



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 sign-up 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 (alternate)</u>	<u>Robert Hoffman (alternate)</u>					
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, 2nd 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, 2nd 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 10th, 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 nd 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 Kusaik 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 3rd 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 Kusaia 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 a 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, 2nd by Johnny Friend, **motion passed.**

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

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 1st-June 30th. Johnny Friend made a motion to **support as amended**, 2nd 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 11th 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 14th-18th 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 2nd 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, 2nd by Susie Walter. Motion carries.

February 20-25 – Area M meeting. Susie Walter nominates Jackie Cleveland, David Carl 2^{nds}. David Carl is nominated; Susie Walter nominates Johnny Friend. Susie Walter was nominated as the 3rd alternate. Susie Walter makes a motion to approve the nominations to go the Area M meeting, 2nd 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 1st 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		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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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	abstain
	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	abstain
	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>abstain gave no reason.</i>		



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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 & Commissioner have EO authority to open & 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. Yes/No on amended proposal 164: No vote said to see proposal 163 where we said guiding should shouldn't be allowed. The yes votes said if guiding is still legal then they should have to report & 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 ever 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 be 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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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&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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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. that 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 & 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	0	9	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 168	0	9	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 169	0	9	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 170	0	9	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 171	0	9	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	0	9	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C <i>See # 171 justification</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 173	0	9	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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<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

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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



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	X	X			X	X	X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused			X	X				
	Levi Lewellyn	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	James Paine (alternate)
Present	X			X	X	X	X	
Absent								X
Abs/Excused		X	X					
	Lance Nelson (alternate)							
Present	X							
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 23rd subcommittee meeting.

Mark R. makes motion to approve the comments sent to BOF from the Jan. 23rd 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. 22nd.

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 16th 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 31st 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. 31st 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



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		
TNA			
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
OPPOSE			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		
SUPPORT			Better ensures recovery, prevents wanton waste of animal
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
SUPPORT			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		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
OPPOSE			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		
TNA			
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
OPPOSE			Not necessary
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
OPPOSE			Based on Dept concerns of reduction in harvest
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
OPPOSE			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		
TNA			
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
TNA			
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
TNA			
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
TNA			
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
TNA			
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
OPPOSE			Not necessary
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
OPPOSE			Ethics issue, difficult to enforce
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
OPPOSE			Based on Dept. A&Rs
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
OPPOSE			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		
SUPPORT			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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SUPPORT			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		
TNA			
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		
OPPOSE			Unclear directive, anchor system vague
82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
SUPPORT			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		
TNA			
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
TNA			
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
TNA			
90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT			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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SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			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		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			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		
SUPPORT			Based on Dept. support
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT			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		
OPPOSE			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		
TNA			
101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT			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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TNA			
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
OPPOSE			Not necessary, no lynx conservation concerns
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15
TNA			
106			Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C
TNA			
107			Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles
TNA			
108			Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration
TNA			
109			Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15
OPPOSE			Based on Dept. A&Rs
110			Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
111			Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
112			Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
113			Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
114			Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
115			Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons
TNA			
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
OPPOSE			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
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 116
118			Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers
TNA			
119			Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
120			Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
121			Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
122			Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
123			Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
124			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
125			Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
126			Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
127			Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi
TNA			
128			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
TNA			
129			Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C
SUPPORT			Based on Dept. A&Rs
130			Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan
SUPPORT			Keep it on the books
131			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B



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TNA			
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
TNA			
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
OPPOSE			Not necessary, restricts opportunity for harvest
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
OPPOSE			All weapons should be allowed
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
SUPPORT			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		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
OPPOSE			Not necessary
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
SUPPORT			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		
OPPOSE			Not necessary



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146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			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		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 146
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 146
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 59
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
OPPOSE			Trappers can voluntarily post signage if they want
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
OPPOSE			No documented beaver conservation concerns
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
OPPOSE			Without documented beaver conservation concerns, we cannot support this proposal.
157	Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7		
TNA			
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
OPPOSE			Not necessary. Dogs on leashes prevent getting caught in snares
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
OPPOSE			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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TNA			
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
TNA			
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
TNA			
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
TNA			
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
TNA			
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
TNA			
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
TNA			
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
TNA			
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
TNA			
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
TNA			
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
TNA			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
TNA			
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
TNA			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		



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TNA			
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
TNA			
178			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
TNA			
179			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
TNA			
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
SUPPORT			
181			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
SUPPORT			
182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
TNA			
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
TNA			
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
TNA			
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
TNA			
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
SUPPORT			
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
SUPPORT			
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
SUPPORT			
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
TNA			
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:
TNA			
204			Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years as follows:



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SUPPORT AS AMENDED			<p>Amend proposal with either of the following two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close only nonresident sheep hunting opportunity for five years 2. All nonresident sheep hunters on draw only permits for five years with an allocation of 10 permits, resident opportunity stays the same <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:
TNA			
206			Reauthorize the Unit 21E Intensive Management Plan as follows:
SUPPORT			
207			Establish a Tier II hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 13 as follows
TNA			
208			Modify the nonresident drawing permit allocation for Dall sheep in Unit 14C as follows:
SUPPORT			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
SUPPORT			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 2nd 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 10th 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 1st, 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 20th – 25th

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn: 4:56 pm