



**Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee
November 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.
UAS Egan 223 & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Kevin Maier, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Maier, Jesse Ross, Mike Bethers, Jesse Walker, Ed Buyarski, Kristine Trott, Jason Kohlhase, Thatcher Brouwer, Peter Robertson, Nick Orr, Chris Miller

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Hunting, Hunting Guide, Personal Use, Non-Consumptive, Commercial Fishing, Sport Fishing, Processor, Trapping, Guided Sport Fishing

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Roy Churchwell

IV. Guests Present: Eric Schall, Thor Stacey, Jody Dixon, Mike Cole

V. Approval of Agenda: Yes.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Kristine Trott, Non consumptive user. Not Bristol Bay.

Mike B. proposal did not get submitted.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment.

Thor Stacey.

Statement: "Lived in Juneau for 12 years. Hunting guide and represent a couple of wildlife groups as a lobbyist. All information is personal opinion/comment/thoughts.

I have lived in rural area and qualified for subsistence. As a commercial user most of clients are non residents.



Wolf proposals: suite of proposals from Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Unwind POW management plan. There is litigation. Please pay attention. A petition to list wolves under endangered species act.

Deer Hunting. Supportive of lowering bag limit from six to four deer. I have a lot of opportunities. Plenty of meat. Other opportunities for hunting/fishing. Four deer had been in place for a long time. No hardship. Looking at what I would like to have for my family. Growth of commercial use. More to story of the federal closures. Hopefully we can start a conversation with outlying communities. They have the power to close the season.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Member Elections

i. Nominations:

- Hunting Guide (1 seat)
- Charter Fishing – Saltwater (2 seats)
- Non-Consumptive Personal Use (2 seats)
- Sport Fish/Hunting/Personal Use (3 seats)
- Commercial Fishing (2 seats)

ii. Voting on Members

Everyone has been reelected who currently serves on the committee.

b. Alternate Elections (Voted on by Committee)

i. Nominations for 2 alternate Seats

Jody Dixon: I have lived in Juneau for 20 years and hunting for about 10. Fishing crabbing and hunting. Passionate about managing wildlife in a sustainable way.

No hunting and fishing violations.

Mike Cole: I will serve if nobody else wants to.

Mike and Jody were nominated/elected to fill alternative seats.

c. Board of Game Southeast Meeting Proposals

- Proposal 4: Change the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 1 to one bear every two years
- Proposal 5: Change the waterfowl season in Units 1 - 4 by creating a split season
- Proposal 6: Lengthen river otter trapping seasons in Units 1 - 4 to align with Unit 5
- Proposal 7: Extend marten trapping seasons to align with wolverine seasons in portions of Units 1 - 4 and 5



- Proposal 8: Extend the marten trapping season in Units 1 and 2 .
- Proposal 9: Extend the wolverine trapping season to March 15 in Units 1 – 5
- Proposal 10: Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder
- Proposal 11: Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder
- Proposal 28: Change the hunt boundary from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek, for the RG014 goat hunt in Unit 1C
- Proposal 36: Reduce the bag limit for grouse for drainages that cross the Juneau-Douglas Road system in Unit 1C
- Proposal 37: Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan for drainages that cross the Juneau Douglas Road system in Unit 1C
- Proposal 38: Amend the youth hunt for Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge
- Proposal 39: Amend the hunter education requirement for the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge
- Proposal 40: Allow the take of deleterious exotic wildlife in the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge

We need to discuss all the proposals that pertain to our region. We can opt to take no action.

XI. Set next meeting date: To be determined by Doodle.

XII. Other

Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer
Minutes Approved By: Juneau-Douglas AC
Date: 12/5/2022



Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee - Agenda
Dec 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.
UAS Egan 218 & Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm, Kevin Maier

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Maier, Atlin Daugherty, Kristine Trott, Ed Buyarski, Peter Robertson, Jesse Walker, Mike Bethers, Jesse Ross, Nicholas Orr, Forest Wagner, Chris Miller, Jason Kolhase, Thatcher Brouwer, Michael Cole

Members Absent (Excused): Terry White,

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Fish and Game Staff Present: Roy Churchwell, Steve Bethune

Guests Present: Zach and Alisha Decker, Erin Galla, Erich Schall,

III. Approval of Agenda

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V. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VI. Public Comment

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. Member Elections

1..officer elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Current Officers:

Kevin Maier, Chair

Atlin Daugherty Vice Chair

Thatcher Brouwer, Secretary



- i. Nominations
- ii. Voting

Kevin: Unanimous consent to reelect all officers to two year terms. No objection.

- b. waterfowl split season discussion
- c. Board of Game Southeast Meeting Proposals

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IX. Set next meeting date: Do we need to meet to consider statewide Board of Fisheries proposals? If so meeting date will be determined by doodle.

X. Other

Adjourn

Who wants to go? Nick Orr and Kevin Maier expressed interest. They will discuss it.

Adjournment: Jesse

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer
Minutes Approved By: Kevin Maier
Date: 1/6/2023



**Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee
Summary of Recommendations
11/1/2022 & 12/5/2022**

**Consideration of Southeast Board of Game Proposals
During November 1 and December 5, 2022 JDAC Meetings.**

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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>			
1	Require certified hunter safety education to hunt in Units 1 - 5		
Support, as amended to make 2007 the year.	10	1 And 1 abstain	<p>Ed B. Support. It is essential to have hunter education. Easy to pack fire arms. Can go through online course and then be ready for in person instruction when it is time or logistically possible to attend.</p> <p>Steve B: Concern about getting to all the small communities. Generally support hunter education. Confused about the dates. One part of proposal allowing for under 15 year old kids not to have hunter ed.</p> <p>Nick O: Trying to standardize with language in interior. In 3 years would not be an issue.</p> <p>Steve B. Recommend that we standardize language for other units. 1996 is the generally the year after which hunter ed is required.</p> <p>Nick O. It will make it a lot more difficult to pass. People will not want participate.</p> <p>Steve B. Consistent with other proposals.</p> <p>Nick O and Ed B. Ask that they make it age 18. 2007.</p> <p>Atlin D. Understand Department's concern that is difficult to access small communities.</p>



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			<p>Steve B. Transitioned to fully online classes. No work books to go through. Still require field day. We do not want to deprive anyone of the opportunity to go hunting.</p> <p>Ed B. 18 and older supervision helps with someone who cannot get hunter ed. Covers the opportunity for younger people to go out and get education.</p> <p>Thatcher: Who is responsible for the cost of the field day?</p> <p>Ed B. Fish and Game, but can be subsidized by other groups.</p> <p>Jason K. Are we going to entertain an amendment?</p> <p>Jason K. I move that we amended the proposal that it reads January 2007 in both places in proposal rather than 2010 propose and Nick Orr. 2nd.</p> <p>Steve B. Why are proposing this?</p> <p>Ed B. For educational purpose. Reinforcement of safety issues. Giving every new hunter to learn basics of safety.</p> <p>Chris Miller Question.</p> <p>Ed B. Question. Peter Robertson 2nd.</p> <p>10 support. 1 oppose and 1 abstain</p>
2	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southeast Region units		
3	Remove the requirement for residents to seal black bear skulls harvested in Units 1 - 4		
4	Change the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 1 to one bear every two years		
Support As Amended	8	1 and 3 abstain	Jesse Ross's proposal.



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To Exclude 1 D and Berner's Bay			<p>Roy Churchwell: For all of unit 1. It would change the brown bear harvest limit from a bear every four years to a bear every two years in Berners Bay and other parts of unit 1. Suggested that Berners Bay be omitted.</p> <p>Department is neutral, but concerns about abundance.</p> <p>Do not want to manage with EO.</p> <p>Think current system is working well.</p> <p>Area that seem to be seeing an increase in Brown Bears in Chilkat and other places. Also seeing an increase in harvest in some areas.</p> <p>All my comments are in draft.</p> <p>Ed Buyarski: Berner's Bay harvest? Has gone down. 2013 was first year you could harvest one bear a year. Do not have a longstanding population estimate of area.</p> <p>Jason K and Roy C. There have been more bears harvested on Chilkat peninsula. Two bears versus five bears.</p> <p>Jason K: Harvest is mirroring population increase?</p> <p>Roy C. More harvesters</p> <p>Jesse R: I have spent a lot of time on the Chilkat Peninsula. I see a lot of big brown bears. That is why I authored proposal. Bears are managed differently in the interior than they are in southeast. Not fair. This is only for residents. Currently one brown bear every 4 years. This would change it to every 2 years. Expensive to take a brown bear. Not required to keep meat, just hide. Ryan Scott thought there was an increase in population.</p> <p>Roy C. 1 D population estimate is coming and is probably less than expected.</p> <p>Ed B: Amendment to proposal to exclude unit 1 D and Berners from this proposal.</p> <p>Nick O. 2nd.</p>



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			<p>Amendment passed by unanimous consent.</p> <p>Roy C and Chris M. How often are population estimates done? Not very often.</p> <p>Kevin M. What is the estimate of resident brown bear populations?</p> <p>Roy C. I do not have estimate, but very few people shoot more than one bear.</p> <p>Jesse R. Comes down to predator management. Big mouth to feed.</p> <p>Kristine T: Who are their predators?</p> <p>Themselves.</p> <p>Kristine T: No controlling</p> <p>Ed B. Question</p> <p>Nick O. 2nd.</p> <p>As amended.</p>
5	Change the waterfowl season in Units 1 - 4 by creating a split season		
Support Concept Without Selecting Date Unanimous Consent.	12	0	<p>November 1, 2022 Meeting Discussion</p> <p>Roy C. Proposal for a split season. Would like a discussion about when the break would be in season.</p> <p>Kristine T: What is the reason.</p> <p>Roy C. Different timing of ducks. We cannot have length of season to cover everyone's needs without a break. Season is only allowed to be a certain number of days.</p>



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Motion at 12.5.22 meeting not to reopen discussion on proposal			<p>Ed B. Who at Fish and Game is going discuss the length of closure/openings?</p> <p>Roy C: We are having these meetings now.</p> <p>Peter R: Likes current system. Feels like October can be good.</p> <p>Kevin: I polled several duck hunters. The closure should not be around thanksgiving. Mid October should be the closure.</p> <p>Kristine T: Who hunts sea ducks?</p> <p>Kevin: Lots of people do.</p> <p>Jesse W: I would support keeping Thanksgiving break open.</p> <p>Peter R: Can we have multiple splits?</p> <p>Roy C: One split.</p> <p>Jody: Break in first two weeks in November?</p> <p>Ed B: I have seen people hunt for both deer and ducks in November.</p> <p>Kevin M: Polled people and they did not support closure over Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Motion: Ed B: October 5th through the 15th closed. Nick o. 2nd.</p> <p>Kristine T: Population?</p> <p>Roy C: Stable.</p> <p>Jason K: Maybe we need to suggest a broad date range. It is going to come down to a range.</p>



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			<p>Ed B: Withdraw motion.</p> <p>Kevin M: Can it go past December 31st?</p> <p>Roy C: Yes.</p> <p>Jody: October would be preferable for a closure. October 15th to November 15th as a closure.</p> <p>Kevin Maier: Move to support proposal and then poll duck hunters? Ducks unlimited? Not contacted.</p> <p>Ed B: I withdraw motion on closure dates and move to</p> <p>Support concept, without picking date range. Passed unanimous consent.</p> <p>December 5, 2022 meeting discussion</p> <p>Ducks unlimited December 12th banquet. Department is doing a poll. No results yet.</p> <p>Roy C: Fish and Game came up with proposal to give everyone a break in the middle.</p> <p>Concerns from Ketchikan about timing.</p> <p>Kevin M: Can it go past December 31st?</p> <p>Roy C: Yes.</p> <p>Peter: Do we have information on timing of harvest?</p> <p>Roy C . No</p> <p>Mike B: Make split, but let board do it. Does the department have time to do survey?</p>



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			<p>Roy C: The meeting is in January so do not have time for survey.</p> <p>Jesse W: Survey is small sample size. We should not change question.</p> <p>Jesse W. Motion not reopen discussion. 11 support. 3 opposed. 1 abstain.</p>
6	Lengthen river otter trapping seasons in Units 1 - 4 to align with Unit 5		
Support	9	1 and 2 Abstain	<p>Roy C: Department is neutral. Some concern about catching pregnant otters.</p> <p>Nick O: Lots of river otters. Not a population concern. Species that does not get a lot of pressure. I do not think it will impact the resource.</p> <p>Kristine T: Otter gestation period?</p> <p>Roy C: I do not know.</p> <p>Jesse R: There is already otter season underway in other states. They do have a quota, but greater population in those states. Very underutilized. A lot of work to harvest/skin.</p> <p>Chris M: What are the current regs?</p> <p>Roy C: December 1 through February 15th.</p> <p>Jesse W: How much effort?</p> <p>Nick O: Very little effort.</p> <p>Roy C: limited.</p> <p>Jesse R: All recorded in the annual trapping report.</p> <p>Ed question and Nick 2nd</p>



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7	Extend marten trapping seasons to align with wolverine seasons in portions of Units 1 - 4 and 5		
Support	11	0 and 1 Abstain	<p>Roy C: Department is neutral.</p> <p>Nick O: Good way to open season without impacting population.</p> <p>Jesse R: Aligned with a Ketchikan proposal authored by a long time trapper. Only get wolverine opportunity once a month. Reasonable to ask for more time. I support.</p> <p>Kristine T: I disagree. Have not seen Marten in 3 years. Not sure why.</p> <p>Nick O: Study suggested that there are lots.</p> <p>Jesse R: This is a renewable resource. A trapper does not want to over trap. Do not want to ruin next year's season.</p> <p>Ed B. motion and and Chris M. 2nd.</p>
8	Extend the marten trapping season in Units 1 and 2		
Voted to take no Action			<p>Jesse w: Proposal very similar to proposal seven.</p> <p>Jesse w: Moved to take no action. Nick O. 2nd</p> <p>Passed unanimous consent.</p>
9	Extend the wolverine trapping season to March 15 in Units 1 - 5		
Oppose	4	6 and 2 abstain	<p>Roy C: Makes it more difficult to manage if you take females out of den.</p> <p>Jesse R: Hard to target animal. Wide ranging animal. It is a sustainable resource. Trappers on north slope are allowed much longer season. I would support this. Season has been cut down over time.</p> <p>Mike B: Question and Nick O. 2nd</p>
10	Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder		



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Oppose	2	7 and 3 abstain.	<p>Roy C: The department is neutral. Let ACs and public weigh in.</p> <p>Kevin M: What is the update on the RAC proposal?</p> <p>Nick O: back side of Admiralty, Pelican and Hoonah are being considered by RAC as areas to limit deer harvest.</p> <p>Roy C: Three bucks in all areas. And some revisions.</p> <p>Kevin M: I proposed this as a starting conversation/negotiating chip. I do know this is a issue that matters.</p> <p>Nick O: I understand where Kevin is coming from. If they had considered it at the RAC then I would support it. I wrote the proposal for 6 deer. I want to know where the deer are being harvested. I authored my proposal to allow opportunity.</p> <p>Mike B: The reason they are not getting deer is because they are not hunting. The hunters that are still hunting are getting more deer than ever. Fish and Game thinks it is fine (6 deer). It is a real complicated mess.</p> <p>Jesse W: I am going to oppose these. We discussed it in April.</p> <p>Nick O: It is a management tool.</p> <p>Kevin M: This is a gamble because we do not have an opportunity to engage in federal subsistence process. My impression is that it is set up to take up traditional knowledge and not science. We do not have a lot of power in the federal subsistence process.</p> <p>Ed B: Not a biological reason to reduce bag limit.</p> <p>Mike B: None of these proposals meet ANILCA criteria. Not conservation proposals.</p> <p>Nick O: Nothing was offered up during RAC meeting.</p>



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			Jesse W: I have heard 4 deer is enough, but I think it depends on the family. Ed B. Question and Nick O 2nd
11	Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder		
28	Change the hunt boundary from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek, for the RG014 goat hunt in Unit 1C		
Support	9	0 and 6 abstain	<p>Peter R: I want to make small change to current boundaries near Thane. Little Sheep boundary is very nebulous. Does not open up any more accessible terrain, but will make less confusing.</p> <p>Roy C: Department is neutral, but concerned will increase access to goats. It may make it very easy to hunt them in the area that is opened up. There are lots of goats within ¼ mile of road at end of season. Common area for people to watch goats. User conflicts.</p> <p>Roy C: Suggest amendment. Little sheep up to 2,000 feet contour and the ridge that goes to west peak and follow that west peak. Takes out creek portion and allows better established contour line. Does not open up area where there are predictably goats.</p> <p>Ed. B: Do you meet point system? More likely to need EO?</p> <p>Roy C: No, but have come close. Yes. More likely with proposed area.</p> <p>Atlin D: I like proposal as written. I think it is open okay to open area.</p> <p>Peter Question. Ed B. 2nd.</p> <p>Support 9. Oppose 0 Abstain 6</p>
29	Expand the hunt area of the RG014 archery goat hunt in Unit 1C		
30	Open a fall archery goat hunt in Unit 1C, the southern end of the Chilkat Peninsula		



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31			Lengthen the resident, registration goat hunt in Unit 1C, the Southern end of the Chilkat Range
32			Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1D from hunting goat the following regulatory year in Unit 1D
Support Unanimous Consent	16	0	<p>Roy C: Concerned about nannies. Create a penalty for harvesting Nanny. Other places in the state that this happens. Potential that it could go region wide. Some guides support this and some do not.</p> <p>Nick O: How many goats are taken by guides?</p> <p>Roy C: 1C more than half.</p> <p>Mike: Percentage of Nannies to Billies?</p> <p>Roy C. Depends on weather conditions. From 7-10% to 32-35% nannies.</p> <p>Jesse R. Is this a guide use area?</p> <p>Roy C. It would apply to all of 1D.</p> <p>Atlin D. Does the department want this to be regional.</p> <p>Roy C. Department is neutral.</p> <p>Jason K. Is there a biological concern? Is there support from guides in 1D?</p> <p>Roy C. There are some closed areas. Difficult population to manage. Have not discussed with them, but have with 1C and they generally support concept, but unsure if they want to do it this way.</p> <p>Chris M. Are there other populations that have declined/concerns.</p> <p>Roy C. Populations have declined, but still allow hunting. Introduced populations have twins more often.</p>



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			<p>Peter R. Will outfitter be punished?</p> <p>Roy C. No.</p> <p>Zach Decker: I am one of the guides in the Endicott Arm area. I have submitted a proposal in the past. Outfitter could lose access. I understand challenges with the proposal.</p> <p>Chris M: Does not seem like much of a stick if this is only 1 year.</p> <p>Nick O. This is 1D . I am inclined to support.</p> <p>Jason K. Can't we just make this a male only hunt?</p> <p>Roy C. What do we do if someone shoots a nanny? Decided only 1 year.</p> <p>Jesse W. It can be very difficult to tell.</p> <p>Nick O. Step one is guides.</p> <p>Roy C. Guided hunters are less likely to take nannies.</p> <p>Zach. We do a pretty good job harvesting billies. This is our job.</p> <p>Peter R. Question. Ed. B. 2nd.</p> <p>16 support.</p>
33	Increase the brown bear bag limit in that portion of Unit 1C of the Chilkat Peninsula mainland north of Point Couverden and south of Sullivan Island for resident hunters, from one bear every four regulatory years to one bear every regulatory year		
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35	Extend the bear baiting season for Unit 1D		
36	Reduce the bag limit for grouse for drainages that cross the Juneau-Douglas Road system in Unit 1C		
Support	13	1 and 2 abstain	<p>Roy C. I can see where Peter is going with proposal. Feel grouse population is more impacted by weather. Department is opposed, but not strongly opposed.</p> <p>Peter R: I do not want to make regulation book more complicated. I agree region wide is based on weather. However, we do have local impacts to populations. Technology changes have allowed better access. Could potentially be damaging populations. I believe a 3 bird bag limit is fair. Allow youth access.</p> <p>Nick O: Probably not make a difference in population. Never going to have easy birds. Not sure limit birds will increase easy access birds. Typically get more than 3.</p> <p>Peter R: Make easier for kids. Not easy.</p> <p>Ed B. Stop at 3. Spread catch around.</p> <p>Atlin D: Snowmachine will allow more access.</p> <p>Nick O: Will unnecessarily be limiting ourselves.</p> <p>Thatcher: Is there a biological/stock concern?</p> <p>Roy C: No. Some populations have declined.</p> <p>Jesse R: Worried that we will not get more back.</p> <p>Peter R: Just Juneau road system.</p> <p>Kristine T: disagree that population is healthy. I do not see ptarmigan or hear hooters.</p>



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			<p>Ed B: Heard hooters for years, but not this year. A change.</p> <p>Jesse W: I heard birds from lynn canal fire department parking lot.</p> <p>Chris M: Concern about enforcement side of it. Could be difficult.</p> <p>Kevin M: In the past I saw grouse all the time, but do not see them anymore.</p> <p>Peter R. Question. Ed B. 2nd</p> <p>Support 13. Oppose 1 Abstain. 2</p>
37	Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan for drainages that cross the Juneau Douglas Road system in Unit 1C		
Support	9	4 and 5 Abstain	<p>Peter R. Regionally strong populations. Never seen a flock of 20 from road system. Bag limit is often a goal. Easy to go and shoot a flock.</p> <p>Roy C. We have very little information about ptarmigan. Do not have a lot of information to go on.</p> <p>Ed B. What about other parts of the state?</p> <p>Roy C. Students have looked at unit 13. Declines of the stees highway. Monitoring in other parts of the state, but not in Juneau. Need to be dedicated to go after ptarmigan. Undertaking to monitor them.</p> <p>Jesse R. Proposal is reducing bag limit from 20 to 5. Does science support this? Usually only get one shot even with a flock. Should be science.</p> <p>Atlin D. Easy to shoot more than one ptarmigan. Susceptable.</p> <p>Ed B. Seen a few ptarmigan in southeast. More in other areas in Alaska. I do not see a problem with a 5 bird limit.</p> <p>Roy C. Map is in the A and R.</p>



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			<p>Nick. Average 1.5 per outing. Statewide.</p> <p>Jason K. When was this bag limit put in place?</p> <p>Roy C. I do not know.</p> <p>Kevin M. We are hearing local concern from hunters in this area.</p> <p>Jesse W. I think this is a good idea. 20 bird bag limit is high, but reduction is drastic. I would like to be able to harvest more than 5. Maybe 10.</p> <p>Kristine T. question. Ed B. 2nd.</p> <p>Support 9 Oppose 4 abstain 5. Passed.</p>
38	Amend the youth hunt for Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge		
Support	16	0	<p>Roy C. Worded to follow big game youth hunt provisions. Mendenhall is a small game hunt. The department is neutral on this. Registrations for all hunters has been 350 – 400. Since change there have not been more youth. Department has no issues with this.</p> <p>Jesse R. Do youth hunts have an age limit?</p> <p>Roy C. No.</p> <p>Eric: Proposer. I proposed 38 and 39 because I have kids. Disappointed that 10 year old could not hunt with family while a 9 year old could.</p> <p>Mike: Disappointed parents this summer. Could not hunt.</p> <p>Jesse R. Makes more opportunity for youth. No set age. I like how this is written.</p>



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			Peter R. question and Ed B 2 nd Passed unanimous
39	Amend the hunter education requirement for the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge		
Support	16	0	<p>Roy C. If you are over 10 you need hunter safety currently. Department is neutral on proposal, but leaning to opposed side. Were there is a youth cut off it is 10 elsewhere in state. Do understand that hunter ed is taught to 13 year olds. Creates a reg that is different.</p> <p>Eric: Proposer. Age 10 is arbitrary. School districts choose 13 (6th grade) for a reason. 12 year old can safely hunt with an adult.</p> <p>Atlin D. Parents responsibility. I will support this proposal.</p> <p>Jesse R. How old do you need to be to hunt wetlands.</p> <p>Kevin M. Any age if you have hunter ed. By yourself.</p> <p>Nick O. This makes sense.</p> <p>Peter R. All hunters need hunter ed unless you are under 10 with an adult.</p> <p>Ed B. Question.</p> <p>Unanimous.</p>
40	Allow the take of deleterious exotic wildlife in the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge		
Support as amended to allow during waterfowl season with the firearms			<p>Roy C. The department generally supports this, but could be dangerous and endanger ability to hunt on the wetlands. Year round as written? Can only shoot shotgun on refuge during waterfowl season. Deteriorate hunting experience for waterfowl. More likely shots will go towards houses. Will not have an impact on population. Huge user conflicts especially if occurring during spring and summer time.</p>



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that are currently permitted.			<p>Kristine T. Why would a pellet gun be considered illegal to shoot on wetland.</p> <p>Roy C. Only allow shotgun not pellet gun.</p> <p>Eric. I do not care if dog walkers are upset. They are ruining wildlife in other parts of the country. We are not going to lose common sense. This is a wildlife refuge and should be managed for wildlife not dog poop spot. We require hunter safety. You can still follow CBJ rules.</p> <p>Ed B. I agree with Eric that we should remove deleterious wildlife, but do not see them on wetlands. They are near homes. I do not believe opening up to different style firearms is a good idea. We should shoot bird feeders.</p> <p>Kristine T. I have seen flocks of starlings.</p> <p>Jesse R. I like the ability to do it during waterfowl season with allowed fire arms.</p> <p>Peter Robertson. Question. I move that we support alternative proposal/amendment. Ed B. 2nd. Rescind.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: Should we support as written. Question.</p> <p>Support 3. Oppose 6. Abstain. 4</p> <p>Peter. Support amendment (allow during waterfowl season with firearms that are currently allowed) Jesse R. 2nd.</p> <p>Unanimous consent. Support</p>
41	Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C		
42	Extend the deer season to December 31, in Unit 1A Remainder		
43	Increase the resident bag limit to two goats in Unit 1A		



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44	Extend the goat season in Unit 1A Remainder		
45	Raise the population objective from 150-200 wolves to 250-350 wolves in Unit 2, and raise the threshold for closing the season from 100 to 200 wolves		
46	Lengthen the hunting season for wolves in Unit 2, to open September 1		
47	Require wolf harvest information be reported within 48 hours of recovery and sealing within 14 days in Unit 2		
48	Change the methodology for setting the population objective for wolves in Unit 2		
49	Utilize the lower confidence interval of the wolf population for estimating the population in Unit 2		
50	Establish a population estimate and harvest limit based on Prince of Wales Island wolf population that excludes extrapolation from outer islands in Unit 2		
51	Establish a percentage of the Unit 2 wolf population that can be harvested on a sustainable basis, develop a harvest quota each season, require in-season reporting, provide the harvest to the public in real time, and allow three days' notice before closing the season by emergency order		
52	Establish a harvest quota for wolves, between 20% and 35% of the estimated wolf population in Unit 2		
53	Establish an estimated unreported mortality rate for Unit 2 wolves to be used for establishing the harvest quota		
54	Identify an area in Unit 2 for protected status for wolves		



Adjournment: Jody and Jesse Ross.....

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Maier

Date: 1/6/2023