

Alaska Board of Game

Advisory Committee Comments

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Central & Southwest Region

January 10-17, 2025

Wasilla Alaska

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
December 3rd and December 11th, 2024
William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**

Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals January 10-17, 2024 Wasilla, 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>			
1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
Support	9	2	Support for subsistence, avoid DLP situations. Oppose for broader concerns about bear hunting.
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
Oppose 1 Abstain	4	6	Support for the Bethel AC and more opportunity. Opposed to using bait and additional baiting opportunities across multiple units at once.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed as several felt it was an unfair advantage to hunters.
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because do not support additional hunting opportunity for user groups. Additionally, this proposal would potentially place pressure on sheep prior to existing hunts.
5	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. 1 caribou is enough for a non resident hunter.
6	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated- September is a better time frame for better meat quality.
7	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents		
Support	6	5	Opposed because believe that caribou all over the state need a reprieve. Support for AK F&G reasons
8	Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations		
Support	10	0	Support for feral reindeer hunting to prevent overgrazing. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
9	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		



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Oppose	4	7	Support for hunting opportunities. Opposed because believe the bears should have a break and hunting is already around the breeding and rearing season.
10	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
Oppose 2 Abstain	0	9	Opposed because we believe there is a need to provide hunting opportunity for all species and hunters when appropriate.
11	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
Support 1 Abstain	7	3	Support for reasons stated allows for increased separation between user groups. Opposed because believe the state needs to provide ample opportunity to hunt brown bears.
12	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	4	7	Support for increased hunting opportunities. Opposed because believe the bears should have a break and hunting is already around the breeding and rearing season.
13	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because believe the bears should have a break and hunting is already around the breeding and rearing season.
14	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	--	--	See #13
15	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
No action	--	--	See #13
16	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	--	--	See #13
17	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	0	11	See #13
18	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
Oppose	1	10	Support for reasons listed in proposal and support bear viewing/nonconsumptive use. Opposed because believe the state needs to provide ample opportunity to hunt brown bears, felt proposal was asking for two things in one.
19	Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		



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Oppose	0	11	Opposed because do not have enough biological information to support a hunt. For reasons stated in the Proposal, in particular Pribilof foxes are native and endemic to the Pribilofs and a defense to accidentally introduced rodents.
20	Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
Support	10	1	See #19 Support non resident trapping limit of two foxes versus no limit
21	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because do not have enough biological information to support the request.
22	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
Support	11	0	Support for breeding pair protection.
23	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because do not have enough biological information to support the request and migratory birds are in need to extra support and protection at this time. 1 abstain because it is out of cycle.
24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	Support for ADF&G efforts towards population stabilization and growth.
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because believe this is allocative to out of state users.
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
No action	--	--	See #25.
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Support as it is a useful tool for ADF&G to control moose populations as needed.
28	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B		
Support	11	0	Support as it would allow real and more accurate values to be used.
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
Support	9	2	Support the review of population and harvest objectives.
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
Oppose 1 Abstain	3	7	Support as it would allow population to rebuild. Opposed as people need the opportunity to harvest animals and access to caribou meat, want to ensure Dept flexibility.



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31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
Oppose	3	8	Support as it would allow population to rebuild. Opposed as people need the opportunity to harvest animals and access to caribou meat, want to ensure Dept flexibility.
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support	6	5	Opposed because ADF&G has not conducted a brown bear density study in Unit 17 and without that, management decisions cannot be made. Opposed because the proposal would be for an entire year and believe there should be seasons for the species. Support because would allow an extended season for brown bear hunting which in turn, supports moose survival success.
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
Opposed	2	9	Opposed because ADF&G has not conducted a brown bear or wolf density study in Unit 17 and without that, management decisions cannot be made. Also do not condone same-day airborne hunting. There is an existing predator control program under IM which is enough. Fully liberalizing hunting outside of the IM program is flawed thinking and would like ADF&G to spend more years under IM before going to these lengths. ADF&G must re-authorize IM each time and implement the findings of ballot initiative 96. Support because would allow for moose recruitment in areas where moose populations are declining.
34	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Opposed	5	6	See comments above (although this is just for bears).
35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
No Action	--	--	--
36	Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	11	0	Support because the population of wolverine is declining all over the state and any change that would support the population would help. Suggest ADF&G conduct an updated population study.
37	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose because beavers are an integral part of the ecosystem and extirpation of them would be detrimental to the entire ecosystem. Also opposed because beavers are good for salmon. Additionally, it would be easy to remove the entire family within seconds



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38	Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting		
No Action	--	--	--
39	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B		
Support	11	0	Suggest ADF&G further reduce the harvest population and harvest objectives.
40	Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed because are attempting to raise the moose abundance objective without much information to support the request. More moose are great but this proposal only addresses the population objective and not the harvest objective.
41	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. This would lower the harvest objective but keep the population objective the same.
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. This would lower the harvest objective but keep the population objective the same.
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
Opposed	7	4	Opposed because if IM is so successful and there is a surplus, then the Department should reduce the IM programs. Support because would reduce the road kill moose numbers.
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
Opposed	7	4	Opposed because if IM is so successful and there is a surplus, then the Department should reduce the IM programs. The population appears to be declining and bulls and cows needs to stabilize. Support because would like ADF&G to have a tool to manage the cow hunt prior to the next regulatory cycle at which time it may be too late.
45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
Support 1 Abstain	9	1	Support for increased hunting opportunities for bowhunters. Expect a low success rate. Oppose because they could use a bow during the normal season and there is no competition.
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
Support	9	2	Support for reasons stated. This community hunt, since inception, had been taken advantage of by urban residents and has caused unforeseen implications on the moose populations.



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			ADF&G should require registration permits be obtained in person in Glenallen. Opposed because would allow proxy hunting. There is not place in the state where you can proxy hunt where there are antler restrictions.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
Opposed 1 Abstain	0	10	Opposed because of the any bull requirement. 1 abstain due to lack of understanding.
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
Opposed	0	11	The current IM program is for moose and not caribou. IM opens up a lot of opportunity to conduct research and habitat enhancement. Opposed because the Board uses IM and predator control interchangeably and there is a big difference. The problem is simple – there is an overharvest of the Nelchina caribou herd and hunting needs to be reduced. The predators that are killing the herd are humans.
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
Oppose 1 Abstain	2	8	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because it is a statewide proposal as written and is out of cycle, some felt the area encompassed too large a region given the disbursement of the Nelchina herd.
50	Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose because there is a biological concern all over the state for sheep.
51	Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose because there is a biological concern all over the state for sheep.
52	Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose because there is a biological concern all over the state for sheep.
53	Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D		
Opposed 1 Abstain	0	10	Oppose because there is a biological concern all over the state for sheep at this date.
54	Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260		
Support	11	0	Support because it would align with adjacent units. Also support because this would enhance the conservation efforts of sheep in the area.
55	Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts		



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Oppose	0	11	Opposed because believe this is unnecessary micromanagement when none is warranted.
56	Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11		
Support	11	0	Support for more opportunity with a relatively low success rate.
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
Oppose 1 Abstain	5	5	Support- more than enough bears. Opposed: Bear density study is being finalized.
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
Oppose	6	5	Support Protect the recovery. Opposed because believe that opportunity should remain for Alaska residents. Others opposed because current minimum wolf number has not been reached, should not decrease it further when current objective hasn't been met or measured for efficacy.
59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.		
Support	6	2	Support - there is no biological concern; wolves are plentiful in unit 11; lengthening the wolf trapping season will help address predation. Opposed - wolves are important for the ecosystem; lengthening the season will extend it into the denning season.
60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
Support	6	2	Support - coyote are plentiful; lengthening the wolf trapping season will give more harvest opportunity and mitigate predation on moose, caribou and sheep. Opposed - wolves are important for the ecosystem; lengthening the season extends it into the denning season.
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	Support Paxson AC. Agree with a later opening date for the season.
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
Oppose	0	8	Opposed as it impacts reproduction.
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
Support	8	0	Support the department efforts for collecting data.
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	8	0	Support department proposal for reauthorization of antlerless moose draw permits as this is a proven tool for management of population.
65	Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A		
Support	8	0	Support the reduction of permits as the prior limit of 2,000 permits was too large.



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66	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	8	0	Support to allow more opportunity. A 4 day archery only hunt for moose not expected to harm population, a fairly low success rate is anticipated.
67	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A		
Support	8	0	Support to allow more hunting opportunity, low success rate, low impact on population.
68	Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
Support	8	0	No conservation concern.
69	Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
Support	8	0	Support this proposal from the local AC. Expect this will reduce winter stress and harassment of animals.
70	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	7	1	Support as there is no biologic concern. Those opposed site 2018 department report for resident success has been decreasing since 2014 through 2018. Assume there is a correlation between bear #s and success.
71	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B		
Support	7	1	Support - proposal aligns the end of the season for brown bears with black bears. No biologic concern. Opposed - to the liberalization of harvest. Also the end of June as proposed is too long a season.
72	Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	8	Opposed as it is very easy to obtain a harvest ticket for black bears.
73	Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram		
Support	7	1	Support the proposal - the taking of mature rams only is detrimental to the population versus taking any ram. Opposed - the current requirements are more than adequate.
74	Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A		
Support	8	0	Support more hunting opportunity with probable low success rate.
75	Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
Oppose	2	3	Support because we need predator control. Opposed as they do not want Alaska to become a game park. The predator #s are unrealistic and it violates the 1996 ballot initiative that was approved by voters. Concern about adding bears to ADFG authority with ADFG providing a population reduction goal for public to consider.
76	Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		



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Support 1 Abstain	7	0	Support – would increase harvest opportunity in 16B. 1 abstention.
77	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B		
Support	7	1	Support – there is surplus of brown bear in unit 14B, proposal has the potential to help moose population. Opposed - bears should have a break and hunting is already around the breeding and rearing season, this is heavily populated area.
78	Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
Support	7	1	Support – gives hunters, trappers opportunity when intensive management is active. Opposed - do not support the State's predator control program, same day aerial hunts.
79	Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A		
Oppose	2	6	Support – give more opportunity to harvest wolves, help reduce predation of moose. Opposed - no biological reasons for the taking of additional wolves, in denning season, oppose the accidental trapping of dogs.
80	Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16		
Opposed	2	6	Support – helpful to collect valuable population data. Opposed because requires an undue burden on remote hunters and the department
81	Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours		
Support	8	0	Support this proposal that may lessen suffering of domestic animals accidentally caught in traps.
82	Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.		
Support	8	0	Support this proposal that may lessen suffering of domestic animals accidentally caught in traps.
83	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose because there is not enough biological information for the species and although there may appear to be a 'boom' in population, the ptarmigan are cyclical.
84	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B		
Oppose	0	8	See #83

Approved by: Matt Moore, Acting Chair



**Bethel Advisory Committee
Alaska Department of Fish & Game - ADFG Bethel Office
Approved Minutes
October 22, 2024
ADFG Bethel Office**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Sam Hancock, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Sam Hancock, Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle, Mike Glore, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance, Kara Domnick, Jeremy Brink (Teleconference)

Members Absent (Excused): Alissa Rodgers

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Patrick Jones, John Landsiedel, Savannah Hollingworth, Tim Bimbenic

Invocation – Moment of Silence

Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG Regional Coordinator

- Elections
- Kara Domnick and Dave Humphrey won the membership election and will hold seats set to expire June 30 of 2027. Justin Essian, Kara Domnick, Dave Humphrey, Tad Lindley, Robert Hoffman were nominated for membership.
- Officer elections – Sam will lead this meeting regardless of outcome, but future meetings and planning will be handled by the newly elected chair.
- Chair and Vice-chair election were combined since the Vice Chair must be ready to assume the same responsibilities as chair. Seth Madole, Sam Hancock, Travis Burks, Mike Glore, and Kara Domnick were nominated. Seth Madole and Kara Domnick declined the nomination. Mike Glore won the most votes for chair with Sam Hancock as the runner-up and will serve as Vice chair.
- Secretary elections – Dave Humphrey was the only nomination and won with 8 votes

Fish and Game Staff Present: Patrick Jones, John Landsiedel, Savannah Hollingworth, Tim Bimbenic



IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VI. Reports

a. ADF&G

- i. Wildlife – John Landsiedel reported on predator control program outcomes and Mulchatna caribou herd health.
- ii. Wildlife – Patrick Jones reported on moose populations in Zone 1, Zone 2, Goodnews, and Kanektok rivers.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Robert Hoffman raised concern over Zone 1 moose hunt being only eight days, when there are reports of moose abundance in Zone 1. He suggests a longer Zone 1 season, with additional reasoning that the winter Yukon moose hunt is only accessible to those with financial resources for snowmachines, gas, etc.
- b. Mark Leary asked about moving the Zone 2 boundary in relation to Whitefish lake. Patrick Jones said this boundary line has a long history, but could be possible to adjust if all parties agreed.
- c. Brian Lefferts – wants to our community to capitalize on the moose abundance on the Yukon. He has submitted proposals that will be discussed at next meeting. Of concern are topics related to funding for structural interventions for food securities, proposals for stipends, figuring out how to bring Yukon moose down to Kuskokwim villages, and working with legislatures. This needs more discussion, and he has been invited to the office to discuss this more.



VIII. New Business

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Proposals			
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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
2	(Jon, Seth) Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
Support	9	1	Reasoning: This is a Bethel AC proposal and we still support it. There are 19 Game units with no closed season for bears. Sometimes, due to environmental reasons such as flooding bait sites cannot be reached. By having 2 baiting season it will allow for more flexibility and help residents take bear over bait.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Support	9	1	Some members were for this proposal since it could give hunters an advantage when hunting bears, but others mentioned that the it would not benefit many in this area because of the lack of cell coverage. There was also some concern about areas that do not allow electronics, or they are not used. Opposition – Unit 18 not listed, but would not support. Gives advantage to only those who can afford and disadvantage for those who cannot
24	(Jon, Seth) Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
Support	10		Historically higher abundance of hares. Population has declined. Pat gave recommendation of going to permits only before closing. Sam says moratorium is one of the few tools we have to help.
29	(Jon, Seth) Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
Oppose		10	Pat explained that herd size and behavior is dynamic. Smaller groups don't move as much as larger groups. If herd does recover, expectation is that small herds will interact more again. Alternative could be to create zones.
30	(Jon, Seth) Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
Support	10		
33	(Jon, Seth) Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
Support	9		Lucinda abstain – not our unit
34	(Jon, Seth) Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support	9		Lucinda abstain – not our unit
35	(Jon, Seth) Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
Oppose		10	Jon – wolverine – not hurting #s. Never seen lactating female in March. Pat – Has no biological reason. Majority of caught males and one year or less. Mostly catching dispersing males. He has



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			handled many and only seen 2 and they were later in March. Wolverines breed in July.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 11-16, 2025 Anchorage, AK			
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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
86	(Jon, Seth) Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
Oppose		10	Reasoning: Aaron – no. Population has actually grown, but populations are low and with influenza, hit or miss. Seth – doesn't think we are killing enough to be affecting at all.
87	(Jon, Seth) Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose		10	Not practical for harvest in our unit.
88	(Jon, Seth) Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
Oppose		10	Reasoning: Jon- thinks it's too soon. Pat – talked about different populations. Too premature. Sam – doesn't even think there is a hunt..
89	(Jon, Seth) Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
Oppose		10	We oppose this, kills self guided moose hunts, makes moose hunting more prohibitive. This goes against our goals of increasing moose harvest with the current moose population. Some members thought an education course, or an orientation, could be considered. AK State Trooper, Walter, states that wanton waste and failure to salvage is much less in our region than it use to be.



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101	(Jon, Seth) Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Support	10		
122	(Jon, Seth) Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
Oppose		10	We did not support proxy hunts for draw permits.
123	Tabled		(Jon, Seth) Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
124	(Jon, Seth) Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Support	8	2	Discussions centered around improving access to bear baiting, versus attracting bears to fish camps/cabins. Fish camps are already a bear attractant at times. Opening bear bait close to fish camps could help eliminate nuisance bears. Opposition does not want to attract bears to fish camps/cabins when areas are not in use.
125	(Jon, Seth) Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	8	2	Same as above
126	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	No Action		We agreed taht proposal 127 is a better wording of this proposal.
127	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Support	10		Similar to 126 but with dates that make it more practical (November 1st to March 31).
128	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
	No Action		Mike suggested table – No motion to bring forward.
129	(Jon, Seth) Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose		10	Similar to what we wrote, but larger caliber, and not specific to each animal. For example, Sitka deer are classified as big game, but do not require the same caliber as moose.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
130	(Jon, Seth)		Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose
Support	10		Walter mentions this could be impossible to enforce.
131	(Jon, Seth)		Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares
Oppose		10	Concerns over someone moving a person's trap to somewhere illegal and then report it.
132	(Jon, Seth)		Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine
Oppose		10	Very rare in our region – a person that has moved to our community and has lived here less than a year is what has happened in the past. This encourages new teachers and medical providers to have an option.
133	(Jon, Seth)		Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine
Oppose		10	Same as above
135	(Jon, Seth)		Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents
Oppose		10	We don't see a need to impose a blanket policy for so many hunts. Individual boards handle this for each hunt.
136	(Jon, Seth)		Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt
Oppose		10	We do not see a need for this.
138	(Jon, Seth)		Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox
Support	10		Clear reasoning.
139	(Jon, Seth)		Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals
Support	10		Discussed at length previously.
141	(Jon, Seth)		Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form
Support	10		Utilizing technology most people have, helps figure out whose meat it is
144	(Jon, Seth)		Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies
146	(Jon, Seth)		Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
Oppose		10	Cats are #1 killer of small birds, do not want them out there.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
147	(Jon, Seth) Delegate authority to manage “the clean list” from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
Oppose		10	Authority should be with more than one person on this issue.
151	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	10		Increases opportunities for harvest
157	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	10		No discussion.

Proposed Outside the Board of Game’s Authority			
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
167	(Jon, Seth) If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license		
		10	Out of our authority. We have a low income license for \$5.00, and has documentation, creates a paper trail.
168	(Jon, Seth) If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license for small game		
		10	Out of our authority, see above.
173	(Jon, Seth) Only resident guides can guide nonresident hunters for guide required animals		
		10	Out of our authority, Not practical, many guides are nonresidents, this would take legislative action, no member felt that this was necessary.

IX. Set next meeting date - – November 4th, 6:30 PM. 143, 185, plus Lefferts proposals (178-182)

Adjourn - 10:00 PM



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: David Humphrey, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Bethel AC – by unanimous vote
Date: 11/4/2024

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I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Mike Glore, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Glore, Sam Hancock, David Humphrey (Teleconference),
Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance, Kara Domnick,

Members Absent (Excused): Alissa Rodgers, Jeremy Brink

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

1) Welcome

2) Invocation- Moment of Silence

3) Approval of Agenda motion and second

4) Approval of previous meeting minutes: 10/22/2024

a) Motion to approve and seconded (Jon, Seth)

5) Reports - None

6) Public Comment - No comments

7) ComPass Core Presentation for Proposals

a) Michelle DeWitt, Joe and Carrie Atchak, Robin Masterman presented their five proposals. The overarching goal of her group's proposals are to establish community structural interventions to address food insecurities. This would be accomplished by piloting a culturally-relevant protein food box program for those that are food insecure. In order to achieve this, proxy hunting rules are targeted for change to utilize the abundance of moose currently on the lower Yukon. Major proposed changes include: establish a "community safety net organization" that could receive proxy tags, expanding proxy hunting to have more specific populations targeted, allow organizations to qualify for proxy tags or allow an organization to be a proxy tag recipient, and proxy hunting for reimbursement. There was hesitancy expressed by the AC for these proposals due to the implications on commercializing hunting and that the proposals lack specificity. Discussions on what systems are in place for receiving moose. The exact number of moose needed wasn't clear, and Michelle thinks that they could see exponential requests the more the program would go. Discussions were had about what has done to increase moose donations at a community level prior to regulatory changes, and what can be done to increase moose donations. Several members of the AC offered constructive feedback for proposals, suggestions on how to increase donations, and other solutions to challenges associated with receiving moose meat donations. Overall, the AC does not support the proposals as presented today, but does recognize the problems presented by Michelle and her team. There were numerous

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conversations regarding suggestions on how to increase donations before implementing statutory changes.

Alaska Board of Game Proposals – <i>Outside the Board of Game’s Authority (ComPASS Core)</i> <i>*These proposals were discussed as a group and not individually.</i>	
178	Taking of Game by Proxy: We request that the board consider assigning proxy tags to community safety net organizations
179	Taking of Game by Proxy: We recommend expanding the definition of proxy to allow any individual Alaskan who is eligible for a moose harvest tag that do not plan to fill to transfer that tag as a proxy tag to a Community Safety Net Program as defined below
180	Taking of Game by Proxy: Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of reimbursement for hunting expenses as follows:
181	Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses as follows.
182	Taking of game by proxy: Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses, and allow the organizations to employ specialists to serve as proxy hunters as follows.

8) New Business

Agenda Item 10, New Business: (a) Proposals

32	(Proposed: Jon, Second: Seth) Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support as amended	All		<p>This proposal would allow for take during fishing season. Bears taken by DLP during the summer do not have good hides, but there are parts people could keep such as skulls or claws. Some members felt that these bears would be killed anyway with DLP rules, and the proposal would not increase their take, but some were worried about a free-for-all. One member said he would be interested in hearing population numbers and other data about the bears before approving.</p> <p>Amend to June 30 to match Unit 18 . (Sam, Travis)</p>

72	(Jon, Seth) Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
Support	All		Both Harvest Ticket and sealing requirements are redundant.

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76	(Jon, Seth) Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
Support	All		No closed season and 2 bears p/year. Regulations can be adjusted as needed if populations get low.

137	(Jon, Seth). Change the drawing hunt permit process		
Oppose		All	Bethel AC supports random draw.

140	(Jon, Seth) Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
Oppose	1	8	Opposition - Evidence of sex can taint meat. Majority support evidence of sex requirement.

143	(Jon, Seth) Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	1	8	Encourages hunting for trophies / money, too similar to market hunting. Travis supports - should be able to sell trophies without permit

150	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	9	0	
185	(Jon, Seth) Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system <i>Note: Tier II scoring is based on statutory requirements in Alaska Statute 16.05.258. Proposal is outside of the Board of Game's Authority</i>		
	7	2	Landowners that recreate in a Tier II area are not awarded points. This is prohibitive to those that spend significant time in Tier II areas, but do not reside there permanently. Opposition - Lucinda - tags should go to residents of Tier II Dave - could have a broader impact than intended, concerns of broader scope of proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: David Humphrey, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee
November 12th & 13th, 2024 beginning at 9 AM/**

Opened on 9:05am with David Carl. Stan Atchak read the roll call.
9 present, quorum established.

David Carl, Stan Atchak, Tommy Kusaiak, Johnny Friend, Stanley Tom, Charlie Anthony, Janet Bavilla, Jacqueline Cleveland, and Susie Walter. Fish and Game and people introduced themselves.

Jackie Cleveland read the draft agenda.

Susie Walter made a motion to accept, record accepted.

Stan Atchak and Jackie Cleveland read the last minutes from Dec. 12 & 13, 2023.

Jackie Made a motion to accept,

Seconded by Susan Walters, motion passed.

David Cart talked about the recommendation for increased per diem to the Board Of Game, they said they didn't have it done in the per diem.

The CBS AC David Carl, Stan Atchak, and Tommy Kusiak have been with the board. The Chairman said we are very helpful to the Board of CBSA and Board of Game.

Alex Nick, gave a public comment and discussed land ownership issues and encroachment and trespassing by hunters. He would like to see a proposal to Joint Board to more than 1 tag on the antlers that the meat has been transported to a place the meat can be given away. Alex would like a second tag on the antler that the meat and antlers were transferred out of the area. Tells the people, pilots what has been done to the meat and the antlers and think that would slow down the wonton waste. Becoming very serious that there is illegal activity out in the field primarily from out of state and sports hunters who do not ask for permission from land owners. There should be a check box in the form what condition the meat was received in. ADF&G Patrick said troopers have been writing tickets when meat is donated that is not good for failure to salvage.

ADF&G Patrick reported for the area with ptarmigan area, and the increased brown bear. They have about 5,000 moose in the area. Musk Ox is about 540 animals, and Merkoyuk about the same. The caribou is about 12,000, 81 brown bears and about 18 wolves were killed with predator control.

Stanley Tom asked about the caribou around St. Michael's area. The numbers are not good. They are declining. The bison on Shagaluk is closed. They have a population of around 159 or less.



Christy gave fall Yukon update. Dave Runfola spoke about Kuskokwim fisheries. Deena Jallen gave summer Yukon update.

The salmon chum run was low on the Yukon and was too low. The run came in at 200,000 which is low. The management of the Kuskokwim River was in Bethel village. The King Salmon on the Kuskokwim was good fishing and sockeye were good.

10:27 break. Reconvened at 10:47a by Chairman David Carl.

Deena Jallen, said that 64,000 Kings were counted on the Yukon; which is really small. Summer chum were about 800,000 fish which is about the average for 5 years. The river was closed for Kings but was opened with selective gear later in the season to let the fish go to their spawning grounds.

Susie Walters said the halibut were late, low in numbers. Salmon was good in numbers and fishing was good on Nelson Island. Dave Runfola asked where the fishing was? Nelson Island is where the report about.

Sam Decker the Kuskokwim is from Alaska family came around 1930's. Season summary was 108 thousand, 145 thousand, 695 thousand fish with Chum salmon. The coho salmon didn't get counted because of the funding issues.

The fish were late this time because of the late run and small run. The sonar data was ok.

How do you do the run years for the salmon. They do the salmon run in the early one.

Enforcement concerns are on the salmon enforcement around the Quigahak area. People need to know the laws about them.

Alex talked about himself for all the management positions he has held.

He is concerned about land trespass and permission from the land owners to have their permission to hunt for moose or others. He would like to see proposal from the land owners.

Wanton waste

Transport of antlers and such.

The Sport's Hunters are giving out meat with in wanton waste that was ruined.

Proposal#23

The other one we are to talk about is the Emperor Geese.

Alaska is the only place where they could catch one to catch an Emperor Goose. Alaskan residents could get one goose, and non-residents could get one by drawing permit. Subsistence hunts are spring and fall and we don't go for permits so people don't think we are hunting, but we are. Many coastal residents prefer to hunt geese in spring.

Lunch break@ 12:08pm.

Reconvene at 12:39pm. David said what we consume, we are losing a lot. I don't know who said that native interest is low, that is not a fact. Jackie C. Don't agree on the proposal because of the numbers are going down. Proposal number#23. The proposal#23 wants to increase the take from 25 to 150 birds to be taken from the hunting.

The board had different issues including wording with the Proposal#23. The board discussed the decline of birds and eggs in nests and that Emperor Geese are in question. David thinks because of noise from aircraft, may be some people are afraid of avian flu. It is also not true that residents have less interest. We are encouraged to hunt them less. Stan T – Island population depleted, depleted in our area a lot especially after Valdez oil spill; And climate change, And erosion. Sea ducks are depleted on Nelson Island.

Jackie C. made a motion to not accept it, seconded by Susie

Proposal 23 is Opposed.

Proposal#29

Review the population and harvest objective for the Mulchatna caribou herd. Too soon. Stanely Tom made a motion to no action and bring up again in 3 years, seconded by Tommy Kusaiak. All voted for no action.

Proposal 29 – No Action

Proposal#30

Implement a three year moratorium on caribou hunting on Unit 9, 17, and 19. We already have on Unit 18. This proposal would affect some of our villages including Platinum and Goodnews. Stanely Tom made a motion to accept it, seconded by Susie Walters.

Question called, All in favor of the motion.

Proposal 30 is Supported

Proposal#31

Close the resident caribou season in Unit 9B, 17, and 19

Janet wanted to make it clear that this proposal would only apply to the Mulchatna Caribou herd. Janet Made a motion to amend to close the Mulchatna



Caribou season in Unit 9B, 17, and 19, seconded by Stanley Tom seconded. We want to close Mulchatna Caribou hunting without effecting other caribou hunts in the area. As amended voted, all in favor of the proposal.

Proposal 31 is Supported with an Amendment to only close caribou hunting on the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

Proposal#32

Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17.

Motion made to accept the proposal by Stanley Tom, seconded by Susie Walters. Happening anyway, because not everyone is reporting their DLP bears. There was some concern about how bears are not used and instead left. Jackie said that it is disrespectful to let them go to waste.

Question called by Stan Atchak, All in favor motion passed.

Proposal 32 is Supported

Proposal#33

Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17.

Stanely Tom makes a motion for No Action because we cannot act on the take of wolves, seconded by Janice Bavilla. Motion passed.

Proposal 33 is No Action

Proposal#34

Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves Unit 17.

Stanely Tom makes a proposal to accept it, seconded by Susan Walters.

Janet wanted to make sure that this would not allow for take of other animals same day airborne and ONLY apply to brown bears. The AC hopes this will alleviate the issue some, but not many locals hunt bear unless for safety reasons. There is not an easy way to hunt these bears except by plane or snow machine in the spring. Not many locals have planes that can take advantage of this, but may be it will help reduce the numbers.

Question called Stan Atchak, all in favor of the proposal. Motion passed.

Proposal 34 is Supported.

****These minutes are partial and a draft to reflect the positions of the Central Bering Sea AC on issues that will be deliberated on at the Central and Southwest Board of Game meeting.**

Approved by:

David Carl, Chair



Delta Junction Advisory Committee
18 DEC 2024
Delta Junction City Hall & On-line

I. **Call to Order:** 6:34 pm by Chairperson Tisha Kennell

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Tisha Kennell (Chair)

Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary)

Vern Aiton

Jacob White

Robert Matthews

Earl McNabb

Neal Kelly

Kurt Schmidt

Mike Bender (alternate)

Paul Dudgeon (alternate)

Members Absent (Excused):

Jesse Cummings

Alan Waldo

Tony Williams

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Brandy Baker – Delta Area Fisheries Biologist

Ellie Mason – Acting Wildlife Biologist & Bison Range Manager

Savanah Hollingsworth – Board Support Staff

Kyle Campbell - Board Support Staff

IV. **Guests Present:**

Tim Webb

Donald Quarberg

Jack Windsor

Art Cummings – Wildlife Trooper

John ? (online)

V. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Mike Bender, Second: Paul Dudgeon. Approved 9-0



VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion: Rob Matthews, Second: Vern Aiton.
Approved as amended 9-0

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report - None

b. ADF&G Staff Reports:

Brandy Baker – Currently working on the 2024 Area Management Report. Comments on Tanana River Drainage Proposals due back to the Board of Fish NLT April 10th. Quartz lake had about 12 inches of ice off the point a week ago. Less in other places. People are driving on it.

Ellie Mason – Bob Schmidt has departed to a new job in Minnesota, but is working remotely for ADF&G until the end of December. Position for the Wildlife Biologist is open now only to residents of Alaska. Bison Range Manager position is also vacant – Ellie is the acting manager. Judy Hicks is now in Ellie's old position at the Office. Clint Cooper is working Fairbanks now, but is still active helping out with the Bison range.

53 Bison Permits were revoked. ADF&G put in an agenda Change Request for the Board of Game meeting that will be held in March 2025. There will be a public comment period. Current Bison Harvest is at 36 animals, 2 of which were wrong sex.

20D North Moose surveys were completed. Final analysis incomplete, but observable moose seems down 40-50% from last survey in 2021. Bull to Cow ratio still seems good at about 40 bulls per 100 cows. The cow to calf ratio is low at 16 calves per 100 cows.

Jack Windsor asked about wolf populations in area 20D. The answer is there is no hard data, but anecdotally, the wolf numbers are up. Tisha Kennel asked about a wolf population survey that was part of a previous conversation with ADF&G. Ellie was not part of a previous conversation and had no definitive answer regarding a wolf survey in area 20.

Other population surveys show 20A moose population estimated at 11696, compared to 11028 in 2022. Area 26B is down about 100 moose overall, with a cow-calf ratio of 38 calves per 100 cows.

Area 20 Moose registration hunt data is still being compiled, with some hunters still using harvest tickets and a few using both. The data overall is better – especially for those using only the registration permit for their reporting. So far the harvest in 20D on registration permits is 135.

An ongoing bull moose survey in 20A, Manly, and McGrath is raising questions about timing of antler drop and counts for bull-cow ratios. This survey observed



significant antler drop, especially for larger bulls, in NOV. Analysis is being performed to see if and how this may affect future bull-cow ratio counts.

Cameron Carroll, the State small game biologist, is willing to come down to an AC meeting to talk small game, especially grouse and ptarmigan. The AC wants this on the agenda at a future meeting.

c. Others

Arthur Cummings: Most hunters checked had the proper Registration Permit. For violations, had one non-resident shoot a spike-fork, and there were 6-8 sub-legal bulls killed. Also had one cow caribou from the McComb Plateau herd and 2 cows killed from the 40-mile herd.

Jack Windsor asked in roadkill incidents were down from pervious years.

Answer: there are still some, but not too bad.

VIII. Public Comment: NONE

IX. Old Business:

Select representative for the 40-mile caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition:

Vern Aiton announce he is no longer going to be on the coalition. They usually meet in TOK. Rob Matthews volunteered. Tisha moved to place Rob on the Coalition as the representative of the Delta AC. Seconded by Mike Bender. Approved unanimously.

X. New Business:

a. Officer Elections: The officers elected are:

Chair – Tisha Kennell

Vice Chair – Jacob White

Secretary – Neal Kelly

b. Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Proposals – comments due December 27th, 2024: See attached voting record.

c. Initial review of Board of Game Statewide Proposals - comments due March 7th, 2025: Deferred until the January and February meetings. We will do half at each meeting. Chair Kennell requested that members read the proposals ahead of time and come prepared to discuss those proposals that each member feels needs Delta AC attention.

d. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business as needed: There was a brief discussion of the federal subsistence proposal WP25-01, which seeks to set priorities among user groups if, in the future, there are limited openings for Nelchina Caribou. No action taken.



Chair Tisha Kennell asked that Predator control be on next meeting's agenda. Kurt Schmidt added that he would like to see habitat management included so that we were looking holistically at prey species management.

Jeff Wells from TOK has offered to come to a meeting to talk 40-mile caribou, and the AC wants that on the agenda as well.

XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting:** This was not discussed during the meeting, but Chair Kennell will work with Board Support Staff and individual members off-line in order to get a representative to the meeting, if possible.

XII. **Set next meeting date:** 15 JAN 2025

Adjourned at 9:12 pm



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January 10-17, 2024 | Wasilla, 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>			
1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
Support	10	0	The Delta AC supports predator control
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
No Action			
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Support	6	3	1 Abstention – Rob Matthews recused himself for potential conflict of interest as the author of this proposal is the chair of the AOC, and Rob is on the board of the AOC. Supporters felt these cameras do not give an unfair advantage to bear baiters, as you still must get to your bait stand, which is usually not a quick process. Concerns that guides might abuse this were mitigated by the fact that most guides are operating in remote areas without cell coverage. Those opposed were concerned that the language should specify a fixed camera.
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
No Action			
5	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one		
No Action			
6	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D		
No Action			
7	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents		
Support	7	0	3 Abstained for lack of knowledge/information.
8	Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations		
No Action			
9	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		
No Action			
10	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
11	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
12	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
13	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		
No Action			
14	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
15	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
No Action			
16	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
17	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
18	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
No Action			
19	Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
No Action			
20	Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
No Action			
21	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
No Action			
22	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
23	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		
No Action			
24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
No Action			
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
No Action			
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No Action			
28	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B		
No Action			
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
No Action			
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
No Action			
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
No Action			
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
No Action			
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
No Action			
34	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
No Action			
35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
No Action			
36	Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			
37	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17		
No Action			
38	Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting		
No Action			
39	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	2 Abstained because the proposal gave no reasons/goals/objectives for the change. This proposal was lumped with 41 and 42 for voting.



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40	Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C		
No Action			
41	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C		
Support	8	0	2 Abstained because the proposal gave no reasons/goals/objectives for the change. This proposal was lumped with 39 and 42 for voting.
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
Support	8	0	2 Abstained because the proposal gave no reasons/goals/objectives for the change. This proposal was lumped with 39 and 41 for voting.
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
No Action			
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
No Action			
45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
No Action			
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
Support	10	0	Feel this is abused by out-of-area communities.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
No Action			
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
Support	10	0	
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
Oppose	0	10	
50	Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt		
No Action			
51	Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11		
No Action			
52	Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only		
No Action			
53	Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D		
No Action			



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54	Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260		
No Action			
55	Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts		
No Action			
56	Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11		
No Action			
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
Support	10	0	
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
Support	10	0	
59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.		
Support	10	0	
60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
Support	10	0	
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	10	0	Later is better due to too many late clutches resulting in very young birds with current dates.
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
Oppose	0	9	(1 member was out of the room) Spring pressure on surviving birds when snow machine travel is more pleasant due to better weather puts undue stress on the population.
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
Support	9	0	(1 member was out of the room) We support tools to gather better, more complete data.
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
No Action			
65	Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A		
No Action			
66	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B		
No Action			
67	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A		
No Action			



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68	Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
No Action			
69	Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
No Action			
70	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B		
No Action			
71	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B		
No Action			
72	Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
No Action			
73	Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram		
No Action			
74	Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A		
No Action			
75	Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
No Action			
76	Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
No Action			
77	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B		
No Action			
78	Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
No Action			
79	Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A		
No Action			
80	Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16		
No Action			
81	Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours		
No Action			
82	Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.		
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
83	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16		
No Action			
84	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B		
No Action			

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Lipscomb

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at 6:00 pm

JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)

I. **Call to Order: By chair** in 1801 by Chair Jeff Lucas

	CHAIR Jeff Lucas	VICE-CHAIR Mark Richards	SECRETARY Austin Smith	John Haddix	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisnieski
Present	X	x	x	X	x			
Absent								
Abs/Excused						X	X	X
	Levi Lewellyn	Warren Giuchici		Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	Lance Nelson	James Paine
Present				X		x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused	X	x			X			
	Bill Larry (Alternate)	John Siegfried (Alternate)						
Present								
Absent								
Abs/Excused	X	X						

- II. **Roll Call:** Jeff Lucas (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Austin Smith (secretary), Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, John Wisnieski, Levi Lewellyn, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Warren Giuchici, Mike Kramer, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine
Alternates: Bill Larry, John Siegfried

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Mark Nelson, Andy Gryska, Luke Rogers
 IV. **Introduce Guests Present:** Randy Zarnke (Alaska Trappers Association) Tom Lamal, Gene Scarbrough, Krystal, Jaques Etcheberry, John Shaubauch, Mike Quinn, Brooke McDavid, Lenny and Diane Jukes, Jeffery Groenke, Carl Frank
 V. **Approval of Agenda-** Approved by unanimous consent.
 VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** November 13, 2024
 VII. **Reports**
 a. Chair's report- None Noted
 b. ADFG staff reports
 i. Tom Seaton & Luke Rogers – Wood Bison Project Update- Luke Rogers



reports that in June and July a one-hundred-acre pen was made by ADFG and volunteers in the Minto wildlife refuge which included three and half miles worth of fencing to hold the bison. The location is on the south side of the Tanana around the Kantishna and Tolovana drainages. In August fifty-eight bison were transferred to this location that were sourced from the state and Canada. The pen is staffed and kept 24/7. One bison was born (Named Tolovana) bringing the herd up to fifty-nine. Currently they will stay in the soft release pen in hopes to anchor these animals in this area. May of 2025 is the tentative release date from the pens, and it will roll into monitoring. They are also looking at getting a web cam stationed out there. All the bison will be collared before the release in the spring.

- ii. Jeff Gross & Aidan Hunter – Forty-mile Caribou Herd Update- Jeff Gross gives a status of the herd these recent years. He says that the 40-mile herd is currently in decline after reaching a peak in 2017. Jeff states that it has been a long growth period since the seventies, and we are seeing a rapid decline. Most of the population parameters do not seem to be improving a lot. Caribou must be born, and they must survive to sustain a population. Mr. Gross speaks on the survival rates of the forty-mile herd and adds that there are multiple compounding factors causing this sharp decline. One of these factors that are evaluated is the three-year-old parturition rate. The newborn and fall calf weights are other metrics used to evaluate herd success. There are some improvements on the beforementioned metrics, but it is only a small subset of data. The management objective is thirty-five bulls per one hundred cows. Currently we are in the twenties per hundred. Mike Quinn asks how many calves were weighed in the fall and what percentage is that in the over all herd. It is somewhere around 20-25 calves and is a fraction of the overall population. It is an index that is comparable from year to year. Mike Quinn asks what the current harvest in zones is one and four. We are at nineteen out of one-hundred seventy-two. Mike Quinn asked why RC867 is not re opened. We may consider doing that, we are trying to increase opportunity and not overharvest the resource. Mark Richards asked why zone two was closed during the fall hunt when the quota wasn't met yet. Zone two quota was one hundred and after the dust was settled there was one hundred fifteen harvested. There was a conversation about how the forty-mile caribou herd will be managed going forward and what that will look like.
- iii. Mark Nelson- Preliminary results for the 20 A moose survey- The management goal for 20A is 15-20000 moose. The 2024-point estimate is 11,700 moose and there hasn't been very much change since the last study. The calf to cow ratio in 2022 was 23 and is up to 38. The bull to cow ratio this year was 26/100 cows. Central Arctic caribou herd is



growing. There wasn't a photo census done this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Mark also makes note that they are currently flying the collard bulls in the interior to try to gather a better grasp on when the bulls are dropping their antlers. It seems to be earlier than previously thought. The conversation turned into the group inquiring why the Central Arctic, Teshepuk, and Porcupine herds are doing so well in comparison to the Western Arctic and Forty mile. It seems the consensus is food habitat and locations where the animals decide to winter.

c. Others

- i. Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Forty mile Caribou Winter Hunt Update- RC867 had one cow that was killed which was over on the eagle side. He is unaware of any cows killed with no citations. Since the AC999 has started we are contacting fifteen to twenty hunters a day. There has been no evidence of sex violations.

VIII. **Public Comment-** Tom Lamal - Talks about the process of electing alternate AC members. He expresses concerns that if the full AC votes for the alternates and not members of the public it seems to give an unfair advantage. This seems almost like a way to gate keep. Mark Richards explains that this is the process in the bylaws. The AC deliberated on this and agrees that the highest voted members of the public should get the alternate seat.

Randy Zarnke (ATA) Proposal 82 -Randy speaks on the trail systems in the MATSU valley and gives a brief history on this AWA proposal. During the last BOG cycle the Alaska Wildlife Alliance submitted over two hundred trails to be closed to trapping and the ATA vehemently opposed this. At some point during this time an olive branch was extended to the AWA to try to work together to help alleviate dogs getting caught in traps. He makes note that on this specific proposal the south central chapter of the Alaska trappers association has met with AWA and unanimously support this proposal.

He goes on to talk about the Lessard principles of trapping sets which include sets that cannot catch or harm dogs. South central ATA talked about the proposal during their November meeting and the board also met with the executive director of the AWA.

Mr. Zarnke plans to go to the game board meeting to explain this situation and history. Jeff Lucas asks if there is any data about dogs caught in traps. Randy states it averages around 2-3 a year. Mark Richards talked to AWA and asked if this goes through will AWA be inclined to send more proposals, The AWA responded saying not at this time. John Shaubauch the president of the south-central chapter of the ATA states that there have been 13 documented cases of dogs caught in traps in the last five years. He also resonates with Randy that they have been in contact with the AWA to ensure these proposals are to the benefit of all parties involved. The conversation turned to the Pros and Cons of this proposal and the finite details of proposals of this type

IX. **Old Business-** None noted.



X. New Business

a. Game & Trapping Subcommittee

- i. Recommendations on Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Proposals from 12/4/2024 Fairbanks AC Game & Trap Subcommittee Meeting. Approved unanimously by full AC.

- ii. Central South West proposals for discussion by the full AC.

Proposal- 45 John Haddix calls the vote on this proposal it was seconded by Mark Richards. This action was voted on and won by a 5/4 vote. The Fairbanks AC will support this proposal.

Proposal -47 Question was called The Fairbanks AC will NOT support this proposal. 6/2 with one abstaining.

Proposal- 54- Question was called the Fairbanks AC Will support this proposal with a vote of 5/3 and one abstaining.

Proposal 66- Question was called the Fairbanks AC will NOT support this proposal with a vote of 6/3

Proposal 82- The Fairbanks AC talked on this proposal for over an hour on the Pros and Cons. At points, some members would support and at other members would oppose. We agreed that there could be arguments made for and against this proposal. Overall, the Fairbanks AC thought it best to TNA this proposal but add commentary to the board of game this spring. Jeff Lucas made a motion to TNA this proposal and it is seconded by Mark Richards.

b. Fisheries Subcommittee

Gale Vick states that we might not get the votes for proposal 78. Gale is writing RCs for information and wants the full AC to know that she is doing this because we want a statewide dialogue for these proposals. There needs to be a conversation on how these statewide hatcheries have proliferated for so many years. We, as a full AC make a motion to allow Gale to write these RCs in support of the hatchery proposals. The motion was passed unanimously. Mike Krammer adds that in 2023 the DEC issued a new general permit for the discharge of pollutants about hatcheries. The hatcheries objected to being held to these stringent standards. He adds that since these hatcheries keep smolts for so long to increase their survival and competitiveness with wild stocks it has in turn, increased the amount of sludge that goes out into the bays. He goes on to talk about the litigation proceedings of this concern and gives history on the environmental cost of hatcheries.

- i. Record Copies to submit to Board of Fisheries Prince William Sound meeting.

- ii. Discuss planning for Yukon river wide multi AC meeting ahead of 2025-2026 AYK & AK Pen Call for Proposals – proposal deadline April 10th, 2025- Gale states we are looking to have a meeting on January 22nd 2024 at 6pm via Zoom.

- iii. Preliminary discussion on proposed changes to hatchery regulations

c. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business as needed.

XI. Set next meeting date: January 8th, 2024.



XII. **Adjourn** at 9:44 pm

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
SUPPORT	9	0	Supported by unanimous consent
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support the proposal for units within region IV
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support within the units of region IV and we agree with the ADFG recommendations to set this to statewide.
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
OPPOSE	0	9	There is already archery opportunity, and sheep populations are in decline
5	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one		
			TNA
6	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D		
			TNA
7	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support on departments recommendations
8	Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department comments. This is a housekeeping issue
9	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed. The Fairbanks AC would like to see recovery rates
10	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed Not necessary
11	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed Not necessary, no conservation concerns
12	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see number 9



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13	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see proposal 9 comments
14	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see proposal 9 comments
15	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see proposal 9 comments
16	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see proposal 9 comments
17	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see proposal 9 comments
18	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
OPPOSE	0	9	not necessary, no bear conservation concerns
19	Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
			TNA
20	Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
			TNA
21	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department recommendations
22	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	Do not support due to department recommendations.
23	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		
			TNA
24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department recommendations.
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
			TNA
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
			TNA
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		



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			TNA
28	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department recommendations
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
			TNA
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
			TNA
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
			TNA
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support would like more bears taken to help with the Mulchatna herd.
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
			TNA See 34
34	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support. Curious as to why the department is neutral due to the predator control hunt in the same area
35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see 22
36	Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed see 22
37	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department recommendations
38	Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting		
			TNA
39	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support
40	Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C		
			TNA
41	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support based on department comments
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
SUPPORT	9	0	
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		



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			TNA
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
			TNA
45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
SUPPORT	5	4	about half of the AC is opposed to adding new archery-only hunts because there is already plenty of opportunity to hunt with a bow. The other half support these new archery-only hunts because it provides more opportunity and the Department says they have no conservation concerns if passed.
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	9	We oppose based off the non-motorized access and pack animals.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
OPPOSE	2	6	1 abstention – member did not have enough information to make decision; see comments on Proposal 45
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
			TNA
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed
50	Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support
51	Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11		
SUPPORT	9	0	Provides a better quality hunt for Residents.
52	Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only		
SUPPORT	9	0	TNA based on 51
53	Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed due to disturbance of sheep in the winter.
54	Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260		
SUPPORT	5	3	1 abstention - member did not have enough information to make decision; those in support do not believe it is right to take sub-legal rams. Those in opposition believe in this area where some rams never reach FC, it offers more opportunity and poses no sheep conservation concerns.
55	Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts		
			TNA



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56	Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11		
OPPOSE	0	9	There is already opportunity
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
SUPPORT	9	0	More opportunity
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
			TNA
59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.		
			TNA
60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
			TNA
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
			TNA
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
			TNA
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
			TNA
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
			TNA
65	Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A		
			TNA
66	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B		
OPPOSE	3	6	about half of the AC is opposed to adding new archery-only hunts because there is already plenty of opportunity to hunt with a bow. The others support these new archery-only hunts because it provides more opportunity and the Department says they have no conservation concerns if passed.
67	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A		
OPPOSE	0	9	Opposed based on population at or near lower objective limits
68	Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
			TNA
69	Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
			TNA
70	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B		



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SUPPORT	9	0	Support, Department has no conservation concerns
71	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support see proposal 70
72	Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
OPPOSE	0	9	Would like to see harvest reporting
73	Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram		
OPPOSE	0	9	Do not support due to decreasing hunting opportunity
74	Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A		
SUPPORT	9	0	Increased opportunity
75	Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support with the department comments
76	Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
SUPPORT	9	0	
77	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support, more opportunity and no conservation concerns
78	Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support if proposal 75 gives authorization
79	Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A		
SUPPORT	9	0	Support, helps align with adjacent units.
80	Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16		
			TNA
81	Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours		
OPPOSE	0	9	
82	Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.		
TNA			The Fairbanks AC talked on this proposal for over an hour on the Pros and Cons. At points, some members would support and at other members would oppose. We agreed that there could be arguments made for and against this proposal. Overall, the Fairbanks AC thought it best to TNA this proposal but add commentary to the board of game this spring. Jeff Lucas made a motion to TNA this proposal and it is seconded by Mark Richards.
83	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16		
			TNA



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84	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B		
			TNA

Minutes Recorded By: Austin Smith

Minutes Approved By: Jeff Lucas, Chair

Date: December 27th 2024



Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee
November 7th & 8th, 2024 beginning at 9 AM
ADF&G office in Bethel and via Zoom and/or teleconference

I. Call to Order: 9:35 AM by Phillip Peter Sr.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Akiachak: Phillip Peter Sr.	X	Napakiak:	
Akiak: David W Gilila Sr.	X	Naspakiak: Earl Samuelson	X
Atmautluak:		Naspakiak: Richard Larson Sr.	
Eek: Stella Alexie	X	Nunapitchuk: Henry Parks	X
Kasigluk:		Oscarville: Nicholai Stevens	X
Kwethluk: John Andrew		Tuluksak:	
Kwethluk:		Tuntutuliak:	

Alternates present: none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Present: 6 present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

John Landseidel, Savannah Hollingworth

IV. Guests Present:

Mark McNeley, Jennifer Hooper (AVCP), Chris Tulik (USFWS), Aaron Moses (USFWS), Emmitt Nicori (USFWS), Anthony from Kwethluk Inc.

V. Approval of Agenda – Earl Samuelson made a motion, 2nd by David Gilila. Unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- Chair's report – Welcome and encourage to participate.
- ADF&G
 - i. John Landsiedel: Mulchatna Caribou and Intensive Management
- Others - none

VIII. Public Comment:

Chariton Epchook, introduced ACR 4 asking for the Boundary change for Zone 2 of RM615 hunt. He says he is concerned with not meeting allocation for past few years and



how high gas prices are in the village. Earl would like to support the ACR. The distance creates a financial burden to the hunters. They do not have the income to get that far. Anthony from Kwethluk added sometimes the water is too shallow to reach that far upriver and not everyone can afford a jet motor so there is wear and tear on motors. Earl speaks in favor of the ACR because of the financial burden and this would relieve that burden. Earl was also concerned about changing water levels. David Gilila said that it is hazardous to travel up to Zone 2. People have drowned in the Kisaralik river. The river is rich with personal equipment, guns, boats. David said he has seen crashes. The AC would like to discuss it more in the morning on the 2nd day.

- IX. Old Business
 - None
- X. New Business

- Central & Southwest Region Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals January 10-17, 2024 Wasilla, AK			
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29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
Opposed	2 in support-3 opposed		We don't want to start hunting this herd too early and want to help the herd grow again.
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
No Action			Proposal was considered but we are not comfortable commenting on this proposal because it is outside of our area.
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
No Action			Closed vs. No Open Season – what's the difference? This proposal is confusing.
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves Unit 17		
			Earl made a motion to take No Action
34	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves Unit 17		
Support	Unanimous		We don't think it will impact the population significantly.

DAY 2: Friday

- Call to Order: Phillip Peter
- Roll Call

Members Present:

Akiachak: Phillip Peter Sr.	X	Napakiaik:	
Akiak: David W Gilila Sr.	X	Naspakiak: Earl Samuelson	X
Atmautluak:		Naspakiak: Richard Larson Sr.	
Eek: Stella Alexie	X	Nunapitchuk: Henry Parks	X
Kasigluk:		Oscarville: Nicholai Stevens	X
Kwethluk: John Andrew	X	Tuluksak:	
Kwethluk:		Tuntutuliak:	

Alternates present:

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5; 7 Present

John Andrew did not return to the meeting after the lunch break.

- Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Keith Oster, ADFG; Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG

- Guests Present:

- Anthony and Chariton Epchook from Kwethluk Inc., Michelle DeWitt and Robin Masterman from the ComPass Group.

V. Discussion Regarding ACR 4

ACR 4 submitted by Chariton Epchook of Kwethluk was discussed. Questions were asked if the boundary for Zone 2 was written in regulation and if this was the only process to change it. Since it is not, they asked if there are other ways to change the boundary instead of the ACR process or waiting 2 years for the proposal cycle or without the Board. Keith Oster, ADFG, explained that the department wanted it to go through the public process and not emergency order. Chariton said that the channel by the mudhouse has eroded sides and makes it more difficult to navigate and just below Magic Creek gravel has spread. That would have been an unforeseen or unexpected thing that happened that reduced reasonable opportunity. There was an bad collision on Akulikutak River because of the long twists and narrow river. It is dangerous to travel to the area. Earl reviewed the ACR policy and thinks it may meet criteria of unforeseen event. He asked if it would help to get letters of support from Eek, Akiachak, etc. Earl believes that it fits item E because of the environmental changes that have happened and it has become dangerous. Stella (Eek) will offer letter of support. Earl- if Kwethluk can reach out to Eek, Akiachak, Tuluksak will help process.

VI. Reports

- ADF&G
 - i. Keith Oster, ADFG, gives a report on Unit 18 Moose and their collaring project.
 - 1. Earl would like to put in a proposal to open the Kuskokwim hunt (RM615) earlier, possibly in August, to be able to harvest before the rut.
 - ii. Michelle DeWitt introduces the ComPASS Group and speaks about their ideas and program and asks for feedback. Earl Samuelson thanks the group for their work and asks if the program has staff, which Michelle replies that they do not. Earl suggests that people be on the ground in Emmonak or St. Mary's and that AWT or law enforcement be involved, since they know better than us the legality of what needs to happen. Also, law enforcement keeps list to donate when moose is confiscated. He continues that people could be stationed in other places like the airport. Michelle says the problem with that is you don't know when it's coming and it's often a scramble to rally whoever is working or not to accept it. Would like to plan for some of that meat. Phillip Peter said that it is still customary in the village to share a hunter's catch with those who are in need. "If you get 3 moose then you must share the 3rd moose to disabled, blind, and widowed. We are still doing that in our communities. We don't share stink meat; only fresh. My wife controls the food. We don't know anything about proxy. If one or 2 didn't catch in fall time then we send out proxy to fish and game. Then winter



comes and we use proxies to go out to Yukon. And we are still doing it but we are getting old. Harder to keep up. One moose last year cut in 3 and wife split and gave it away. They don't pay back or we don't sell it to him. That is a law, just give it to him. We don't ask for money to return. Even though we spend lot of money to go out and hunt. We share. When disabled, blind or widowed. Wife makes me. Catch a lot of any animal when you go out and your life will be longer. I'm 73 years old and I am grateful what that widow told me. That's what we do in the community. Passed generation to generation, not thinking about money or replacement. Ask the widow or disabled refund us the money? No. That is not our law. If we love the community we share." Phillip goes on to talk more in depth about the culture of giving in his community and how people take care of each other in the community. He continued that now things are changing and said he is thankful the proposal has been brought up. Phillip was on the board for YKHC and there was an effort to feed our elders what we eat, but department of food wanted to inspect because it is law. Robin Masterman from the ComPass Group spoke about her grandfather and the traditional way. She said he would hunt and gather whenever there was a need, but there was no regulation. Now there is and that is all she has ever known. So she is trying to do this work within those regulations. Robin said the food boxes that they are sending out include protein, but they want to send traditional foods. Often families who use the boxes often do not have family who can help or their families are also struggling. These proposals, for reimbursement are hoping that funding could come from the organizations; not the individual.

- Others

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 11-16, 2025 Anchorage, AK	
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89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred



Support with amendment	Unanimous	<p>Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by Earl Samuelson. Earl suggests non-resident hunters take an Alaska state approved course in person in Alaska. Earl recommends that hunters need be educated within that unit since the GMUs in Alaska can be unique and different from each other.</p> <p>Earl makes a motion to amend and recommend hunters need to be educated within the unit they wish to hunt. Approved</p>
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters – Henry, David	
Support	Unanimous	<p>Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by David Gilila.</p> <p>David Gilila speaks about some regular practices in the villages like giving gas to hunters who will hunt for others. Since it is illegal right now to give gas, he supports this proposal. Stella 2nd. This is already happening in villages to give gas, ammo, or borrow a gun. People who are hunting for another's benefit shouldn't have to bear the entire cost of supplies.</p>
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide. Henry, Earl	
Support	Unanimous	<p>Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by Earl Samuelson. Furbearers only. Wolves and wolverine considered big game, not furbearers. Natives do not hunt at night, supported because ONLY small animals so not a big deal for us.</p>
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide	
No Action	Unanimous	<p>Earl Samuelson moves to take No Action on Proposals 127 & 128. 2nd by David Gilila. No Action because it's the same as 127, but more confusing.</p>
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide	
No Action	Unanimous	same
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big Game – Henry, Earl	
Opposed	Unanimous	<p>Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by Earl Samuelson Henry said many people hunt with .223's here or .243 and this proposal would be an issue for our hunters. Most of us don't have high caliber guns. Earl said it will impact our region significantly, especially our youth who start with bb guns and go up in caliber as they learn. When we hunt we try to hit the heart to make a quick kill. Some people can't afford high powered rifles and ammunition.</p>
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose	
Opposed	Unanimous	Overall we agreed this proposal is better than Proposal 129 because it is less restrictive but still oppose the restriction.



		Not many people can afford new guns. Most people hunt with .223. Everything costs more out here than anywhere else in the US. The issue is concerning on both sides, but this requirement would be burdensome to families in this area.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares. Henry, Earl	
Support	Unanimous	Motion made by Henry Parks, 2 nd by Earl Samuelson Earl Samuelson said he could go either way on this proposal. It could be a little more burdensome to those trapping but could be useful to contact the owner right away. If name tags had been on snares that accidentally got moose it may make it easier to contact the trapper. Earl suggests the idea of only requiring identification on snares but in the end we supported this proposal. There is some concern about user conflicts but it would not be too burdensome and could be helpful if someone calls when they see a snare has caught something.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine – Henry, David	
Support	Unanimous	Motion made by Henry Parks, 2 nd by David Gilila Only nonresidents
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox Henry, David	
Support	Unanimous	Pointless
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Henry, David	
Support	Unanimous	
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18	
Supported	Unanimous	One person commented they would prefer that people do not shoot cows with calves. Another said once when hunting antlerless on Yukon he shot a cow that was pregnant.

VII. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Earl Samuelson feels that they should send representation to both Board of Game meetings because the Mulchatna herd effects our region and we should definitely send someone to the statewide meeting. Earl recommends sending the chairman but doesn't mind helping.

Motion made by Henry Parks to send Earl Samuelson to both meetings. Approved unanimously.

Motion to choose Phillip Peter as alternate, 2nd Nicholai

VIII. Set next meeting date –At the call of the chair. We would like to meet in February or March to discuss potential fisheries proposals.

IX. Other –



Nicholai – suggested some potential proposal for fisheries related to mesh size and boundaries for setnets.

Adjourn- Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by Earl Samuelson

Minutes Approved By:


Phillip Peter Sr., Chairman

Date:





**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 12/04/2024
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman

Andy Couch (Zoom)

Austin Manelick (Zoom)

Dom Nickles (Zoom)

Hunter Hongslo

Danny Lewis

Ed Soto

Neil DeWitt (Zoom)

Pete Imhof

Birch Yuknis (Zoom)

Bruce Privett

Michelle Heun, Secretary

Members Absent (Excused): 2

Robert Cassell

Steve Bartelli

Members Absent (Unexcused): 1

Casey Dinkel

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

John Landsiedel, Wildlife Biologist (Dillingham)

Amy VandeVoort, Wildlife Biologist (King Salmon)

Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)

Trooper Sam Humphreys (AWT-Public Safety-Palmer)

Trooper Juan Olson (AWT-Public Safety-Palmer)

Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Glenn Hielmuth

Tony Kavalok (ADF&G Retired)



Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council (Zoom)

- V. Motion to approve the agenda made by Ed Soto and seconded.
- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of November 20, 2024, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - Chair Mansavage stated the Palmer proposals on the agenda would be moved to next meeting to accommodate department staff present to answer questions on proposals in Game Management Units (GMU) 9, 10, and 17.
 - b. ADF&G
 - No report
- VIII. Public Comment
 - Mr. Kavalok is a former area game management biologist out of the Palmer office who submitted and supports Proposal 73 (Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram.) He stated that providing a few opportunities to harvest any ram by drawing hunt reduced the stigma / difficulty in determining legality of sheep under the full curl regulation used in many parts of the state. He mentioned that previously when Game Management Unit (GMU) 14A had a sheep drawing hunt for any ram – that had been the second most popular sheep drawing hunt in the State of Alaska. It was pointed out that if drawing permits were provided in too large of numbers, as had been done in the past in GMU 14A, then competition amongst the drawing winners could be quite intense and the number of mature rams living to reach full curl size could be nearly eliminated from the population. Mr. Kavalok agreed that a successful drawing hunt managed under an any ram regulation would require setting drawing permit levels based on up-to-date population data including the number of full curl rams in the population, in order to maintain a reasonable full curl component within the hunt area.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. None
- X. New Business
 - a. Current Review of BOG Proposals 1-84 (Reminder: Proposal 64 has already been voted on and the results are listed in the table.)
 - Standing Motions and second on proposals will be done by Chair Mansavage and second by a committee member preceding discussion and vote.



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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: It's good to use this PRO: Harvest rates are low and sustainable limits
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
SUPPORT	13	0	NOTE: All applicable units not in this region will be considered separately CON: 14C not in our area; should be considered at statewide CON: 14C needs to be dealt with separately CON: Cannot support spring and fall brown season; no bait season in 9 PRO: Will consider if only black bears PRO: In fall in brown bear country very few black bears come to bait. Need to start taking care of sows and cubs PRO: To effectively reduce bear population numbers hunters need to harvest more small bears including sows, and not just large boars
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
SUPPORT, as Amended	7	6	CON: How to enforce? Same day airborne rules; does camera have to be off? PRO: Elevate management CON: Been baiting 20 plus years, with cell cameras we're selectively harvesting boars, if we want population reduction we need to harvest all, we're going in the wrong direction with cell cameras PRO: Will support can fly and hunt same day as long as bait isn't touched CON: Enforcement issues; will not support CON: It's hunting, should not be same day airborne CON: Dept should make a decision on how they are going to handle cell phone issues; dept doesn't seem to have a firm way to do this consistently across the board; there is a gray area and depends on the trooper in the field at the time PRO: Will not affect the harvest numbers; boars follow the sows; will support don't think it will make much of a difference



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			<p>PRO: Dept said no population concern baiting is not hunting; population reduction measure</p> <p>CON: Send this one to the statewide meeting</p> <p>Motion made by Chair Mansavage to Amend to not allow for commercial use. Second by Mr. Montgomery.</p> <p>PRO: As Amended: Sees both sides of traditional hunting without technology, but also understands the time and money potentially saved for a non-commercial hunter</p> <p>PRO: As Amended: Should be an available tool for those hunting bears. Aren't we trying to manage for better population; better for guide service and do it yourself (DIY) hunters</p> <p>SUPPORT, as Amended, to not allow for commercial use passes with a vote of 7 to 6</p>
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>CON: Cannot support; should not get an early opportunity to harvest</p> <p>CON: Later end would be more appropriate; there was an archery only passed on the Hall Road not many took advantage; cannot support</p> <p>CON: Does this conflict with the youth? Before general</p>
5	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one		
SUPPORT	10	3	<p>PRO: These are mostly trophy for nonresident</p> <p>CON: There are harvestable surplus caribou available, and no need to restrict nonresident hunters to just one caribou</p>
6	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D		
OPPOSE	1	12	
7	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>CON: Don't support non-residents taking two bulls; after Oct 1 bulls are so strong not edible</p> <p>CON: Number of people would be limited; unique herd with unique access</p> <p>CON: Would like to see 2003-2013 numbers from dept</p> <p>CON: Somewhat concerned with overpopulation and crash; considerable amount of non-residents hunting</p> <p>CON: Stopped on Sept 30; cannot eat caribou after that date</p>
8	Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations		



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9	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		
10	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
OPPOSE	0	13	
11	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
12	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
SUPPORT	12	1	PRO: Take proposal 12-17 together PRO: Good bear quality now CON: Refuse to support residents only getting six days PRO: Smoke em' when you have em'; lots of bears PRO: Data population is showing increase
13	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		
SUPPORT	12	1	See comments #12
14	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
SUPPORT	12	1	See comments #12
15	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
SUPPORT	12	1	See comments #12
16	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
SUPPORT	12	1	See comments #12
17	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		
SUPPORT	12	1	See comments #12
18	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
19	Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
20	Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		



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21	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
22	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
23	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		
24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
SUPPORT	8	5	<p>CON: Surprised the two moose limit for residents, the moose population seems to be doing okay</p> <p>PRO: Already in department authority to issue up to permit numbers</p> <p>CON: Will be crowding be an issue</p> <p>PRO: Department can already do this</p>
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: Spread clients out a bit</p> <p>PRO: Doubling the length of the season</p> <p>CON: Current resident hunting season okay with it</p>
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
28	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: Objectives not achievable
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
OPPOSE	2	11	<p>PRO: Any way to quantitative put this into data after killing so many brown bears</p> <p>CON: Will this make it more complicated</p> <p>CON: Don't support; premature</p> <p>CON: What will board adopt? Give the dept direction to do this, or not?</p> <p>PRO: I see this as primarily an advisory vote - - since there appears to be no specific regulation change identified to be made in the proposal. From what the biologist explained there appears to be two mostly separate portions of the herd it makes sense that perhaps they should be</p>



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			managed separately with different objectives for each of the two mostly separate population segments CON: We will know more in several years PRO: After year of mitigation, reevaluate
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: Eliminates years 2025, 2026, 2027; closes, but does not change it; department has authority to open CON: Against it; spoke to folks in 19 and they don't feel they got what they thought CON: Leave it the way it is it will not open
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: see comments #30
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: Takes some of the sigma away; hoping to see an increase in reporting PRO: Good idea; if you have a bear that comes into your yard or setnet site don't have to work about troopers to defense of life or property (DLP) PRO: Pretty liberal right now. This would allow salvage of hide. Lots of bears in the area; aware they are doing bear control PRO: More people present during this time and more bears will be around
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	13	0	*NOTE: Understood wolf cannot be added without legislation PRO: High number of bears with no biological concern PRO: I believe there was a weather concern that supported being able to land and shoot
34	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
SUPPORT	13	0	

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

- o December 11, 2024 (Review Glenallen area BOG proposals for GMUs 11 and 13)



Due to Chair Mansavage and Ms. Williams attending BOF meetings in Cordova this meeting will be Zoom only. It would be helpful to have the Glenallen area biologist available.

- December 18, 2024 (Review Palmer area BOG proposals for GMUs 14A, 14B, and 16)

XIII. Other

- Mr. Couch reminded members the season MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the Borough building in Palmer and is also available via Zoom. (NOTE: Rescheduled to Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 4:00pm)
- Mr. DeWitt told members the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group will meet December 11-12, 2024, at the Marriott Anchorage Downtown.
- Ms. Heun told members the Big Game Commercial Services Board will meet December 10-11, 2024, at the Robert Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue in Anchorage.

XIV. Adjourn at 9:16pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: December 9, 2024



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 12/11/2024
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman

Dan Montgomery, Vice Chairman Game

Andy Couch

Austin Manelick

Dom Nickles

Hunter Hongslo

Robert (Bob) Cassell

Ed Soto (left zoom meeting at 9:00pm)

Steve Bartelli

Pete Imhof

Bruce Privett (able to join after discussion began)

Michelle Heun, Secretary

Members Absent (Excused): 1

Neil DeWitt

Members Absent (Unexcused): 3

Casey Dinkel

Danny Lewis

Birch Yuknis

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)

Chris Brockman, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)

Leila Williams, Board Support

IV. Guests Present:

Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council

V. Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Couch and seconded.



VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of December 4, 2024, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
 - Chairman Mansavage had nothing to report, but wanted to make sure committee members received the emailed documents with department proposal comments.
- b. ADF&G
 - No report

VIII. Public Comment

- No public comment

IX. Old Business

- a. None

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57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
SUPPORT	12	0	<p>PRO: No biological concern from department</p> <p>PRO: There is no closed season in Unit 13. Brown bears don't hit bait until June</p> <p>PRO: This proposal did not change dates</p> <p>PRO: No closed date</p> <p>PRO: Consider an amendment to also include all of Unit 13 with no closed season</p>



			PRO: No problem with two bear limits. Also, have a tag exception for resident
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: This is a fair assumption with the caribou population on the proposal we voted on earlier PRO: Multiple proposals to kill wolves PRO: Unit 13D has just been added. It's part of all the control area now PRO: It will be near impossible to get that number of wolves
59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: Take 59 and 60 up together
60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
SUPPORT	11	0	
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
OPPOSE	0	11	CON: Oppose. We have had these seasons. We drive the population down. According to what the department has told advisory committees in the past males are strutting around, not the time to harvest ptarmigan
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
SUPPORT	13	2	PRO: Numbers look good PRO: Similar to our committee proposal 65 up to 1000 permits; why not amend with up to language (see Proposal 65) PRO: Issuing accordingly to data collected CON: Department generated proposal. We should vote yes or no and look at committee Proposal 65 CON: Why not do registration hunt? (would be hard to shut down and difficult to manage)

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

- December 18, 2024 (Review Glenallen area tabled Proposals 39-44 and proposals for GMUs 14A, 14B, and 16 (except Proposal 64 as voted upon at November 6, 2024 meeting).

XIII. Other

- Mr. Couch stated he appreciated Chairman Mansavage conducting the evening meeting after the day Board of Fisheries meeting in Cordova.

XIV. Adjourn at 9:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage

Date: December 16, 2024



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 12/18/2024
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game
Andy Couch (Zoom)
Austin Manelick (Zoom)
Dom Nickles
Danny Lewis
Robert (Bob) Cassell
Neil DeWitt
Steve Bartelli (Zoom)
Pete Imhof
Birch Yuknis (Zoom-joined at Proposal 72 discussion)
Bruce Privett
Michelle Heun, Secretary

Members Absent (Excused): 2
Hunter Hongslo
Ed Soto
Members Absent (Unexcused): 1
Casey Dinkel
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members
List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)
Chris Brockman, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)
Jack Cornish, Wildlife Biologist (Glenallen)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
- IV. Guests Present:
Cassi Nickles
Glenn Helmuth
- V. Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Lewis and seconded.



- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of December 11, 2024, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
 - Chair Mansavage gave a brief report of his testimony and attendance at the Board of Fisheries meeting in Cordova.
 - b. ADF&G
 - Mr. Brockman reported the moose numbers in 14B showed a decline of 800. There were 22 calves per 100 cows. Four packs of wolves have been reported at the south end near Kashwitna.
 - Mr. Cornish reported the Nelchina caribou herd is at 11, 700 showing a slight increase.
- VIII. Public Comment
- No public comment
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- a. None
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- a. (Reminder: Proposal 64 has already been voted on and the results are listed in the table.)
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			<p>PRO: For 65 years we have been collecting data. Why are we at where we are today? (Department-objectives are optimistic; we should have achievable goals and in the past if we haven't met it then goals were probably too high.)</p> <p>PRO: A lot of pieces to this puzzle to make it work. Seems complicated</p> <p>PRO: To department-sliding numbers around is completely transparent to the public. What will the hunter notice by you doing this? What is the trigger point to activate predator control? (Still below mid-point objective.)</p> <p>PRO: Reduced harvest objective by a third but objective by seven (Harvest objective less important just trying to bring them both closer and reasonable places.)</p>
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OPPOSE	2	10	<p>CON: Very much like the Lake George hunt that we have had for years. Seem to be similar season dates</p> <p>CON: Lake George is registration for resident; draw for nonresident. Been there a long time. Very little harvest in there</p> <p>PRO: I will support. Mirrors no biological concern. Like to see additional opportunity</p> <p>CON: Opposed, opens only a weekend there. Going to distribute sheep hunters. If we are going to do this, it's better in 14A. There is easier access to residents. Cannot support a weekend. You can hunt with a bow anyway</p>
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
SUPPORT	12	0	<p>PRO: No biological concern from department</p> <p>PRO: There is no closed season in Unit 13. Brown bears don't hit bait until June</p> <p>PRO: This proposal did not change dates</p> <p>PRO: No closed date</p> <p>PRO: Consider an amendment to also include all of Unit 13 with no closed season</p> <p>PRO: No problem with two bear limits. Also, have a tag exception for resident</p>
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
SUPPORT	11	0	<p>PRO: This is a fair assumption with the caribou population on the proposal we voted on earlier</p> <p>PRO: Multiple proposals to kill wolves</p> <p>PRO: Unit 13D has just been added. It's part of all the control area now</p> <p>PRO: It will be near impossible to get that number of wolves</p>



59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: Take 59 and 60 up together
60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
SUPPORT	11	0	
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
OPPOSE	0	11	CON: Oppose. We have had these seasons. We drive the population down. According to what the department has told advisory committees in the past males are strutting around, not the time to harvest ptarmigan
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
SUPPORT	13	2	<p>PRO: Numbers look good</p> <p>PRO: Similar to our committee proposal 65 up to 1000 permits; why not amend with up to language (see Proposal 65)</p> <p>PRO: Issuing accordingly to data collected</p> <p>CON: Department generated proposal. We should vote yes or no and look at committee Proposal 65</p> <p>CON: Why not do registration hunt? (Department-would be hard to shut down and difficult to manage.)</p>
65	Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A		
SUPPORT	12	0	<p>PRO: Leave at 1000 permits for drawing then if the department needed, we could allow more thru nuisance. That might be a way to get extra harvest. Unknown if the department has 14A data (Department, unknown, don't have snow conditions for this year.)</p> <p>PRO: To department, 1,300 issued in 2019/20; as population started to decline permits were reduced</p> <p>PRO: How does department determine 'up to' language? When are the permits issued (Department-mid-February; unlikely there is any new information.) Any surveying between now and that time? (Department-cannot get bull / cow ratios.)</p> <p>PRO: The 1300 permits given out; how many people took animals? (Department-over 500). The wolves in 14 are being pushed into 14A (Department-not a large migration from 16 to 14)</p> <p>PRO: How many times exceeded 1000 permits (Department- three times and at 1000 one year.)</p> <p>PRO: In the last five years at 1300 and it's shaping up to be a mild winter this year. This may be handcuffing the biologists if they need to take more. I feel like 2000 is high and 1000 is low</p> <p>PRO: 574 were harvested when 1000 were issued</p> <p>PRO: We never really got anywhere close to 2000 permits, and I don't think it's good to advertise if we don't do it. We could amend to 1500 permits. Everyone looks at 2000 permits and enter there and people all over the state put in for them. Possibly lower number Mat Su Valley folks would put in for it (Discussion did not get a second.)</p>



			<p>PRO: I am going to support this. I think a 1000 could be issued several years in a row. I think it's plenty</p> <p>PRO: What is the department opinion? (Department-as more permits are issued, we get lower harvest, so we issued more to get the numbers down; coincided with a couple bad snow years; 1000 is plenty unless it gets out of hand)</p>
66	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: Going to oppose. Adds an extra five days. There is so few legal bulls after the regular season. I don't think it's necessary</p> <p>CON: Concur with present comment. I am going to oppose</p>
67	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A		
OPPOSE	0	12	CON: See comment from prior proposal
68	Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: I think Tier II in 16B is a joke. Opposed due to the fact it shouldn't exist currently</p> <p>CON: Occurring in a hunt area that's already open. I don't think we have the bull population out there</p> <p>CON: Opposed as well</p> <p>CON: I know a neighbor who choose not to kill in the winter out there and prefers to shoot in the fall when the meat is better (neighbor was part of the AC that submitted the proposal)</p> <p>CON: With the fall it is a different area type to hunt and that's why it seems successful in the winter</p>
69	Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
SUPPORT	12	0	<p>PRO: I would support this season change</p> <p>PRO: I would support it as well. I would like to see the season eliminated, but will support</p>
70	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B		
SUPPORT As Amended	12	0	<p>Motion and second made to amend the proposal changing dates to June 30 and August 10 on both 14A and 14B. change 14A as well</p> <p>PRO: Align this with proposal 71</p> <p>Amendment passes 12-0</p> <p>Proposals, as amended passes, for both 70 and 71</p> <p>PRO: At the very least see proposal 70, as is, if the department dumps both</p>
71	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B		
SUPPORT As Amended	12	0	PRO: See comments and action above
72	Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
OPPOSE	1	12	<p>CON: The department opposes and I do too. With a harvest ticket we get a number every year (there is a sealing requirement)</p> <p>CON: Harvest ticket represents effort. How come we don't do it for brown bears (Department-effort is a piece of the puzzle with information to present to the board.) What is your success rate? Without a ticket, we</p>



			<p>don't know. Not concerned with over harvest. I like consistency especially with shared boundary. Incidental take</p> <p>CON: Not too many non-residents go to 16. (Department-does not make an exception. Non-residents do need to have a harvest ticket.)</p>
73	Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram		
OPPOSE	5	8	<p>CON: Any ram would reduce the potential for older full curl trophy later. Potential for over harvest. They can issue more permits for full curl, but what do people want. I would almost like to see a couple tags go to any ram and some for full curl. (Department-the draw was a push from the public and board for less competition. Full curl and any ram aren't going to be a substantial increase)</p> <p>CON: It was interesting when it was any ram, they issued 48. Our committee got it to full curl there was only 14 permits available. Fewer people in the field had a chance to find a full curl. I think we should leave it for another cycle and see what happens. Will increase harvest in a couple years. I am opposed to it</p> <p>PRO: I hear what you are saying the average ram taken is younger, but what the author of Proposal 73 said about how many people were putting in for it. There should be an opportunity who may not be as experience. I think we should have any ram hunt somewhere in the state. I am in favor of this proposal</p> <p>PRO: We need to remember we're a drop in the bucket compared to what the public wants, and the general public wants an opportunity at an any ram tag. As our local department and other biologists have stated, there's no biological concerns with an any ram tag. In a perfect world I'd like this any ram tag to be in Unit 13 more accessible and we're not taking potentially a genetic giant the Frank Cook ram and many other trophy's that have come out of the Knik drainage. Look at the swing of permit applications from the DS180, DS185, etc. to the current any ram area DS160. Remember, we're here for the public, not for our personal preference</p> <p>CON: For the public to consider the ethics on shooting a full curl sheep. A legal ram is anything that isn't a ewe, so a two year old ram would be legal. I don't think the public wants us to do that. Genetic diversity. We can't shoot the babies. There was much discussion making areas from switch from open tag to drawing (hunted many areas), I was excited when it went to drawing then it went to any ram</p> <p>PRO: Agree with pro comment. The public wants this and fish and game can manage this. My favorite is a ¾ I got in high school. Need to have an area for non-trophy hunters</p> <p>CON: There are plenty of places you can go to hunt sheep. If you want any ram, it is effective and its' proven itself</p> <p>PRO: ¾, to 7/8 to full curl. I support some of state being permit system that leaves the big one for the trophy hunters. When population gets depressed killing at the full curl level. Selective harvest pressure that genetic pool is gone. (Department-if you are shooting the smaller before they are bigger there is that possibility. Genetics still out there.)</p>



			<p>CON: Following previous opposed comment. We only have this mountain and so many sheep that people are going after</p> <p>PRO: Agree with previous two pro comments. No other species managed for hunter density, or inability to fly for spotting purposes</p> <p>CON: Better management tool to kill full curl. Like to see them get a little older. Just changed this two years ago, I don't think we should change it back</p> <p>CON: Oppose this any ram. When buffalo were brought to Kodiak, we didn't get the numbers by shooting the calves</p> <p>CON: Any ram is a two-year-old</p> <p>PRO: You have a lot of rams that will never be full curl and some of those won't get to old age and will die</p>
74	Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A		
OPPOSE	3	9	<p>PRO: How many sheep are killed by an archer? (few taken in 14A, most general season hunts there are few)</p> <p>PRO: I am going to support this. Across the street from 14C, adds five days</p> <p>CON: Interesting proposal issuing 1-5 tags only full curl. That time of year is very limited and to get close to one will be difficult. I don't think it's a reasonable opportunity. We have the ram hunt in 14C and Eklutna. Most archers can draw that in several years</p> <p>CON: We just passed a proposal there are 42 days, adding another 15 days to the season on top of the 42. Opportunity is a big thing for me, I just think it's too much</p> <p>CON: The season is long enough it's about opportunity. Stop making the book bigger</p> <p>CON: Agree with previous comment. Lost opportunity. If it's okay to hunt longer, then everyone should have a crack at the same time. Exclusivity for themselves. I am opposed</p> <p>CON: Hard to argue that is losing opportunity when you have the option to use the required weapon</p>
75	Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: Allow department to aerial predator control whenever they want. I am going to support it. If they want to do it and take the heat more power to them</p>
76	Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: This allows you to land and shoot 300 ft from airplane</p> <p>PRO: Moose could use the help; this would be an effective tool</p>
77	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B		
SUPPORT	12	1	<p>PRO: Department supports this</p>
78	Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>*NOTE: Understood wolves cannot be added without legislation (see also Proposal 33. Committee felt it was important for a vote to be documented.)</p> <p>PRO: We can't pass this. This is wolves. We cannot pass as same day airborne</p>



			PRO: Need to get legislators behind this. I haven't talked to anyone not for it. Its' not land and shoot its being 300 feet from the airplane PRO: This came about from a referendum (1988 wolves and wolverine)
79	Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: Department supports this PRO: Aligns with other area PRO: Stopped it early due to denning time. If we take them earlier, we can get rid of them
80	Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16		
81	Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: Difficult to enforce. I won't support due to enforcement issues CON: Good point, but who would enforce
82	Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: Similar to written proposal three years ago, but largest reason we didn't support due to restraints who large the area is. Needs to be cleaned up and much more detailed CON: Too open CON: Hard to enforce. Similar to proposals in other board meetings, but didn't pass due to inability to determine where to enforce. Good idea, but needs more specifics
83	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16		
OPPOSE	0	13	Take proposals 83 and 84 together CON: We voted against this once before CON: Population is in decline (Department doesn't have very good data.)
84	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: Similar to Proposal 83

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

- January 8, 2025
- January 29, 2025

XIII. Other

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XIV. Adjourn at 9:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage
Date: December 23, 2024



Naknek/ Kvichak Advisory Committee

Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at 7:00pm | Located at the Naknek Village Council Office
Join Online: [zoom link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 869 1493 8289

- I. Call to Order: At 7:12 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - I. Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, William Regan, Joey Klutsch, Richard Wilson, Patricia Edel, Ralph Zimin, John Wise
 - II. Members Absent (Excused): Marc Watson,
 - III. Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 we have 8
 - V. List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Amy Vandevort, Travis Elison, John Lansiedel, David Bump
- IV. Guests Present: Cody Larson, Laura Zimin, Mason King, Austin King, Brydin Pacheco,
- V. Approval of Agenda Everett Thompson moved to approve agenda, George Wilson second. passed unanimous
- VI. Reports
 - I. Chair None
 - II. ADF&G
 - i. Amy Vandevort gave an update on NAP and SAP caribou herds and the overall health of them. The caribou behind kokanok area has a local herd of 700 animals seen in the winter and about 200 found in the summer surveys.
 - ii. Travis Elison, follow up from last seasons run and an update of 2025 run with emphasis on Naknek run being a concern again this year because of the broad years of over excapement and warm tempers in the naknek.
 - iii. John Landsiedel, John said the mulchatna herd is around 14,500 animals, predation is the largest reason for the population not rebounding very fast. The mortality rate of calves is 90%. of the predators bears take 60% of the caribou compared to the 30% taken by wolves.
George asks how many calves survive, John says about 80%
Richard asks why the herd crashed, John says they ate themselves out of house and home- common occurrence for caribou- 100yrs instead of 30; lichen cycle between 5-60 years. It could be remaining low because of predation. Says he wonders if they need a higher calf to cow ration
Richard asks if bronchitis is still a threat?
 - iv. Lee Borden: low effort on Kings resulting in lower catch/kill- higher effort in Rainbow fishing. A board member says the King Fishery is nothing like it



used to be, Silver numbers are erratic at best, and the efforts for rainbows are higher than they've ever been resulting in fish that are scarred and lower numbers of big fish. Lee says as much as he would like to manage based on the health of individual fish he can only manage by their biology.

III. Others

- i. Cody Larson with BBNA gave a report on the weir project for big creek. trying to secure funding for the project, advisory member stated they are looking at having a similar project for the alagnak river as well.

IV. Public Comment, None

IX. New Business

- I. Elections, William Regan said he's served over 30 years and he will be stepping down at this meeting, EverettThompson said he will be out of state more in the future and would like to see new and younger people on the board so he will be stepping down as well.
- II. Call of nominations
 - George Wilson nominates Richard Wilson
 - Everett Thompson nominates George Wilson
 - George Wilson nominates Patricia Edel
 - William Regan nominates Joey Klutsch
 - Richard Wilson nominates Mason King
 - Everett Thompson nominates Marc Watson
 - Everett Thompson nominates Laura Zimin
 - George Wilson nominates Austin King

William Regan asks if any other members of the community would like to serve? None, so nominations closed and William asked for unanimous consent for all all members that was nominated to be seated. Passed unanimously 8-0

- a. Undesignated seats x7
 - b. Alternate seat (at large) 1
- III. Officer elections to be decided next board meeting
- IV. BOG proposals 1-3, 9-18, 21-24, 30, 31, 35
- V. BOF Proposal 313, formerly ACR 11
- VI. Miscellaneous business George Wilson congratulated both William and Everett for their years of service and they will be greatly missed.
- X. Set date of next meeting early March to be decided
- XI. Committee comments
- XII. Other

ADJOURN 10:52 pm



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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
support	8	0	Unanimous everyone sees this helps people of our region.
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
oppose	0	8.	unanimous It is illegal in our area to bait for brown bears and there are lots of natural bait in unit 9 there is no need to bring in more.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
No Action	8	0	unanimous
9	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		
support	8	0	unanimous The weather is the largest factor in supporting this proposal. lengthening the hunting season allows the hunters to safely travel when storms in this time of year is prevalent. Returning the hunting dates back to prior 2017 makes the most sense as it worked for years before.
10	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
No action	8	0	No action taken because of our vote on proposal 9
11	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
No action	8	0	No action taken because of our vote on proposal 9
12	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
No action	8	0	No action taken because of our vote on proposal 9
13	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		

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No action	8	0	No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
14	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	8	0	No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
15	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
No action			No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
16	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	8	0	No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
17	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		
No action	8	0	No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
18	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
No action			No action taken because or our vote on proposal 9
21	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
Support	8	0	Unanimous board members felt there are abundant of beavers in our area and having a restriction isn't warranted. With the warmer weather is late fall the use of firearms would help in taking of beavers in the area
22	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
Support as ammended	8	0	Unanamous. Amend the season close date to March 15 th . There are trappers and hunters in the area that would like to have some days in march as they are becoming more active
23	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		
oppose	0	8	The board felt the under use of local Alaskan residents of taking one emperor geese isn't a high priority for subsistence because of only taking one. This is for non-residents that want to fill their geese grand slam.



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24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	board members felt that ADF&G should distribute information about declining population. If you need to eat it, shoot it, if not, don't shoot it. Would be the best in this situation.
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
oppose	1	7	Most felt having a hard closed date for caribou in this region isn't warranted. Management already has it closed
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
oppose	0	8	unanimous For the same reason as proposal 30.
35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
support	8	0	Like the hunting proposal we seen there are trappers in our area that trap into march and would like some compromise of at least to March 15 to allow those that do use the area a little longer.

Alaska Board of Fish: Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 11-16, 2025 | Anchorage, Alaska

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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
314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon		
Support as amended	7	1	<p>Members felt this is a good tool in the toolbox for managers to help manage the kvichak and alagnak systems if or when the naknek system falls behind like 2024. A board member wanted the line in egegik to be only moved in at the department's discretion. When the commercial fishermen are moved into the kvichak river special harvest area members want equal access for the set net fishermen to the area because of the remoteness ,not as many set net operations will attend but some will have the access of having some kind of season instead of once every 3 openings to drifters. There are two amendments we voted on</p> <p>When the depart moves the Naknek-Kvichak fishery in to the kvichak river special harvest area, egegik district moves into what we call the 110 line. votes 7-1 support of amendment</p> <p>The Naknek-kvichak commercial fishers move into the kvichak special harvest, the department will manage 1 drift net opening per tide to 1 set net side. voted 8-0 unanimous</p>

Approved by AC Co-Chair Joey Klutsch on 12/27/24



Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 19th 2024, at 3:00 pm | Teleconference/online via Zoom.
Join Online: [zoom link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 886 4692 1337

Draft Agenda

- I. Call to Order: 3:15 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Angela Johnson, Darren Johnson, Mark McNeley, Trevor Edwards, Shannon Johnson, Richard Rysewyk, Reanna Heuker, Tim Heuker
Members Absent (Excused): Samantha McNeley, Sherman McNeley, Theo Chesley
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Amy Vande Voort, Natalie Romo, Charles Russell
- IV. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss
- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Motions, Trevor 2nds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Darren Johnson motions, Trevor 2nds
- VII. Public Comment: Ernie Weiss says it's a good thing for us to be meeting about game topics as well as fishery topics and proposals. Voices his support for proposal 1.
- VIII. New Business
Discussion about the game proposals for the region. Quick update from Amanda Vande Voort. Weather prevented them from surveying 9 D.
 - I. Regionwide and Unit 9 BOG proposals at AC's discretion
 - II. Approval of minutes before BOG comment deadline on Dec 26th
 - III. Nominate AC member to represent the NL AC at the Cent./SW BOG meeting
- IX. Set date of next meeting: March 6, 2025 3 p.m.
- X. Committee comments: We went through each proposal and decided on supporting or opposing each or no comment. Those are listed below.
- XI. Other
- XII. **ADJOURN: Angela moves to adjourn, Tim 2nds. Adjourn at 4:37 p.m.**



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1 Move to support. Trevor 2nds. Motion passes.	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
2 no comment	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
3 no comment	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
4 no comment	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
5 no comment	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one		
			Herd is growing, department is opposed of this proposal.



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6 no comment			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D Department is opposed to this.
7 Angela motions to adopt Mark McNeley 2 nd Mark makes motion to support Trevor 2nds Motion failed unanimously			Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents.
			Department submitted this and supports this.
8 Motioned to support by mark, Trevor 2nds. Motion passes unanimously			Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations.



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9 No comment	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9		
			Department supports
10 No comment	Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting		
			Department opposes.
11 No comment	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents		
			Department opposes.
12 No comment	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents		
			Department is neutral
13 No Comment	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season		
14 No comment	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
15 No comment	Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E		
16 No comment	Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents		
17 No comment	Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents		



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18 No comment	Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts		
19 No comment	Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10		
20 No comment	Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 1		
21 No comment	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9		
22 No comment	Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents		
23 Angela moves to adopt, Trevor 2nds. Mark motions to support so that we can oppose it.	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters		



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Trevor 2nds. Motion fails unanimously			
			Department recommends us to take no action.
24 No comment	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		



Nushagak Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 at 4:00pm | Located at the Dillingham City Council Chambers

Join Online: [zoom link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 897 2519 6947

Draft Agenda

Call to Order:

I. Roll Call

I. Members Present:

Susie Jenkins-Brito

Travis Ball

Kenneth Nukwuk

Mariano Floresta

Wass Andrews

Todd Fritze

Dan Dunaway

Lindsay Layland

Chris Carr Portage (online)

Joe Chythlook (online)

Reed Tennyson (online)

Joseph Kazimirowicz (online)

Moses Kritz (online)

II. Members Absent (Excused):

Curt Armstrong

III. Members Absent (Unexcused):

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

8 (quorum met)

V. List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence, commercial set and drift, sport fishing, trapping, guiding,
Native Organizations, fish processing.

II. Fish and Game Staff Present

Tim Sands

John Landsiedel

Lee Borden

Evelyn Lichewa

Andy Aderman (Refuge)

Kenton Moos (Refuge)

III. Guests Present:



Logan Ball
Joe Witkop (AK Troopers)
Rich O'Connor
Travis Wren
Rebecca Roenfan
Robert Heyano
Jesse Rogers
Andy Aderman
Frank Woods
KDLG
Ward & Megan Hurlburt
Rick Grant (7:20pm on phone)
Tom OConnor (online)

IV. Approval of Agenda
travis moves, dan 2nd - unanimous consent

V. Reports
I. Chair
II. ADF&G

Tim (Comfish):

Fish caught this year were mostly 2019 brood year; 41K King escapement (better than 2023); met chum salmon escapement goal.

2025: Chinook management plan remains as triggers for sockeye openings.

Not anticipating any herring fishing in 2025 (none in 2024)

- Gayla Q: Will the chums be considered a stock of concern (considering that we only met the escapement and catch goals for one year)?. Tim: We will not consider it a stock of concern, though we know we are missing data as far as counts go.
- Wass Q: What is "in-shore"? Tim: for sonar we have "in shore" strata and "off shore" strata. When high volume, we can't count out the "offshore" strata.
- Travis Q: How far off is the Nush sonar from the Nuyakuk tower? Tim: Hard to assess, it's difficult to come up with a number when Nuyakuk counts are higher than Nushagak sonar. 30 years ago we had 500k sockeye, now we've got 1.8 mil - we can't see past the "wall" of fish when using sonar.

Lee (Sportfish):

Don't have 2024 statewide harvest #'s yet. Effort, catch, harvest are down in record numbers (6,900 angler days vs. 18,000 in 2007-13).

- Todd Q: What are the char looking like? Lee: Big and numerous.
- Dan Q: Do you do any creel surveys elsewhere? Lee: We did rainbow op on the Kvichak, 2023 reports were published, 2024 is coming imminently.
- Travis Q: Harvest report of 2700 - all kings or kings over just those size limits?
Lee: All kings. Travis: Would you be able to tap into the Governor's budget of \$\$

for proposed king salmon research? Lee: Unknown, but unlikely - mostly on gulf/deep ocean.



John Landsiedel (Game)

17C moose harvest most robust since 2017; 17B harvest just above average for res hunt, non-res harvest increased & effort tremendously increased; 17A harvest just below average. Unable to get fall composition survey done for lack of snow.

Only 2023 reports for brown bears. Currently on track for 2024 year.

Early this year: 2nd year of lethal bear and wolf removal. New mode: early period targeting wolves in April, worked 4-5 days and removed 2 packs.

Ongoing monitoring via caribou collars. High pregnancy rates. East & West Mulchatna is stable (and growing) in demographic rates; Collaring (5mo) calves (new approach). Hopeful for calves to reproduce after/around 3rd birthday.

Kenneth Q: How many moose were harvested on the KMO side? John: I don't have that data now but can gather it and send it to you.

Gayla Q: What are the specific harvest numbers for 17A, B, C? John: 17C - 171res. 17A - 38res bulls, 4res cows & 5 bulls non-res. 17B - 58 res, 61 non-res.

Gayla Q: Can we break down the local vs. non-local (but still AK residents) hunt rates for 17C? John, not really, the states views all residents as residents, not geographically separated.

Andy Aderman (Refuge)

Nushagak Penn. Caribou Herd

Herd is meeting the upper end of objective, harvest objective set at 200 in late July. Composition survey in Oct '24 - classified 55 calves per 100 cows & 29 bulls per 100 cows. The Nush herd has been moving up toward Kulukuk Bay & wintering there. Hunt area has been expanded.

Andy Q: Has there been any harvest yet? Andy: Yes, 10-12 so far.

Kenneth: What are the plans for the winter hunt if winter doesn't set in as usual? Andy: Don't have an answer for that. Can do same day airborne Jan. 1 - end of March.

Chair Brito: Cody Larson sent Wood Tikchik State Park management council meeting minutes.

III. Others - none

IV. Public Comment - none

IX. New Business

I. Elections

Natalie:

- Joe Chythlook's (DLG designate) seat is up
- 2 alternate seats up (non-designated)
- Floor is open for DLG designated seat



- Gayla nominates Joe Chythlook (Joe accepts)
 - Travis B nominates Travis Wren
 - Travis Wren: family is from DLG, here full time & teacher @ DLG elementary school; drift fisherman, family setnets, have many years experience in various roles.
 - Joe C: If that person wants to run, I'll step down.
 - Suzie & Todd - express thanks and gratitude
 - Gayla - You don't have to step down just because someone else is running.
 - Kenneth - speaks in Yugtun to Joe
 - Joe: Speaks to his experience on the committee & experience in the region.
 - Gayla moves to close nominations, Todd seconds.
- brief break for counts
 - Joe wins DLG designated seat
 - open elections for undesignated seats
 - nominations: Travis Wren, Reed Tennyson, Lindsay Layland
 - Lindsay Layland & Travis Wren win undesignated alternate seats

II. Regionwide and Unit 17 BOG proposals

See Proposal Page Notes

III. Statewide BOG proposals at the AC's discretion

IV. Approval of minutes to meet comment deadline of December 27th for submission

- V. Chair: secretary and chair or vice chair can review minutes to ensure on-time submission. Seeking motion to approve minutes for on time submission. Travis moves, Gayla seconds to have Dan & Susie reviewing and editing minutes & submitting on time. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Miscellaneous business

- Sending someone to the Board of Game meeting in January; Motion for Travis Ball to go as VP (Gayla) & Second (Todd) with Dan as a back-up. Motion passes unanimously.

X. Set date of next meeting

Chair: need to meet prior to March 7 - sometime in February. Tentative meeting Feb. 26.

XI. Committee comments

XII. Other

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn - Lindsay. Dan seconds. Adjourned.



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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
Support	Proposal carries with unanimous support		Dan moves to adopt Travis seconds. Dan: in favor of supporting this proposal Susie: NAC historically supported this. Travis calls the question. This proposal encourages Bear Brown harvest in times of predator control.
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
Oppose		Fails unanimously	This would add an additional baiting season to our region; John assumes the state is neutral on this. Travis: apprehensive about this bc all-encompassing (is too broad). Susie: What is the black bear effort in 17? John: pretty minimal - mostly non-res hunters during moose season. Dan: I won't be supporting - we don't see a lot of black bears down here. Todd: This is more a question of do you approve of baiting or not. This doesn't apply to us, really - mostly impacts outfitters in the upper Mulchatna area. Tom: Assume this is a safety issue - traveling on the river and coming across bait could be dangerous for passers-by. Kenneth: seeking clarification on what is bear bait.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Oppose		Fails unanimously	Dan moves to adopt. Travis B seconds. Dan: inclined to oppose, does not seem to represent the spirit of hunting.

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			Todd: seemingly opposes fair chase - oppose. Travis W: Agree with Todd Travis B: Agree Kenneth: Seems like it would become a competitive issue with a sports hunter having an advantage over a subsistence hunter. Question called - Travis.
23	Seeks to lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 & 10.		
			Gayla moves to adopt Travis B. seconds.
Oppose		Fails unanimously	Gayla: strong opposition from migratory bird commission. Susie: if this increases, it could decrease local access to this hunt. Frank W: this proposal should be turned down due to low count, takes away from subsistence users, and has poor management. Emperor geese are a trophy bird and prized possession for our villages - opposition by folks around the table.
24	Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 & 17		
Oppose	2 members	7 votes - proposal fails.	Dan moves to adopt Travis seconds. John: do not know why hare abundance is so low right now. Travis: saw 3 rabbits along Ekuk beach bluff in 2018 - shocking to see them. Gayla: Concerning closing something we don't know the population of. Frank: Only seen the Alaska hares twice in my life. Todd: I have taken one in my whole life. But we need some data before we close something. Susie: What are people actually taking/harvesting? Dudu: Used to see a lot of them, haven't seen big numbers for a long time. I'd like to see them come back. Numbers are down primarily due to predation.

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			Tom: Can be pretty vulnerable in pods/groups. I ran into them when guiding, and have seen 10 total, taken a few over the decades. Todd - calls question.
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
Oppose		Fails unanimously	<p>Evelyn - department is neutral. Tog AC opposed. Half or less than half tags have been filled. ADFG has the discretion to issue up to 50. dan: Would this require a total revamp of the moose management plan? Susie: we have all determined the 20 permits to be best for local communities. Robert H: My concern is the habitat - what good is the moose population if the habitat is no good if we have too many moose? Look at the numbers and data.. Andy: Moose populations move rapidly, best indicator is looking at spring calves - if twins, good nutrition. If moose are having lots of babies, habitat is good. Kenneth: if this increases, lots of people will hunt a different region or area than where they live, decreasing the opportunity for local hunters. Gayla: I don't think we want to have this many non-res hunts. The moose management plan may need to be re-done. Evelyn: Population objective was increased in 2019 Frank: After populations dropped, it's good we are curbing high populations. 17A is a hard place to hunt. If issuing 20 permits and only 6 successful, we have to be careful to issue permits that aren't going to be used. Susie - 3 concessions for 2 guides, but no guided moose hunts. Proposer is a transporter of potential guided hunts. Travis calls the question.</p>
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
Oppose	1 in support	8 opposed, prop fails.	Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Dept. Neutral - Tog AC supported it.



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			<p>Gayla: If this passes and 25 passes, how does this impact things?</p> <p>John: The Department would likely issue 20 permits for the first ten days and 20 permits for the second ten days (a combo of proposals 25 & 26) We can separate hunters in time or in space.</p> <p>Travis B: not necessarily opposed, defer to Tog AC</p> <p>Travis W: defer to Tog</p> <p>Dan: If there is a way to take animals without doing harm and we can make it work I want to support it to allow more harvest.</p> <p>Todd: big concern is going in after 15th of Sept. when we see big bulls moving. When I hear numbers and hear what Tog is saying, I'm more comfortable with increased harvest opportunities.</p> <p>Andy: There have been some issues with overcrowding. high competition for hunters. 15-17 spots for hunters to fly in to.</p> <p>Travis: That issue could be alleviated if the season were extended.</p> <p>Dan: inclined to support if we break them up 20 permits per ten days (if proposal 25 passes).</p> <p>*We may be inclined to support pop 26 if prop 25 fails. If 25 passes, though, we'd like to see 26 include language that restricts permits being issued to two separate ten day sessions (1st-10th & 11th-20th).</p> <p>Gayla calls question</p>
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	unanimous support		Todd moves to adopt, Gayla Seconds
28	Identifying Big game prey populations & objectives		
Support	Unanimous support		<p>Travis moves to adopt Dan seconds</p> <p>Travis B - you don't think population estimates were as accurate back then and now want to readjust? (yes).</p> <p>17B has less decent moose habitat than previously thought, reducing population objectives and harvest</p>

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			objectives better aligns with current harvest & pop levels. -last season 40 local residents, 18 non local residents, 61 non residents (17B) Dan: I'm inclined to support this Travis - calls question
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
Oppose	2 in favor	8 opposed, fails by majority.	Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Frank: Great opportunity to better understand the populations and analyze them for predator control - good proposal to support all the way around. Dan: What is this proposal asking/requesting? telling the dept. how to spend its money? Susie: pretty ambiguous proposal. What is it directing the department to do? Travis: this is out of the purview of the board - recommend we take no action. Todd: if this were to happen, the 30k goal could disappear? John: questions comes down to how do you make those allocative decisions. Susie: why doesn't the dept have a proposal to change the population objectives? John: It has to do with the amount reasonable for subsistence. Pop objectives are set to meet harvest objectives and ANS. Frank: We haven't looked at this long enough, which is why I support it - this is a good time for giving Dept. leeway on how to reassess Mulchatna herd. Travis: if we approve but aren't specific in how it would happen, what do we open it up to? Frank: Can we amend it to meet the needs of our communities specifically for ANS? Gayla: Why isn't this already a tier 2 hunt? John: Tier 2 is very complicated - it would not have the intended effect that local residents prefer.



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			<p>john: one option is zone system - limit permit securing to certain places in certain times to prioritize local opportunity.</p> <p>Susie: inclined to support the department establishing a zoned hunt.</p> <p>Dan: Seems like the scope is too big for us to make a decision on this.</p> <p>Lindsay: seems difficult to take action on this one way or another.</p> <p>Todd: Calls the Question.</p>
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
Oppose	2	8 - fails by majority	<p>Dan moves, Travis B seconds to adopt.</p> <p>Naknek AC opposes.</p> <p>Kenneth: Would this affect Cape Pierce caribou?</p> <p>John: they're under the same regulation. yes. Togiak AC opposed this.</p> <p>Kenneth: 3 year moratorium is too short, maybe 5 years?</p> <p>Dan: foreseeable 3 years it's probably going to be closed anyways - I'm inclined to support. Tthe author was furious with the Fed. sub. board approved subsistence hunts.</p> <p>Kenneth: Can Andy touch up on the Cape Pierce caribou herd? How long have they been there and are migratory or stationary?</p> <p>Andy: saw a few caribou in '96-'97, this is probably the same group. for the last 4-5 years we've had 300-600 'bou in that area, some south of Goodnews Bay & others north. Seems like caribou have established themselves there, haven't done full analysis of where they are all at. Possibility of having some harvest if we can manage it.</p> <p>Kenneth: have had a whole herd between Quinhagak and Togiak in the past.</p> <p>Travis: What effect would this have on Nush. Peninsula? - none.</p> <p>Gayla calls question</p>



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31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
Oppose		fails unanimously	Travis moves to adopt Lindsay second. Dan - opposed to this. Travis calls the question.
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support	unanimously passes.		Travis moves to adopt Dan seconds. Dan: overhearing people taking multiple bears in the off season, could make it legal. Trooper Witkop: Agree with making it easier to take them easily, not sure if it encourages people to salvage the bear, but would make it easier to take a bear that might be a nuisance/problem. Gayla: This could help, but why doesn't ADFG take care of bears in the community? Witkop: People have a responsibility to take care of their personal property and prevent garbage build up. Frank: if you leave it open, more people are likely to comply with the law. Kenneth: personal anecdote about bears around cabins and smoke houses & freezers. Wass: personal anecdote about bears being close to camps, close to people, taking preventative measures to protect people and property. Witkop: that's a perfect example of taking a bear, salvaging it, and reporting it legally and not having to wait until it's DLP. And the data helps the state manage bears and protect people. Travis calls question
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves Unit 17		
NO Action			Dept. is neutral w/ amendment regarding wolves. John: not capable of passing without amendment to remove wolves. Todd moves to take no action and moves to 34 (33 can't be approved as is): unanimous support in taking no action.
34	Allow the same day take of brown bear in Unit 17		



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Oppose		fails unanimously	<p>Todd moved to adopt Travis second.</p> <p>Travis: using the state's predator control effort as an excuse to do it.</p> <p>Travis W: this opens up a lot, takes a step toward allowing non-residents to do this. I would oppose it.</p> <p>Spotting & tracking bears already happens, do we need to add same day airborne? Feels like a bad road to go down.</p> <p>Frank: Think it's a good idea, we liberalized open all year. Have we ever met the harvest objective? John - yes we constantly exceed it. Frank: I think we need to open airborne on the same day airborne.</p> <p>Dan: I'm supportive of reducing bears, but hard to see same day airborne for bears. Might support it with sunset language.</p> <p>Todd: Might be hard to keep it from becoming an illegal moose harvest.</p> <p>Witkop: I'd be more concerned with residents.</p> <p>Travis: no tag required, now 2 bears, now can hunt year around... when do we stop? Bears go where there is food. we need to be careful not to have a knee jerk reaction.</p> <p>Lindsay calls the question.</p>
35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of Feb.		
Oppose		Fails unanimously	<p>Dept. opposed. About 30% of the harvest occurs in march. Harvest is largely driven by winter conditions. Low numbers of nursing females have been reported in harvest (very rare)</p> <p>Rick Grant (proposer): feels it's unethical to be able to take wolverines when they could be nursing females in denning times.</p> <p>Travis moves to adopt Todd seconds.</p> <p>Todd: Of all wolverines I've trapped in March , I've never trapped one lactating, have trapped pregnant wolverines. foxes start pairing and mating in feb. down south (further south you go, earlier their mating season). Have never seen an Alaska study saying</p>



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			<p>Wolverines den in March. Studies I know of come from Scandinavia and lower 48 (lower latitudes where animals den up and have young at earlier times of year than in AK). 99% of my wolverines come in lynx sets - catch 1/3 of my lynx in march. Losing the lynx harvest would be a financial loss because I would have to re-rig sets so I can catch live wolverines. From '17-'24 no less than 2 wolverines per year.</p> <p>Lindsay: how many wolverines are harvested in March and how many of them are female and how many of them are nursing?</p> <p>John: We don't have any evidence to support that any of the harvested females are nursing, though hides would be recognized as nursing when being sealed. Plus additional comments on the gestational process for wolverines.</p> <p>Gayla calls the question.</p>
36	Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17		
Oppose		fails unanimously	<p>Travis B. - motion to adopt. Todd seconds.</p> <p>Jesse: How long do you get them by rifle vs. trap, Todd? Todd: 1 per year.</p> <p>Susie: similar conversation to last proposal.</p> <p>Gayla calls question.</p>
37	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17		
Support	passes unanimously.		<p>Lindsay moved to adopt. Todd second.</p> <p>Travis: sounds like housekeeping, calls question.</p>
38	Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting		
Support	Unanimous Support; proposal 38 carries.		<p>Adam Dubour - Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary manager: brief history of the regulation. Supported by Dept. Cooperative agreement would need to occur/be updated between departments & Qayassiq Walrus Commission.</p> <p>Todd: Why only a 5 day extension?</p>



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			<p>Frank: Already a pretty liberal hunt, don't feel the need to extend further or earlier. Tog AC supported it.</p> <p>Kenneth: Would be inclined to extend, too, but will support as is.</p> <p>Adam: Clarify that the Sept. 5 start date was also meant to keep the preservation/conservation of the Round Island a priority, too.</p> <p>Jesse R: Presents comments in favor of proposal.</p> <p>Travis: Not a conservation concern but an access concern, in support.</p> <p>Gayla moves to adopt Travis seconds.</p>

Minutes Approved by Chair Susie Jenkins-Brito & Member Dan Dunaway 12/27/2024



**Paxson Advisory Committee
December 11th, 2024
MP 180 Richardson Highway**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by John Schandelmeier

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
John	Schandelmeier	X	
Mark	Schlenker		X
Steve	Chmielowski	X	
Gary	Alcott	X	
David	Hoffmeister	X	
Jason	Baker		X
Trace	Sawyer		X
Daryl	Box		X
Alan	Echols	X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher & Jack Cornish

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business



- a. Board of Fisheries proposals 1-103
 - i. Fisheries proposals were discussed as the first order of business. Since the Fishery meeting was in progress, there were no results from the Board to discuss. However, it was noted that comments from the Board were generally in support of the finfish proposals that concerned our rea.
- b. Board of Game proposals 1-84
- c. Caribou/Moose populations
- d. Wolf Control
- e. Other Fish and Game business as needed

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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
	5	0	Allows for opportunistic harvest during other hunting seasons.
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
	0	5	Don't mingle bait stations with moose and caribou hunters.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
	2	2	Abstain; 1. Support says it would make bear baiting easier. Opposition says that hunting is already too easy with bait stations and trail cams. The Easy button is not always the right button. Hunting is about spending time in the woods, not just killing something.
39	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B		
	5	0	We support this proposal with the modification of the Population objective being reduced to 4000-5000. We feel that the population objective, (4500-5500), proposed by ADF&G is too high. Deep snow winters come fairly often in this area. Winter kill is a big factor in the peaks and valleys of the 13B moose populations. Predator control, which kicks out at the mid-point



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			<p>of the harvest objective, lags behind—too little, too late. Better to have predator abatement kick in sooner, as the effects of predator control lag 2 years behind implementation.</p> <p>This led to a lengthy discussion on Harvest objectives. Harvest objectives are almost never achieved and even if they were, the moose season would not be closed. The harvest objective should have a basis in reality.</p> <p>Our Advisory Committee has always been skeptical of cow hunts. Not because we categorically oppose cow moose hunts, but because of the way they are conducted. Cow moose hunts, when authorized, should automatically kick in when the population objective reaches the midpoint; the same point as when predator control shuts off. At that time, ADF&G should have the authority to hold “targeted” antlerless hunts. For example --- if there is a drainage with limited feed resources that has 50 animals trapped by deep snows --- then a registration antlerless hunt for a pre-determined number of animals should be authorized. This approach would utilize a resource that would otherwise be lost. It would help the “Harvest” Objective and more importantly, has a chance of stabilizing the overall moose population in those selected areas.</p>
40	Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C		
			We abstained from voting on this proposal.
41	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C		
	5	0	Comments--- pointless to have a harvest objective unless it somehow becomes relevant to reality...
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
	5	0	Comments; The heavy timber in much of 13E make SDA controls somewhat ineffective. We believe that lowered harvest objectives in this area in particular, would benefit by targeted cow hunts. If that were to happen --- then a harvest objective would actually have some meaning.
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
	5	0	With an authorization for an antlerless hunt, this would actually allow for a targeted cow hunt.
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
	5	0	Same reasoning as proposal 43.
45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
	4	1	Support believes that few moose would be taken in this early hunt. Opposition objects to special hunts for particular weapons. Unit 13 is a primarily subsistence unit. Archery is mostly concerned with sport.



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46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
	5	0	This the Paxson Advisory proposal. We obviously support it. It is meant to replace the Community hunt in this area which has generally been over run with folks from out of area, We feel that this is a perfect test opportunity to remove Unit 13B out of the Community hunt jurisdiction and see if this type of hunt might increase local participation and success.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
	0	5	Late season specialty hunts as this are totally sport hunts. Bull moose taken in late September are essentially inedible.
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
	0	5	Opposition to this proposal is based on the fact that caribou move and rarely stay in unit 13 the year around. And --- what happens when the caribou population is low and the moose pop. is high? Vice versa?
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
	0	5	Opposition is as follows. In 6 years, whatever the caribou population, it is likely that approximately half would be bulls. Surplus bulls would be available to harvest in far less than 6 years.
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
	3	1	Abstain 1. Those in support cited a relatively high bear population in some areas of Unit 13. Opposition noted that the Brown/Grizzle population in Uni 13 had stabilized at a lower level than its high point a few years back and thus felt there was no need to reduce it further. Also, it was discussed that a 2 bear limit then allowed for the sale of hides.
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
	0	5	The SDA does not trigger off until the midpoint of the population objective is reached. Under present conditions that is unlikely to occur, The present wolf pop. is being carried by 13E, where few Nelchina caribou are, during winter and late fall. Another 35 wolves out of the mix would not be a biologically sound way to manage this area.
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
	5	0	13B is mostly high country with very late springs. Ptarmigan hatch late. Recognize the most recent nesting survey found chicks hatching in late July. Chicks are still peeping on August 10th! IT makes no sense to hunt



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			on baby chicks. They can fly yes... but to get any value from them, you would need to put them in the pot whole! A side note; the nesting survey in early August showed a relatively high, increasing ptarmigan population in 13B. August rains killed the majority of chicks. Two recent 100 mike rides thru 13B, along the Denali and in the country around Tangle Lakes showed almost no birds. Largest flock spotted was 4 birds. Sept. moose hunters reported seeing few or no birds.
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
	0	5	Opposition was based on amounts of snowmobile traffic and their ability to reach numbers of birds during ideal late spring riding conditions.

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123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
	0	5	This seems like selling game animals.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	0	5	Hunting is already gone far beyond what "hunting" used to be. More electronics are taking the "fair" out of fair chase and hunting in general. These proposals are not discussing predator control. They are talking about hunting fur animals for sport.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		



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	0	5	See comments from proposal 126.
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
	0	5	See comments from proposal 126.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- a. Steve Chmielowski will be our representative at the BOG meeting in Wasilla. Or possibly myself? One of us will go, we are not yet sure who is free those days.

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn at 10:15pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: John Schandelmeier, chair

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee
Friday, December 6th, 2024
Zoom

I. Call to Order: 06:01 pm

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Nick Crump	x	
Patrick Day		excused
Bruce Bowman	x	
Dan Eames	x	
Brett Wilbanks		excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present: none

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher

IV. Guests Present: Jeffery Gronki

V. Approval of Agenda- Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- Approved

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment: none

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Review Board of Game Proposals 3-4, 43, 44, 46, 49-54, 63
- b. Other Fisheries and Game Business as Needed

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: none



BOF Meeting			
Meeting	Location	Comment Deadline	Meeting Dates
Work Session	Anchorage	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	October 29-30, 2024
PWS and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp)	Cordova	Tuesday, November 26, 2024	December 10-16, 2024
Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish	Ketchikan	Tuesday, January 14, 2025	January 28-February 9, 2025
Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage	Tuesday, February 25, 2025	March 11-16, 2025

BOG meeting			
Meeting	Location	Comment Deadline	Meeting Dates
Work Session	Wasilla	TBD	January 9, 2025
Central and Southwest Region	Wasilla	Friday, December 27, 2024	January 10-17, 2025
Statewide Regulations	Anchorage	Friday, March 7, 2025	March 21-28, 2025

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3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Support	3	0	Motion Dan, 2 nd Bruce
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
Oppose	0	3	Motion Dan, 2 nd Bruce
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
Support	3	0	Motion Bruce, 2 nd Dan
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
Support	3	0	Motion Bruce, 2 nd Dan
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		



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Support as amended	3	0	Motion Bruce, 2 nd Dan with amendments. The Proposal to convert this hunt from a community hunt to a registration hunt was supported with the additional intention to define the registration hunt to residents only.
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
Oppose	0	3	Motion Bruce, 2 nd Dan
50	Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt		
Support	3	0	Motion Dan, 2 nd Bruce
51	Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11		
No Action	0	0	Motion to support by Bruce, Dan and Nick abstained
52	Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only		
No Action	0	0	Motion to support by Bruce, Dan and Nick abstained
53	Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D		
Support	3	0	Motion Bruce, 2 nd Dan
54	Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260		
Oppose	0	3	Motion Dan, 2 nd Bruce
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
No Action	0	0	Department withdrew Proposal

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: 06:32 PM

Adjournment: 07:32 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____

Meeting Minutes



AC13
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Susitna Valley Advisory Committee December 17, 2024 Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)

- I. Call to Order: 5:01 pm
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)
Members Present: Bryan Kirby, Steve Harrison, Todd Kingery, Eli Hoffman, Tim Buechle,
Todd Kingery, Mark Burcar (via zoom),
Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused): Dave Fish
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Garrit Van Dest, Chris Brockman, Heidi, Hatcher, Leila Williams
- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Dewey Bitler, Margaret Stern
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report
 - i. None
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Moose Arial moose was conducted 1413 not looking good. 4 years ago was 1647 so it shows a decline. 22-100 calf/cow ratio 22-100 bull/cow ratio
 - ii. Caribou Nelchina 12,000 40-100 calf/cow ratio, 50-100 is optimal
 - c. Others
 - i. None
- VII. Public Comment
 - a. None
- VIII. New Business
 - a. [Board of Game Proposals](#) Proposals to discuss: 4, 42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 57, 58, 61, 62, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 89, 139, 141, 187
 - i. Supported 42, 48, 57, 58, 61, 68, 69, 76, 82, 89, 141, 192
 - ii. Unsupported 4, 45, 46, 49, 62, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 78, 80, 81, 139, 187,



- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. None at this time but reserves right to call another if needed
- X. Other
 - a. None
- XI. Adjourn 7:25 pm



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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
	8		
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
		8	
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
		8	
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
		7	The AC opposes an archery-only sheep hunt, citing concerns that it could place unnecessary stress on the sheep population. Additionally, hunters already have the opportunity to use archery equipment during the general rifle season.
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
	7		AC Supports as it is more inline with current population trends
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
	8		
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
	8		We feel ADF&G have historically used these tools appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense



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45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
		7	This unit already experiences a high percentage of moose harvest, and introducing an archery-only season at this time is not advisable.
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
	1	4	(2 abstained) The two individuals who abstained from voting did so because they felt they lacked sufficient understanding of the community hunt process to make an informed decision. Of the four opposed, they did not believe the change would achieve the desired impact sought by the proposing group. The one member in support felt that the proposed change could positively affect local residents.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
		8	
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
	7	1	We support the creation of an intensive management plan for caribou. The one opposing agrees on the need for a plan but does not support it in its current form as outlined in this proposal.
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
	1	3	(3 abstained) (opposed rational) The proposal includes a six-year closure and sets a very high population objective, with no provisions to reopen hunting even if the bull-to-cow ratio exceeds the abundance threshold. The reasons for abstention varied: one participant noted they had seen moratoriums succeed with moose but felt this proposal was overly ambitious and uncertain. Another expressed being torn, recognizing the need for action but unsure if this was the right approach. The third abstained without providing a reason.



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57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
	5	2	(Support) Another way for predator control.
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
	7		We agree that dropping from 135 to 100 would still have the wolf numbers in a healthy status.
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
	7		We strongly support this proposal on the marrets presented
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
		7	The AC believes this proposal would place undue pressure on the birds as it extends further into the breeding season. Additionally, their breeding habits during this time would make them more vulnerable and easier to harvest, which is unfavorable.
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
		7	Withdrawn by ADF&G
64	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
	8		We feel ADF&G have historically used these tools appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
66	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B		
		7	Extending the season deeper into the breeding season has historically never been supported by this AC. Extending the moose season during this time would make them more vulnerable and easier to harvest, which is unfavorable.
67	Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A		



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		7	Extending the season deeper into the breeding season has historically never been supported by this AC. Extending the moose season during this time would make them more vulnerable and easier to harvest, which is unfavorable.
68	Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
	4	2	(1 abstain) the one abstain is due to not clearly understanding the ramifications. With the explanation from F&G and how this would end up happening was a big help in understanding for the ones who supported it.
69	Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B		
	7		We agreed that extending the season into March places an unnecessary burden on moose, as they are typically stressed by the natural environment during this time. Some AC members who have harvested moose in March noted that the animals often had poor fat reserves, indicating lower quality and condition.
70	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B		
		7	The AC sees no reason why the season needs to go into June 15
71	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B		
		7	The AC sees no reason why the season needs to go into June 15
72	Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
		7	Units 14A and 14B require a registration and by taking away unit 16 this opens up to possible regulation violations.



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75	Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
	8		The AC feels that this is a good addition.
76	Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
	4	2	(1 abstain) The 4 that are in favor like the idea of not having to deal with the DLP process if someone shows up to their cabin and a bear is there but also recognize that some will land with skis but do not feel that the extra harvest will have an outrageous high number. The 2 that were opposed are mostly opposed to the idea of same day shooting as it doesn't allow for the fair chase.
77	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B		
		7	The AC sees no reason why the season needs to go into June 15
78	Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
		7	This is a legislative issue. As there is a statute that prohibits the take of wolf same day.
80	Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16		
	1	6	The AC is opposed to this as F&G says it is not needed to help manage the beaver populations. The one yes vote was to help give the department more data on the take of beaver.
81	Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours		



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		6	(1 abstain)
82	Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.		
	7		These are all very heavily used tails and even though the AC does not like the extra regulations on trapping they can support this.

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89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
	7		Popular non guided area. Biggest complaint by transporters is hunters don't understand the size of a moose and end up with very poor meat care and spoilage of meat. Making them take the orientation with the inclusion of trophy recognition and meat care will be beneficial.



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139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
	2	5	The board believes that the task of leaving sex attached is not an extra burden and helps to limit the chance of taking a cow for meat and bull for horns. The two in support believe the horns of a moose should be all that is required to prove it is a bull and also with DNA now F&G can test if needed.
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
		7	This one says “big game” and female caribou have antlers so sex attached would be needed and the AC does not support this.
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
	7		You can already get your license and do other required reporting within the ADF&G app it only makes sense that you are able to digitally capture the transfer of possession form. This allows for a more stream line task that is date and time stamped for proof of when the form was filled out.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
	8		We feel ADF&G have historically used these tools appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn’t make sustainable sense
187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
	1	6	The one yes vote was because it has been used in other areas of the state with success. The opposition was to do with the conflict of fair chase.
192 (ACR#9)	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows		
	6		(1 abstain) The one abstain was because they did not have enough information. Those in support agree that residents should have preference over the resource of the state.

Approved by Bryan Kirby, Chair



Togiak Advisory Committee

Monday, November 25th, 2024 at 11:00am | Located at the Togiak Traditional Council Office
Join Online: [zoom link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 818 0800 0289

Call to Order: 11:04 am

I. Roll Call

- I. Members Present: Jimmy Coopchiak
Roger Wassilie
Joe Alexie
Sidney Pavian
Thomas Dock
Moses Kritz
Walter Kanulie
Peter Lockuk
Kenneth Nukwak (KMO)
Gayla Andrews (KMO)
Mickey Sharp (TWA)
David Cleveland (TWA alt.)

- II. Members Absent (Excused):
Louie Alakyak Jr. (KMO)

- III. Members Absent (Unexcused): Jonah Lomack
Lester Moore
Richard Echuk

- IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 (10 Members Present)

- V. List of User Groups Present:

- II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands
Greta Haden-Pless
John Landsiedel
Natalie Romo
Lee Borden (online)
Todd Rinaldi (online)

- III. Guests Present: Joe Wittkop AWT
Kenton Moos TNWR (online)

- IV. Approval of Agenda:

- V. Reports



- I. Chair
 - II. ADF&G
 - i. Tim Sands : Report on 2024 season for Togiak. 22 drift permits fished in Togiak. Clara Martin, Anecia Kritz and Moses Kritz (setnet sites at Kulukak bay) made comments on Kulukak fishing and wanted extensions. Tim said for either AC or and individual make proposal. Tim mentioned the bay was open to other boats from east side on July 25 for 2024. Several people commented on east side boats fishing in closed areas in the Togiak section. Some attempts were apparently made to report incidents but no response from AWT. Joe Wittkop(AWT) responded he comes over as soon as possible, but does not see the boats. He asked if people take pictures or gather evidence, to have good videos, pictures so they can stand up in court. AC members requested available enforcement when east side boats come.
 - ii. Greta Hayden-Pless : Report on sportfishing, Greta reported on 2024 sportfishing in Togiak river. 289 kings were caught in 2023. She mentioned decrease in angler activity due to new regulations for Togiak river on Kings, therefore decrease in catch of Kings and cohos. Moses K said even though efforts were made for Kings, they are still decreasing and mention decrease in cohos and chums, said they were being caught down the peninsula like Port Heiden and further south. Ken Nukwak encouraged AC to talk with YK area AC, saying what is happening in YK drainages will eventually come here to Bristol Bay drainage.
 - iii. John Landsiedel: Wildlife area management biologist. He reported on bears, moose and caribou in 17 unit, also mentioned wolves and beavers and other animals in unit. Moose population count need good snow coverage before bulls lose antlers to have accurate count on both sexes. Moose population in 17a doing well. 2022 count for moose was 1976. Hunt extensions won't be certain until a good count is done by ADF&G and or FWS. Nushagak caribou is around 700. They collared 55 calves, 17 died from starvation, 16 predation. Rest won't birth until 2026. Cape Pierce, Newenham caribou at about 600, scattered. AC asked if there could be an opening for that section by using permit. Response was State has to be fair to other units because they might complain why they opened one section and not theirs. The AC can approach FWS to propose a hunt because that one section is under their jurisdiction and not state.
 - III. Others
 - IV. Public Comment
- IX. New Business
- I. Elections
 - a. Togiak designated seat



Sidney nominated for tog des. seat. Seconded and supported unanimously, Sidney present at meeting and accepted nomination. Sidney Pavian seated in Togiak des seat.

b. Undesignated seat x2

Jimmy nominates himself for Undesignated seat, seconded and supported unanimously. Jimmy accepts and seated in undesignated seat.

Moses Kritz nominated Lester Moore for Undesignated seat, seconded and supported. RC will reach out to Lester for acceptance.

c. Alternate seat (at large)

No nominations for Alt at large seat. This seat will be left vacant

II. Officer elections

Jimmy Coopchiak, Chair

Joe Alexie, Vice Chair

Walter Kanulie, Secretary

III. Discuss BOG Proposals 1-3, 25-27, 29-38(see attachment)

IV. Approval of minutes to meet comment deadline of December 27th for submission
Moses made motion to have minutes compiled by seretary Walter Kanulie and approved by Chairman Jimmy Coopchiak, seconded by ?, motion carried by unanimous consent.

V. Miscellaneous business Jimmy Coopchiak asked Moses Kritz to attend Nushagak Advisory Committee meeting in December


X. Set date of next meeting: after Nushagak AC

XI. Committee comments

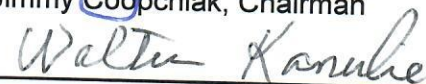
Jimmy Coopchiak and Moses Kritz thanked ADF&G, AWT, TNWR for being present

XII. Other

Adjourned at 2:48pm



Jimmy Coopchiak, Chairman



Walter Kanulie, Secretary



Alaska Board of Game: Central and Southwest Region Proposals

January 10-17, 2025 | Wasilla, Alaska

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
	11	0	
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
	11	0	
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
	11	0	
25	Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A		
	0	11	Voice vote
26	Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A		
	0	11	
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
	11	0	
29	Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
	11	0	Pat Walsh made his comments on why he made this proposal
30	Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
	0	11	Voice vote
31	Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19		
			Tabled
32	Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
	11	0	
33	Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves Unit 17		
	0	0	No action
34	Allow the same day take of brown bear in Unit 17		
	0	0	No Action



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35	Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of Feb.		
	0	11	
36	Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17		
	0	11	
37	Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17		
	11	0	
38	Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting		
	11	0	

** Please note that these recommendations accurately reflect the AC's intention regarding these proposals, but the vote tally may not be totally accurate due to intermittent loss of connection with AC members attending this meeting virtually



**Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Advisory Committee
November 23rd, 2024
Slana Community Corporation Building & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 1:20 pm by Ernie Charley

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Seat Designation	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Ernie	Charley	Chistochina	Present
2	Lauree	Bertrand	Undesignated	Present
3	Amanda	Abraham	Undesignated	Present
4	Eddie	Green	Undesignated	Present
5	Susie	Martin	Mentasta	Present
6	Tim	Olson	Undesignated	Excused
7	Thomas	Abraham	Undesignated	Present
8	Vacant		Undesignated	
9	Sue	Entsminger	Alternate	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher, Leila Williams

IV. Guests Present: Mike and Victoria Rego, Alex Mosin,

V. Approval of Agenda- unanimous approval

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes unanimous approval

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

c. Others

i. Sue served on other Fish and Game Committees and WRST Resource Commission

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business



X. New Business

- a. Elections – 1 Vacant Seat
 - i. Nominated and Voted Cole Ellis to vacant seat
- b. Board of Game Proposals 1-84
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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1	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units		
Support	8		Support Amendment
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
Oppose		8	Conflicts with fall hunting
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Oppose		8	Same as air born, No fair chase
4	Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B		
Oppose		8	no need for archery only hunt
39	Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B		
Support	8		Support reason behind proposal
40	Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C		
Support	8		Support Proposal as written
41	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C		
Support	8		Support Proposal as written
42	Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.		
Support	8		Support Proposal as written
43	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A		
Oppose		8	Do not support antlerless moose season
44	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
Oppose		8	Same reason as 43



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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
45	Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13		
Oppose		8	Do not need special season for archery hunting. Big enough areas to hunt.
46	Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions		
Oppose		8	Need more authority involved. Tricky decision.
47	Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway		
Oppose		8	Same reason as 45
48	Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou		
Oppose	1	7	Support- It has merit, Oppose-to many unknowns on the effects on the moose population
49	Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou		
Oppose		8	Do not want to affect other herds doing fine
50	Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt		
Oppose		8	Population still too low to open up.
51	Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11		
Oppose		8	Affects lively hood of local businesses
52	Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only		
Oppose		8	Same reason as 51
53	Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D		
Oppose		8	Do not need archery only hunt
54	Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260		
Support	8		Keeps it in line with all hunt areas
55	Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts		
Oppose		8	It won't change the number of permits
56	Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11		
Oppose		8	Same reason as 51
57	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.		
Oppose		8	Leave regulation as is
58	Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves		
Support	8		Support proposal as written
59	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.		
Oppose		8	In the future could support if the aligning with unit 12 season



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60	Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11		
Oppose		8	Same reason as 59
61	Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8		Support as written
62	Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D		
Oppose		8	Risk of over harvest and harm future harvests
63	Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E		
Oppose	2	6	Support-Good way to start collecting data Oppose-Better way to gather data, maybe do a ptarmigan stamp

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting---Unknown at this time.
- XII. Set next meeting date-will reach out to AC members after the new year
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn-Ernie Charley called the meeting to adjourn, Seconded by Amanda Abraham
- XV. Adjournment: 4:06 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham
Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley
Date: 11/23/24



UNALASKA / DUTCH HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Dec 26, 2024
1 pm

Location of Meeting:

Teleconference/online via Zoom

Zoom Link Ph: 253-215-8782 or 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 839-4846-5865

I. Call to order

CALL TO ORDER

The Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 1:13
by Tim Mahoney

II. Roll Call

ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Mahoney, Jeff Hancock, Dustan Dickerson

Members Absent (Excused): Shari Coleman

Members Absent (Unexcused): Chris Price

Number needed for Quorum on AC: 3

III. List of Groups Present

GROUPS PRESENT

Fish & Game Staff: Natalie Romo, Amy Vande Vort

Guests: None

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Groups Present
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
6. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. ADF&G



- c. Others
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. Regionwide and Game Units 9 & 10 BOG proposals at AC's discretion
 - b. Approval of minutes before BOG comment deadline Dec 27th
 - c. Nominate AC member to represent the UNAK/DH AC at the Cent./SW BOG meeting.
- 10. Set date of next meeting
- 11. Committee comments
- 12. Other
- 13. Adjourn

IV. Approval of Agenda

Dustan Dickerson would like to amend the Agenda to only discuss Proposal 8. Motion made by Dustan to amend Agenda. 2nd by Tim Mahoney. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

No minutes presented

VI. Reports

- a. Chair: N/A
- b. ADF&G: N/A
- c. Others: N/A

VII. Public Comments

No comments at this time

VIII. Old Business

No old business discussed at this time

IX. New Business



- a. Regionwide, Game Units 9 & 10 BOG proposals at AC's discretion: Amended by Dustan Dickerson to discuss Proposal 8 only.
 - 1) Discussion went as follows. There is concern of the reindeer being hunted on Umnak Island. The reindeer was introduced to the island in 1923 as a food source for the island's residents. However, there have been no efforts to manage the herd for the last 25 years. There was in the past, a previous hunting period, but it stopped due to the people of St. George and St. Paul asking for \$4,000 to \$5,000 per animal. So, this created a proposal was put forth by the Chaluka Corporation as the reindeer are not being managed in and around the areas they live or reside. There are no fences to keep the animals away from local residences. Discussion went into the management of the reindeer and considering them an invasive species. Also, to re-classify the reindeer as feral and including them in the definition of deleterious exotic wildlife. This would result in no closed season and no bag limit for the reindeer on Umnak Island. Jeff questioned the cost implication of classifying reindeer as caribou, suggesting it would be more costly. Amy from F&G stated that if they were classified as caribou, they would likely have to create a management plan and possibly foot the bill for surveys or monitoring. Dustan asked about the cost implication of reclassifying these animals as feral, to which Amy explained that there would be no cost to the department if they were listed under deleterious exotic wildlife. The conversation ended with unanimous approval of Proposal 8 and will plan to be involved in the next meeting on this issue. Tim nominated Dustan Dickerson to testify remotely at the Central Southwest Board Meeting. Dustan accepted.
 - 2) Other proposals related to hunting seasons are Proposal 19 and 23, which were barely touched on. Proposal 19 was about establishing a season and non-resident bag limit for the Arctic fox and proposal 23 was about lengthening the non-resident hunting season for Emperor geese. These proposals were not thoroughly discussed due to time constraints.



X. Set Date for Next Meeting

No date has been set.

XI. Committee Comments

Jeff: Has there been any animals taken at some point so far?

Tim: Can the reindeer be commercially caught?

Dust: What, if any, will there be hunting licenses need to be issued? Amy answered, hunters would need to follow land regulations and obtain permits for private properties.

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn

Dustan made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Dustan Dickerson

Minutes Approved by: Tim Mahoney- Vice Chair, by email

Date Approved: 12/27/24



Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 26 th , 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G

Conference Room and by web/teleconference
Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/UT40ACnov26>
Dial in: (669) 444-9171
Meeting ID: 847 3878 0938
Passcode: UT40

I. **Call to Order** at 7:01

II. **Roll Call:** Tok: Leif Wilson (chair), Jake Combs (vice chair), Thor Jorgensen
Dot Lake: [Cary Fremin](#), Nikolas Fremin (alternate)
Healy Lake: [Patricia MacDonald](#), Krystal Lapp (alternate)
Northway: [Darrell Kasse](#)
Tanacross:
Tetlin: [Alexander Joe](#), [Herman Gene](#) (alternate)
Undesignated: Frank Entsminger, [Peter Talus](#) (alternate; secretary), Matt Snyder
(alternate) Blue designates absent at roll call

III. **Number Needed for Quorum** on AC: 5 (7 present)

IV. **Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jeff Gross, Marie Doug and Barb Pine, Ryan Adam, Aiden Hunter

V. **Approval of Agenda** Added Change : New business Statewide comments to Southwest 12/27 Vote: approved

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** 2/6/2024 Vote: Motion by Matt, Thor 2nd...all in favor

VII. Reports and updates:

- a. Chairperson's report
Upper Tanana sport fish proposals deadline in April 10th
- b. ADF&G staff
Aiden: Moose and Sheep update: Moose numbers are lower, Sheep small increase
Jeff: Caribou update, predator control update

VIII. Comments and Concerns from the public: None

IX. Comments and Concerns from AC members: None

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition
Letter received regarding new meeting and plan update. 40Mile AC rep and alternate. Leif, Jake, Thor, Matt, Bruce all willing.



- b. ADFG Commissioner Letter RE: Minto-Nenana Fish & Game AC Moose Proposals for 2025 Boards Cycle
- c. 9-mile Trail : Where is it, where it ends. Agenda change request submitted by AST to and approved by BOG.
- d. State Forests: Lands designation change proposals.

- e. Board of Game Statewide Proposals – comments due March 7th , 2025
 - Motion to support proposal 2 by Frank 2nd by Matt Vote: all voted no
 - Motion to support proposal 4 by Frank 2nd by Matt Vote: all vote no
 - Frank with drawl support from proposal 40
 - Motion by Frank to support proposal 44 2nd by Thor then withdrawn
 - Thor motions to support 48 2nd by Frank Vote: All vote yes
 - Motion to support 49 by Frank 2nd by Matt Vote: all vote no
 - Motion to support 51 and 52 2nd by Frank Vote: all vote no
 - Motion to Support proposal 57 by Thor 2nd by Frank Vote: All vote yes
 - Motion to support 58 by Thor, Frank 2nd Vote: All voted yes
 - Motion to support 59 by Thor 2nd by Matt With amendment trapping and snaring to align with unit 13 Vote: All vote yes
 - Motion to support amended 59 by Thor 2nd by Matt Vote all vote yes
 - Thor motion to support the change as stated: Amend trapping season to include the snare restriction to align in unit 12. 2nd by Matt Vote: all vote yes
 - Motion to support proposal to lengthen unit 11 coyote trapping and snaring season to include the trapping and snaring restrictions to align with season 12 2nd by Matt Vote : all yes
 - Motion to support amended proposal by Matt 2nd by Frank Vote: all vote yes

- f. Other committee, fisheries, and wildlife business as needed

XII. Set next meeting date: 12/17/24

XIII. Adjourn @ 10:04



UPPER TANANA/FORTY MILE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE Page 1/3
Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17th , 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G

I. Call to Order: 7:07 pm

II. Roll Call: Tok: Leif Wilson (chair), Jake Combs (vice chair), Thor Jorgensen

Dot Lake:

Healy Lake: Krystal Lapp (alternate)

Northway:

Tanacross:

Tetlin:

Undesignated: Frank Entsminger, Peter Talus (joined @ 7:14 pm) (alternate; secretary),

Matt Snyder (alternate)

III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 (6 present)

IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:

Marie Jameson, Kyle, Jeff , Aiden (joined @ 7:16 pm)

V. Approval of Agenda for 12/17/2024

Motion to approve agenda: Frank

Second to approve agenda: Jake

Unanimous approval of the Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 11/26/2024

Amendments to include adding 60 to amendment and proposal discussions on proposal 60

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Jake

Second to approve meeting minutes: Frank

Unanimous approval of meeting minutes

VII. Reports and updates:

a. Chairperson's report:

Brandy Baker Fisheries Biologist in Delta Junction: She can attend a January or February meeting and present information and proposals.

AYK meeting: tentative meeting April 10th.

Kyle forwarded a letter from Healy Lake: There is new member Elias Taylor.

b. ADF&G staff:

Wolf Control: Jeff/Aiden had a meeting with Lincoln, Jason, and leadership members. Start processing application in early 2025. Still figuring out the legal logistics. Early stages of planning.

HMC: No major updates, they are accepting applications, no new conversations on the first meeting

c. Others:

VIII. Comments and Concerns from the public:

No public comments or concerns

IX. Comments and Concerns from AC members:

Peter inquired about an update on Forestry plans. There are no current news for the Forestry's Plans for the new land additions.

X. Old Business

No old business discussion at this time.

XI. New Business

a. Elections for 1 expired seat (Leif Wilson's) designated for the community of Tok and 1 vacant seat designated for the community of Tanacross

b. Appointment of alternates; the Upper Tanana Fortymile AC can appoint 1 alternate for each of the following communities: Dot Lake, Healy Lake, Northway, Tanacross,



Tetlin, and Tok, as well as 2 undesignated alternates. Alternate terms may not exceed one year. (See below for new guidance about community designated alternates)

Leif motion to appoint all existing alternates. Matt 2nd Vote all yes

c. Officer elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Recorder. Officer terms are two years.

Open nomination for chair. Frank nominates Leif Nominations closed

Open nomination for vice chair. Frank nominates Jake. Nomination closed

Open nomination for sec. Frank nominates Peter. Nomination closed

d. Comments on Board of Game Central and Southwest Region Proposals due Dec 27th

i. Proposals under review include: Proposal 39, Proposal 40, Proposal 41, and others

Support Proposal 40 by Matt, 2nd by Frank Vote: all vote yes

Motion of support 41 by Matt 2nd by Jake Vote: all vote no

Motion to support 87 by Frank 2nd by Matt. Vote all vote no

Motion to support 86 by Thor Frank 2nd Vote: all vote no

Motion to support 88 by Crystal, 2nd by Frank vote all yes

Motion to amend 88 to include plains bison by Frank 2nd by Crystal Vote: all yes

Motion to Support proposal 92 by Frank, 2nd by Matt Vote one opposed the rest 4

Motion to support proposal 93 by Matt, 2nd by Frank Vote all yes

Motion to support proposal 95 by Frank, 2nd by Matt Vote one abstain rest is no

Motion to support proposal 97 as amended by Frank, 2nd by Jake supported unanimously

Motion by Matt second by Jake amend proposal 97 "In an area where there is any open season"

Motion by Jake to support 99 2nd by Matt Vote all no

Motion by Matt to support 100 2nd by Frank Vote all vote no

Motion by Jake to support 101, 2nd by Matt Vote all vote yes

e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

XII. Set next meeting date 2/4/25

XIII. Adjourn 21:23

Minutes Recorded By: Peter Talus

Minutes Approved By: Leif Wilson, Chair

Date: 12/31/2024