 30,000 objective. Moose surveys flown this year. Fall harvest in 17A was 37 moose harvested. 4 bulls harvested by non-residents. November survey flown for moose estimate with refuge and may liberalize harvest seasons if they are over objective. Planning to do a moose estimate in 17B. 55 bears harvested in 2022. BOG approved including bears in the intensive management plan. State will use personnel for removing bears in unit 17.  
Jimmy C.- population for 17A? – Evelyn: moose population is not done yet.  
Jimmy C. – What the fall moose harvest?



John landsiedel: 17A 36 moose killed. 2 cows. 31 bulls. 3 non-residents harvested bull moose. Lower than last year.

Jimmy C. winter Harvest?

John: Winter was 86 animals. 70 antlerless. Not sure of cow/bull harvest ratio. Not killing enough cows to control the moose populations right now. May be liberalizing harvest in the future in 17A.

Walter: no surprises for the winter seasons. We use snogos and it makes it easier. The fall harvest is upriver and in tributaries. May be others go to other rivers. Just let us know if there are changes to the non-residents.

John: no changes as if right now. It's 20 draw permits right now. The winter hunt is 2 months, Jan. and Feb. We used to have a variable season. We will be working with TNWR and Nush AC to increase moose harvest overall and especially cow harvest.

Jimmy C: other reports?

- e. Andy Aderman, TNWR: update on caribou collars around cape Pierce and Newingham area. Some north of Goodnews Bay. 500 caribou are in the area. October survey was 44/100 bulls to cows and calves were 46/100 cows. Growing populations down towards the capes and coastal plains north of Goodnews. Additional caribou out there.

Wondering what they will be doing in the future. They may be "resident" caribou. We'll see how it progresses. The Nushagak Peninsula herd is rebounding from 200 to 400 animals now in 2 years. Planning committee met in late July and decided to set harvest limits at 8 caribou for each community and a total of 48 permits. Ptarmigan have also rebounded. A large population currently.

Joe A: What are the numbers to allow resident of Togiak to hunt the Cape Pierce area?

Andy: I don't know right now. We need to see if they are separate, or part of the Mulcahtna herd. We will need to discuss this with the RAC, AC's, BLM, and ADF&G. BLM has put some money into the radio collars. We want more data and movement tracking. The number of calves is encouraging, but I can't give an estimate yet.

Joe A: what is the report on North of Goodnews?

Andy: just north of Goodnews Bay, we did a survey in late June and found caribou in the flats and a little east towards canyon lake. That was already in the 500 animal tally including south of Goodnews.

Joe: What about predators around cape pierce?

Andy: Both bears and wolves are there. I see them in the slug river area mostly and coastal. Wolf sighting of a single animal in the past. Unknown if there is a pack.

Kenneth N: have you surveyed predators also in 17A near the boundry?

Andy: we did a brown bear survey over 20 years ago. At that time,. Is was about 800-900 brown bears in the 4.2 million acre refuge. I don't have 17A specific information. I believe they are increasing in number. Wolves have been studied, and the first one was looking at Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd. Wolves are catching and eating them. The caribou and wolf numbers both increased during the study period. The second study is refuge wide. About 12 packs with avg. of 7 wolves per pack. 90-100 wolves in the packs, and some additional lone wolves over the entire refuge.



Kenneth: any new surveys planned?

Andy: the Nushagak Peninsula is the only area we are surveying. The refuge surveys took 2 years, and were expensive.

Kenneth: Nush Pen. Herd, if they double in 2 years, has the refuge considered a moratorium for a year or 2 to let the herd re-populate?

Andy: no discussion of that currently. We are currently at the optimum number. The committee discussed lichen cover and caribou population from 2016-2020 we harvested about 800 caribou. We knocked the numbers down, and looking at lichen loss, we are concerned because it is slow growing. Caribou eat it mostly during the winter and some in fall. We are where we want to be currently. If the numbers get too high, or a warm winter inhibits travel there is very little harvest. That is a discussion point at the next committee meeting. The calves were 63-100 cows. Herd was increasing quickly, and we limited the hunts.

Kenneth: KMO is dual management area. On lake trips, every sow bear had 3 cubs each. That was quite a bit of cubs. Amanka to ualik lake trips.

Andy: we're seeing 2-4 cubs flying around, probably because of salmon populations and good nutrition.

Kenneth: that is a concern for the moose and caribou populations in the future, if we don't take care of them in the future. The IGMP on wolves and bears would be wise in the future.

Tod Rinaldi: ADF&G wildlife manager. Salmon have been abundant right now. Pulsing nutrition availability. Significant predation on 17A is providing a food source for bears too. Caribou management is difficult also. You can take bears under other regulations. Bear harvest is currently very low. John can give you updates. Gives update on BOG actions on predation control... focusing on 17B, around 3,000 sq. mile area. Bears and wolves both. Will be some where in double digits. Teens to twenties is likely, but we don't have a bear population estimate. We don't need an estimate, we are focusing on the calving grounds. Common knowledge that bears specialize on caribou calves directly. These bears are caribou calf hunters. BOG charged ADF&G with removing them.

f. Wildlife Trooper update: Joe Wittkopf – local enforcement update....

When commercial fishery is closed, subsistence is closed in the district. Subsistence nets were unmarked and out in the fishing district when they shouldn't have been.

Big game guide investigations ongoing... questions?

Norman G.: 32 footers on boats. Trim taps, jets, or safety rails. Those are part of the boats. We need to make complaint, including anchors.

Joe W.: certainly. I'd have to see photos or do inspections. We inspected boat yards post-season and presented to the Board of Fish. We need to distribute letter fleetwide and get this fixed for equality.

Norman: I agree. They are fishing illegally. Trim tabs and rails extend the length. They need to do something about it.





Joe W.: Thanks for the comment. We are looking at jet drives and outdrives, and additional structures as plaining surfaces. Trim tabs are allowed up to 18" and avoiding tubing that provides flotation. We'll keep doing it.

Norman: sooner the better. It's not fair. Give notice to boat builders.

Joe W.: understood. Are trying to get this done before someone build an illegal boat.

Norman: I heard about it and wanted to bring it up at this meeting.

Joe W.: Thank you

Chairman: Agency updates?

Break 15 min., reconvene at 1:30 pm. Board reconvene and discusses law enforcement on commercial fishing activities.

Chair Peter L.: was wondering about killing a wounded and hurt moose. ADF&G said to leave it for a natural death by wolves.

Thomas D.: I got an okay to dispatch that moose and told the fish and game guy that I would distribute to the elders. As and an USF&W employee.

#### VI. New Business-

##### Board of Game Proposals:

Committee Supports Proposals 177 and 187 Unanimously

##### Board of Fish Proposals:

Tim Sands: which proposals would you like me to discuss?

Jimmy Coopchiak: proposal 29 on kings over here. there's no enforcement upriver on sportfishing for kings. In the end of June and early July. I put this in, because there is hardly any enforcement. Only restriction is on commercial harvest on the king salmon line until July 17<sup>th</sup>. The only with conservation is with commercial fishing using the king salmon line. The sports fishing in the past 10-15 years, there has been an increase in the level of sportfishing. If the commercial catch gets 2,000, then the sportfishing can retain some over 20". I don't know the current limit for the spawners. We all know jacks don't spawn. I think you said that the Nushagak kings were a stock of concern.

Tim S.: Nushagak kings are a stock of concern. We haven't said that about Togiak kings.

Togiak is not identified as a stock of concern.

Jimmy C.: this proposal is for Togiak kings.

Chairman Peter L.: You are telling us that Togiak king salmon is not a stock of concern.

Tim S.: It is a special status. That has not been determined for the Togiak River. I wanted to clarify that it is not for Togiak.

Moses: If it's not a stock of concern, why do we have the king salmon line until July 17<sup>th</sup>?

If they are not of concern, why do we have the line?

Tim S.: chairman question, or department?

Moses K.: It's for whoever put in the line.

Tim S.: If this is a Dept. question, please let me know. SOC is a special concern. With it comes an action plan and much more restrictions. The Togiak AC requested to put the line in to protect kings, but it was put in to conserve kings. We are not saying it is a stock of concern but it was put in to conserve kings.

Moses: years ago, when we put that line in, we were worried about our kings becoming depleted. It was drafted by ADF&G and we concurred to it, hoping that we would retain the number of the kings going



upriver. We've done that, and it has not changed much. The only ones that benefited were the sportfishing industry. If we still have the line, maybe we should talk with sportfish industry to eliminate so much of the take of the mature King salmon. I'm not sure what it would take, but we're looking at it, if you catch and release how many of them would survive? Any information?

Lee Borden: I can comment on that. I'd like to address that. We completed a catch and release mortality study that has a 6.6% mortality on catch and release. Sportfishing has decreasing over the last decade. Effort, harvest and catch have been decreasing over the past decade.

Moses: I'm not sure what the specifically is addressing. Conservation of the kings is very important right now. Yukon and Kuskokwim are closed to subsistence uses right now. That was a concern years ago, how to conserve the king salmon. A lot of kings were wiped out now, because of pike. I don't know to address that. How to address it more is my concern. What more do we need? State of Alaska doesn't have much money any more. Conservations is down the drain to address pike issues, and I'm wanting to adopt proposal 29, and I think we should get rid of the line, if nobody does anything on the kings. Its time to move it forward. Pretty soon, it will be a stock of concern like Yukon, Kuskokwim, and Nushagak.

Kevin L.: I've been on the river for 16 years from June 15<sup>th</sup> to Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, every day. It is my opinion, the run is down 85 to 90 percent. It is imminent that something get done IMMEDIATELY! Thank you.

Tim S.: I don't have anything to say. Lee B.?

Taryn: would be helpful to read it out load to prevent confusion.

Peter L.: I used to see lots of king salmon. Never had a shortage. We had commercial openers and never had shortages. Even if we did, we were allowed to commercial fish. Now there are no more kings. The processors buy kings here, but the other side buys at 1 cent per pound. It's basically just killing it. This decline in king salmon will be overfished, and extinct. We don't want to see that. We want something done on the sportfishing side. We have an enhancement line, and we as commercial fisherman are allowed to go inside on July 17<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't make sense, even with the line. I would rather see the sportfishing and commercial to minimize it. I don't know how to say that part, but they will be extinct if we keep this up.

Taryn: I'm willing to read it. Reads proposal.

Moses: with the thought of king salmon in Togiak. It's not only the numbers, its also the size of king. The size has dropped considerably. We need to somehow monitor the size that the sports industry is taking. Therefore, I'd like to adopt Proposal 29 and move forward. That's my opinion.

Chairman: Motion to adopt proposal 29 by Moses K., seconded by Joe A., Discussion?

Jimmy C.: with some help, I wrote this proposal to get some conservation by the sport fishing guides. Commercial side already has the king line to July 17<sup>th</sup>. The thought was to adjust the commercial side by all these records. There's nothing recorded on the sport fish side, like how many kings they catch. CPUE in Togiak river. Thank you.

Kevin L.: there was required logbooks to report for many years. That guides were requirements. That program was eliminated by ADF&G and directly impacted the recording of king salmon.

Jimmy C.: subsistence always collects numbers, about how many kings are caught during the season, and the only numbers being recorded are on the commercial fish tickets. The subsistence numbers are also recorded locally in Togiak.

Peter L.: vote? Roll call vote? Taryn?

Jimmy C: close comments before the vote.

Kevin L.: Oregon manages to protect the kings. Without data, we can't place any restriction on the spawning area. But there is a certain area to protect a certain area to protect certain area, like the kemuk, ongivinuk, or gechian. These tributaries should be closed to capturing king salmon. I've watched them for many years. These numbers are down. Once these salmon travel through, they flush in and out of the river, for about 3 weeks. The temperature effects their lateral line, and there isn't really any effort about pungurpuk river. The issues that jimmy C. brought up is good, but we need to look at where these



fish are spawning at, which is the best place to protect them.

Jimmy C.: I like the idea. The only place that used to fish is close to the river mouth. They were not fishing up by ongivinuk. They used to be fishing the first one mile of the river, and would like to restrict to the lower area.

Kevin L.: In regard to jimmy, he is absolutely correct. We guided 25 guests every single day. Our primary effort was from the mouth to 4.82 miles upriver. They go in and out in the tide, then go upriver. In the last 7 or 8 years, the decline has been so severe, the sportfishing has shifted upriver to find them. This could actually be on their spawning grounds.

Jimmy C.: how do we do this for proposal 29.

Moses K.: in light of jimmy and kevin were talking about, is there any way to revise this to include those effects? Before BOF happens? It is a 4-to-5-year process. Thoughts?

Moses K.: can the proposal be amended? Would that happen during board of fish?

Taryn: committee should probably amend it at this meeting.

Moses K.: do I recind, and then discuss, or what's next?

Taryn: the process, is that you currently have a motion on the floor. You will need to make a motion to amend proposal 29, include intent, get a second, and then vote on amendment, and come back to vote on the proposal as amended, if it carries.

Moses K.: we need to stand down and talk about how to amend the proposal I recommend a 15 minute break to see how to amend proposal 29.

Peter L.: 15 minute break to address proposal 29. Motion by Moses K., seconded J.C.

Session on amendment 29- Moses K., strike (1), keep language, on to 2 to keep, but strike (five) and insert (ten), #4 fishing is allowed for kings up to the Geshiak river, and nothing Above.

Chairman Peter L.: we are back in session, at this time, it will be voted by the advisory committee. The amendment portion.

Moses K.: we will go the amended part of the proposal. Jimmy C., made a motion.

Thomas D. seconds. Discussion? Signify by saying aye. Hearing none, motion carried

Roll call vote: Proposal 29 as amended 8 in favor. Zero opposed.

Jimmy C.,: we have on more proposal Mr. chair. It's proposal 48. Asked Taryn to read it.

Moses K.: made a motion to adopt proposal 48, and seconded by Thomas D., discussion?

Jimmy C.: I submitted this because of the issues that came during the fishing season after the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, because our runs are getting later. To protect fishery. Before we had the super-exclusive, we'd fish, and by the time we'd start fishing, could try to catch the remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> run, because Togiak is a small fishery, and Togiak has about 25 to 30 % below the poverty rate. Commercial fishing is the only access to income. That's why I wrote it.

Moses K.: The other things, is that when the other boats come in, we don't have very much protection or troopers. He's the only one that's really covering other parts of the bay and Togiak. He doesn't have time. When other fishermen come over, the illegal fishing gear is pretty hard, like that boat F/V Victory that was here for a while through the summer. When they come over here, illegal fishing is hyped up. We don't see illegal fishing. That's part of the reason why this proposal has come up.

Jimmy C.: I'm sure you can tell there was a lot of illegal fishing right after the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. The only place they fish is on the line, whether it's blowing 25 to 30 knots. Togiak 28' Boats can't compete with the 32' fishing boats that are 16' wide. Even though other fishermen get over 100K lbs., they are competing with the local boats. That's my intend with this proposal.

Thomas D.: my concern with this proposal is that when we just starting to catch our fish,



the other bay fisherman come here and take our chances to make our living here. I concur with this proposal because it effects Togiak side. It's the primary income for Togiak here. Questions?

Chair Peter L.: All those in favor of Proposal 48, signify by saying aye. (Aye), (opposed, None.)

## VII. Miscellaneous business-

Approval of minutes for submission. comments deadline is Monday.

Moses K.: We went through pretty much all the agenda items, and make a motion to approve the minutes of this meeting, because of the timeframe, we need to send them into Taryn as soon as possible.

Chair Peter L.: There is a motion by Moses K. to approve the minutes for submission.

Taryn: (requests clarification)

Moses K.: Taryn, you and Peter and Walter K. work on these and move forward from There.

Taryn: just to be clear: I can't draft minutes for committee. I can review for clarity.

Moses: Peter can call you tomorrow.

Taryn: Tomorrow is holiday. Can scan my notes to Peter today, and possibly email Audio.

Kevin: can work with Peter.

Taryn: I'll be in the office on Monday. If there is a draft of minutes. I can give them a look.

Moses K.: email your notes to Peter and Kevin. Kevin said he can look at your notes.

Taryn: Will download the minute shell and make changes. I'll give Peter a Template to use. The other thing I'll need is the membership forms for those Re-elected. Scan or email those for contact list.

Chairman Peter L.: item 2 discussion representation at BOG finfish meeting.

Taryn: State of Alaska has funding for one member to attend meeting. I would try to get them headed to ANC on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and return Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Select representative for board meeting - The Togiak Advisory Committee selection is Peter L. as he is chairperson.

Chair Peter L.: last item: comments, additions, questions? Date & time of next meeting

Moses K: When is the next Nushagak Meeting Agenda?

Taryn: They will meet on Monday at 4:30, and again in January, but don't have date yet for the area M northern district proposals.

Date and time for next meeting open. Call of chair after Nushagak AC meets.

## VIII. Adjourn 3:41 pm.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
November 29 – December 3, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Opp ose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#">29</a>	Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved.		
Support As Amended	9	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, Second Joe A.  Motion to amend by Jimmy C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thomas D.  Strike “(1) In the Togiak River Drainage, Until the annual commercial catch in the Togiak River section has harvested 2000 king salmon, the following provisions apply:”  Change bag and possession limit of kings under 20 inches to 10  Close waters above mouth of Gechiak River to fishing  Amendment carries unanimously Proposal as amended carries unanimously.
<a href="#">48</a>	Delay the date at which fishermen may reregister to or from the Togiak District.		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Thomas D. Carries Unanimously



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, 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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177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe A. Unanimous Support
187	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe A. Unanimous Support

Minutes Recorded By: Chairman Peter Lockuk

Minutes Approved By: Chairman Peter Lockuk

Date: 11/23/2022



**Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G**  
**Conference Room and by web/teleconference:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89934242699?pwd=eHlvbC9kcWprZ0F4Y25nOUJzd2cxUT09>

**Dial in: (669) 444-9171**

**Join the meeting online:**  
**Dial in: (669) 444-9171**  
**Meeting ID: 899 3424 2699**  
**Passcode: FORTY MILE**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call:** Leif Wilson (chair), Jake Combs (vice chair), Patricia MacDonald, Darrell Kasse, Cary Fremin, Alexander Joe, Thor Jorgensen, Frank Enstminger, Peter Talus (alternate; secretary), Matt Snyder (alternate), Herman Gene (alternate for Tetlin designated seat), Krystal Lapp (alternate for Healy Lake designated seat), Nikolas Fremin (alternate for Dot Lake designated seat).

**III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5**

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

**V. Guests Present:**

**VI. Approval of Agenda:**

**VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 13th, 2022**

**VIII. Reports:**

**a. Chairperson's report**

**b. ADF&G:**

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Old Business**

**a.**

**XI. New Business**

- Rescind (Reconsider) AC Action on Board of Game Proposal 183 - Unit 20E antlerless moose
- 2023-2024 Calls for Proposals
- Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed

**XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting(s) if applicable**

**XIII. Set next meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**XIV. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business as needed:**

**XV. Adjourn**



## Upper Tanana/40Mile AC 1/24/23 meeting minutes

Call to Order 7:02

**Members Present:** Jake Combs, Herman Gene, Patricia MacDonald, Thor Jorgensen, Frank Entsminger, Matt Snyder, Peter Talus, Krystal Lapp, Nikolas Fremin.

F&G: Jeff Wells, Jeff Gross, Dena Jallen, Sue Rodman, Christy Gleason, Shane Lansbury, Tom Paragi,, Barbra Cellarius, Tony Hollis, Kyle Campbell

**Guest:** Matt Basse, Chuck Féline, Russ Landers, Ed Stratton, Kato Howard DOF, Jim Simon , Sue Ensinger ERAC, Bruce Ervin UAF, Jeff Burwell, Kyle Cutting NPS

**Approval of agenda:** Thor motioned, Patricia second motion passes unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Matt motioned, Herman second motion passed unanimous vote.

**Chairperson report:** No report

### Board of Fisheries AYK Meeting recap:

Patricia went to the meeting. The 40MileAC proposal was withdrawn. Dena Jallen gave her update/recap.

ADF&G

### ADF&G Wildlife Updates

Steese HWY caribou and moose Tony, Wells, Gross Next year to go from General tag to registration, quota should be lower

Tetlin NWR Unit 12 moose survey Jeff Wells: .4 per sqmi, bull cow ratio 54/100. Calf cow ratio 14/100

Intensive management and wolf update Paragi/Wells:

Break

### New Business

Select AC rep for Chisana caribou (Leif) and Wood Bison (Jake,Matt) mtg

Unit 20E antlerless reauthorization (Proposal 183) Thor motioned, Peter 2nd vote: 0,5,1 (N,Y,A) motion fails no plan to issue any hunt

Call for proposals 23-24 (Northway to move early moose season to the end of late season), (Thor for sheep to get a tag every other year), waterfowl stamp to be purchased with the lic (Matt year round wolf season 12/20E)

**Next meeting date:** 2/28/23

**Adjourn** at 10:26





**Whittier Advisory Committee  
February 18, 2023  
Zoom/Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 1:20 by Jon Van Hying, chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Jim Norris, Jon Van Hying, David Pinguoch, Brett Roth, Brett Wilbanks  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Jody Mason, Gordon Scott, Brad Von Wichman, Darrell Melancon, Bruce Bowman  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brittany, Georgiana, Blane Ross, Jeremy, Charollete
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- VII. Reports
  - Chair's report: None
  - ADF&G:
    - i. BOF Statewide Finfish Comment Deadline: February 23
    - ii. BOG Southcentral Proposals Comment Deadline: March 3
  - Others
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business
  - Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
  - Board of Game Proposals



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None selected
- XII. Set next meeting date: As needed
- XIII. Other: None
- XIV. Adjourn 3:30



# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
			No Action
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
			No Action
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
			No Action
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
	0	5	AC members were concerned the effect on the small operators would be too much at one time.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
			No Action
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
			No Action
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
			No Action



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
	0	5	
<a href="#">161</a>	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska ( <i>To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting</i> ).		
			No Action
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
			No Action
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
	1	3 - 1	The abstained felt he did not know enough about the guide sector to make a vote.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
			No Action
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
			No Action



## Board of Game South Central Region Proposals

Proposal Number	Support	Opposed	Comments
56	4	1	
60	0	5	
61	0	5	
62	5	0	
63	0	5	
86	5	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris  
Minutes Approved By: DRAFT  
Date: February 18,2023