



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			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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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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

- I. Call to Order: Phillip Peter
- II. 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.

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Keith Oster, ADFG; Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG

- IV. 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 02/11/2025
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game
Michelle Heun, Secretary
Andy Couch
Austin Manelick (Zoom)
Dom Nickles (Zoom)
Hunter Hongslo
Danny Lewis
Ed Soto
Pete Imhof (Zoom)
Birch Yuknis (Zoom)
Bruce Privett

Members Absent (Excused):

Robert (Bob) Cassell
Neil DeWitt
Steve Bartelli

Members Absent (Unexcused):

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:

Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Dewey Bitler

V. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Mansavage made a Motion to amend the agenda to table Board of Fisheries (BOF) Statewide Proposals 280 and 281 to the next meeting. Second by Mr. Montgomery. CON: There was discussion among members about not agreeing the



department should do what they want, would oppose, and the committee should take them up and vote down. PRO: The issue for observer criteria is something in the procurement world. The proposal is poorly written. The contracting component is stymied by regulation and regulation is driving it. Would like to hear more from the department. There is no observers on trowels in Prince William Sound. Members would like to wait for department comments. Motion to amend the agenda to take up BOF 280 and 281 at next meeting approved.

- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 29, 2025, 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 said the east side set-netters would like to make a presentation to the committee at the next meeting, but it would have to be on Thursday, February 20. He asked if anyone would object to moving the meeting date and time to the 20th at 6pm. No objections.
 - b. ADF&G
 - None
- VIII. Public Comment
 - No public comment
- IX. Old Business
 - a. BOF Statewide Proposals 280 and 281 (tabled from 01/29/25 regular meeting). Tabled to next meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6pm.
- X. New Business
 - a. Review of Board of Game (BOG) Statewide Proposals (including ACRs accepted as proposals).
 - Standing Motions and second on BOG proposals will be done by Mr. Couch and Mr. Montgomery.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - Chairman Mansavage will attend the Fortymile Caribou meeting in Fairbanks February 27-28, 2025.
- XII. Set next meeting date
 - Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6:00pm
 - Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 7:00pm



XIII. Other

- Mr. Couch would like the committee to look at the BOF supplemental proposals at the next meeting (76-82).

XIV. Adjourn at 9:41pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: February 20, 2025



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 02/20/2025
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:02pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game
Michelle Heun, Secretary
Austin Manelick
Danny Lewis
Robert (Bob) Cassell (Zoom)
Ed Soto
Neil DeWitt (Zoom)
Steve Bartelli
Pete Imhof (Zoom)
Birch Yuknis
Bruce Privett

Members Absent (Excused): 3

Andy Couch
Dom Nickles
Hunter Hongslo

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:

Chris Brockman, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Dewey Bitler
Brian and Lisa Gabriel

V. Approval of Agenda



- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 29, 2025, and February 11, 2025, 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 said the committee would need to take up sheep proposals (19C) since many were discussed at a previous meeting and membership has changed.
 - b. ADF&G
 - None
- VIII. Public Comment
- None
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- a. Presentation by Brian and Lisa Gabriel: Set Beach Seines (Commissioner's Permit UCL-2024-01 (Board of Fisheries (BOF) Proposal 313))
 - Brian and Lisa Gabriel were authorized Permit 24-01 from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lane to test sea beach seines on the east side of the Upper Cook Inlet. They are the authors of Board of Fisheries (BOF) Proposal 313 (formerly Agenda Change Request (ACR) 8 approved unanimously). They partnered with others to combine resources. Another permit was issued (24-02) on Salamatof Beach with two boats, but they were unable to get resources together. Mr. Gabriel explained they have not been able to fish gillnets because of King mortality and alternate methods to be able to release Kings alive were considered. A video was shown to committee members on use of a trailer to manage the seine on the beach and utilized to move to different locations. (The video can be viewed on YouTube as well as on the ADF&G Advisory Committee site.) The tie can be anywhere on the running line depicting a tide line; similar to gillnets, but the net can be moved in and out with the tide (using the tide 4-15 minutes). They hired and payed for observers for the permit to watch for Kings. No Kings were lost and each were measured before they were "rolled" over the cork.
 - Motion was made by Mr. Bartelli to take up BOF (ACR8) Proposal 313. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. See comments under BOF Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews. Motion to support Proposal 313 is supported 9-3.



- b. BOF Proposals 280 and 281
 - Motion made by Mr. Bartelli to take up BOF Proposals 280 and 281. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. (See comments under BOF Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
 - c. Current Proposals for Board of Game (BOG) Statewide Meeting in Anchorage
 - Chairman Mansavage suggested Proposal 190 be taken up and Proposals 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, and 110-118 reflect those comments and vote with the exception of taking no action (TNA) on 108. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
 - Motion made by Mr. Soto to take up Proposal 190. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
 - Motion made by Mr. Yuknis to take up Proposal 192. Motion second by Mr. Soto. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
 - Motion made by Mr. Lewis to take up Proposal 126. Motion second by Mr. Manelick. (Discussion on Proposal 127 and 128 similar). (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
 - d. Other Fish and Game Business as Necessary
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - XII. Set next meeting date
 - Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6pm (Take up BOG Proposals 119-144)
 - XIII. Other
 - XIV. Adjourn at 9:34pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: February 24, 2025



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 02/26/2025
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 6:07pm by Dan Montgomery, Vice Chairman Game
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chairman Game
Michelle Heun, Secretary
Austin Manelick (Zoom)
Dom Nickles (Zoom-Left meeting before end)
Danny Lewis
Ed Soto
Neil DeWitt (Zoom)
Steve Bartelli
Pete Imhof (Zoom)
Birch Yuknis
Bruce Privett

Members Absent (Excused): 4
Herb Mansavage
Andy Couch
Hunter Hongslo
Robert (Bob) Cassell
Members Absent (Unexcused): 1
Casey Dinkel

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- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Cory Stantorf, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage) (Zoom)
Nick Docken, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage) (Zoom)
Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
- IV. Guests Present:
Dewey Bitler
- V. Approval of Agenda



- Ms. Heun asked for the committee to bring back up previously reviewed Board of Game (BOG) Proposals 114, 115, 116, 126, 127, and 128 due to additional comments needed for proposals review. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Mr. Soto. Seconded Mr. Bartelli.
- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes and completed Board of Fisheries (BOF) Statewide Proposals Review of February 20, 2025, 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
 - None
 - b. ADF&G
 - None
- VIII. Public Comment
 - None
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - Board of Game Statewide Proposals
Standing Motions to take up BOG proposals will be done by Mr. Lewis and Vice Chairman Montgomery and second by Mr. Soto preceding discussion and vote.
 - Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
None
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - Ms. Heun asked members about a Mat Valley Advisory Committee (AC) member representative to attend and testify at the BOF meeting in Anchorage on the statewide reviewed proposals. Chairman Mansavage previously said he did not need a hotel and could drive in to testify. Mr. Soto indicated he was also interested in providing testimony. It was suggested the two discuss and let the committee know who will attend as the AC representative.
 - Board Support, Ms. Williams, mentioned she will need to know by March 6, if a Mat Valley AC member would be attending the BOG to testify on BOG reviewed proposals. Chairman Mansavage will send a notice out and confirm who's going to attend.
- XII. Set next meeting date



- Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:00pm (elections for vacant/expiring seats)

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn at 9:32pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: March 3, 2025



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 7, 2025

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: I reached out to Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) and the department since “transport” was part of the additional proposal language. Unofficially, this would be a low priority for AWT, it would create a tremendous amount of additional work for the department. We don’t need more regulation. If it’s not broken, there is no reason to fix it. I am opposed to this.</p> <p>CON: I don’t see anything in this proposal that says we need this.</p>
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
SUPPORT	10	1	<p>PRO: Generally, we are opposed to thickening the book. I think sea ducks have potential for abuse. A valuable resource that has been sitting. I am inclined to support this.</p> <p>People would over harvest? Only reason to over harvest would be to shoot them.</p> <p>PRO: I feel like there isn’t a lot of regulation. Seems to occur in a pretty contained area.</p> <p>PRO: Been observing since the late 90s. Run them down in boats and shooting them.</p> <p>PRO: Elevating those that don’t have a stamp.</p> <p>PRO: Overall not opposed to reporting. Does the department have any mechanism in place to enforce?</p> <p>Does anyone have an idea how this would be done?</p> <p>PRO: I support the reporting. What we saw on Kodiak these transporters are growing wings. Reporting from resident and non-resident is a good question. Maybe a punch card? The sea ducks population has decreased through the United States. I think it’s important we collect the data. Recently closed a bird on Kodiak to non-resident (Emperor). Information that may be good to be gathered for the department.</p> <p>PRO: Any department comment on this? I would think this goes to the board to be heard the department would bring up these issues. I’ve been to a Board of Game (BOG) where they were talking about sea duck decline, and I could support gathering more information.</p> <p>PRO: Tend to support. Anything federal we need to be concerned about?</p>



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 7, 2025

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			<p>PRO: There is nobody out there watching you. It's good to hear what people are seeing.</p> <p>Would people consider an amendment to end of season reporting?</p> <p>PRO: If there are non-resident they could report. If they get their duck stamp they could be required to give their email address for the report to be sent rather than a paper copy to fill out. How can you do this and make it easy enough for everyone to participate and not burdensome.</p>
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: I don't think this is abused as much. Inclined not to support. I hesitate a little.</p> <p>CON: Will only hurt the guys following the rules. I won't support.</p> <p>CON: To me, my brother used a kayak to duck hunt and this would make it illegal to hunt ducks. I will be opposed.</p> <p>CON: Could be drifting without using power and be illegal.</p> <p>CON: Anchoring would be a problem in 200-300 feet of water.</p> <p>CON: If they are out there hunting ducks the eagles would be there right away. I won't support.</p>
88	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	0	12	<p>CON: Too soon.</p> <p>CON: I don't want to see it being a cultural animal. They were just introduced back into Alaska. This would eliminate the public ability to hunt them.</p>
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		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: For moose this is overstepping it. I don't think an online course would educate them enough. Moose are a popular animal to hunt. Three or four brow tines is pretty easy to determine legal. If not, then just pass it up.</p> <p>CON: There is a lot in this proposal.</p> <p>A couple years ago I drew Unit 7 tag in 20 mile, and I had to take the course and you have to pack it in your wallet.</p> <p>CON: I concur with previous member comment if anything of this had to be required I think they should do a hunter education course.</p>
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		



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SUPPORT	10	2	<p>PRO: I talked to someone who proposed this who may be a part of the Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance. A lot of it came from someone shooting a Dall ewe. I support this.</p> <p>CON: I don't support this. If you can kill any mountain goat that isn't with a kid. Most people know they are killing nannies. I don't think making it mandatory before you hunt will make a difference.</p> <p>Their opinion is there is a lower amount of goats and there should be less harvest.</p> <p>PRO: They are counting the nannies as two goats. In Valdez this is a chronic problem shooting nannies. I have taken the quiz it's not hard. I don't see anything wrong with the quiz.</p> <p>Not far from Valdez has 352 recorded goats in that area and their quote was still nine. There was a lack of trust in their numbers.</p> <p>CON: The way the department looks at it the harvestable is six percent.</p> <p>PRO: No reason to have a two quota.</p> <p>CON: That's another thing if you kill a 10-12 year old nanny should not be counted as two. Harvestable of nine is very low.</p> <p>PRO: I have hunted goats for over 30 years. One size doesn't fit all. I took the course, too. I found it interesting. I found some residents didn't really know what they were looking at. This is a useful course. I support education. It doesn't cost anything.</p> <p>PRO: Let's call it managing it for maximum benefit for maintain the population. If they had the opportunity they would pick that nanny. I think it's beneficial and you end up with a better population and more opportunity.</p> <p>CON: I am opposed. I've seen dried up old nannies. If a guide sees a nanny and you get chastised from other guides if you make that mistake.</p>
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
SUPPORT	10	2	See comments on Proposal 90.
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
SUPPORT	12	0	<p>PRO: I am in support of this. Any sub legal ram taken is not good. Anything we can do to help.</p> <p>How would this be implemented to non-residents?</p> <p>PRO: I don't think we should pass a regulation that only residents have to take.</p>



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			<p>PRO: At the end of the course you get a little card and laminate it. Non-residents should take it.</p> <p>PRO: I would be on the phone with the guy whose taking the test and coach him through it.</p> <p>PRO: It doesn't say you have to pass the course. Says you have to complete it.</p> <p>PRO: Requires everyone.</p>
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: I oppose this. I think the plug is a good thing. People have things made up for certification. Plugging is the best thing that has happened to sheep in many years. If they were stolen and the plug was in it there is no question. It doesn't distract from the trophy at all.</p> <p>CON: If I remember right in Montana they were doing it a long time ago, it was to deter poaching. There was three individuals in Anchorage that poached 2 or 3 in a closed area and they were not sealed. Easy for troopers to identify those illegal rams. Some people were complaining the plug was too close to the core. Not a reason to not continue to seal. We should continue.</p> <p>CON: I oppose this. I don't think this is necessary.</p>
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
SUPPORT	10	2	<p>Proposal author provided members with two information handouts. This mimics British Columbia judging. It provides patience to the hunter not to judge from above or below. Would add the horn base tip angle test to keep a 360 degree circle requiring a level right view.</p> <p>PRO: I agree with the proposal author. I am all for getting rid of this tube thing. It was a bad idea when they started doing the plugging. The only reason this counts if that ram is 6-7 years old very seldom they will be five years old. If you think they might not be, just pass it up.</p> <p>CON: This would make more people illegal.</p> <p>PRO: I think people have gotten away with an illegal with a tube test. The desire of this proposal is to elevate or descend up or down to get to a square view to judge.</p> <p>If you look at a ram I watch until I can determine if it's legal.</p> <p>PRO: I've looked at hundreds in the field. If you aren't sure in the field within 10 minutes don't shoot.</p> <p>CON: I oppose. I want people to harvest legal sheep. It would make some of the rams that are legal right now make them illegal. I just want as</p>



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			<p>many hunters to hunt legal. If we have already considered it legal then it should stay that way.</p> <p>This is only for the full curl regulation.</p> <p>CON: If this was passed would this reduce opportunity?</p> <p>There are a few rams with the tube test would be consider legal maybe 2 or 3. It would make you less risk-taking.</p> <p>CON: I am opposed. At that point its minute angles at the point. Current regulation passing the tube test is a legal sheep. I would rather the regulations stay the same. Passing the hunter education is good as well.</p>
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>CON: Adamantly opposed to this. The old ones will never be full curl.</p> <p>CON: The tube test would do the same thing. Might allow you to kill some rams that would may never be legal. I am in favor of keeping it as it is.</p>
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 95.
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>Unanimous opposition.</p> <p>CON: I don't believe this should be in place and there's already restrictions in place not haze animals and/or hunters with any means of transportation including aircraft.</p>
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>Unanimous opposition. See comments on Proposal 97.</p> <p>CON: Same restrictions that are in place for the rest of the season. Currently you can fly by a sheep one time. If he is disturbed and he moves that is harassment.</p>
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
SUPPORT	9	3	<p>PRO: I personally thought we were going to remove air restrictions all together. Takes the ominous off it that you can't spot sheep from an aircraft. Keeps in play the ones already there. Since aircraft restriction has gone in place it has basically eliminated residents from hunting with their own aircraft after the season opens. First two weeks restriction would still be in place, but you could fly up a canon, find a place to land, and go hunt them.</p>



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			<p>PRO: How you can still fly for them during this period but cannot get closer than 500 yards after the 20th. I am not opposed to this at all, but I would like the restriction to be gone.</p> <p>PRO: We and a lot of people tried to abolish 207 every single cycle and nothing has worked. This is one step in that direction.</p> <p>PRO: Proposal 207 was most detrimental to the resident hunter who hunted with his own airplane. You keep the pulse what's happening in your own neighborhood. If you are a resident hunter I don't want to go the first two weeks of the season. This proposal comes as close to it as possible.</p> <p>CON: Super controversial. The reason 207 went through is because we were getting bombarded by Cubs through the season. Residents were complaining about tents being harassed, sheep being harassed next to their camp before opening day or later in the season. If you use a Cub like some individuals do, I support it. The only way to kill them is to fly them. There are honest residents, but the big hunts are being flown. We need to get back to hunting not aerial killing. I have been fortunate to help some folks killing a sheep in the park. We hiked in and worked hard. I am a foot pounder.</p> <p>PRO: It's not automatic by any chance. There are a lot of good ones that don't get taken.</p> <p>PRO: I think it's worth giving it a try. It addresses what's important. If it gets implemented and goes south they can try something else.</p> <p>CON: Staying with status quo. I am opposed.</p>
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
OPPOSE	5	6	<p>PRO: Support. Just adds more permits.</p> <p>CON: Opposed. How do you determine 35 percent of the sheep until they are harvested? Non-residents are more successful, so how do you determine the 35 percent.</p> <p>It would take at least two years to get the 35 percent numbers.</p> <p>CON: 35 percent is too many sheep. Even 19C proposes 80/20 split. Based on last year's harvest unit by unit. I went through 35 years of harvest; guides would get 20 percent of the 100.</p> <p>CON: You are better making this a draw permit.</p> <p>CON: The guiding industry needs some kind of certainty. How can you have a business from year to year, but know it will change drastically. It's</p>



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			<p>hard to set up a business to succeed. You are giving out so many tags, but I don't think you can set it on harvest. There will be times where the harvest is low where non-residents hunters won't be allowed. You issue permits by percentage not based on harvest.</p> <p>CON: 19C before the die off, the most productive is maybe 20A is the same and ten years ago they started studying 19C harvest. What they found was less than 50 percent of legal rams which is an eight year old ram or better were still in the field after the season closed even though there was a big harvest of non-residents over there. Just because there wasn't that many residents overall there was just a ton of sheep there. What they found was 50 percent of the rams were still in the field, legal rams after even with that much pressure and that many guides and non-resident hunts, they still had 50 percent. That's why the board never took any action to restrict non-residents.</p> <p>PRO: I am okay with leaving a surplus of sheep in the field. I am going to let the board decide how that pans out. I am okay with the word harvest.</p> <p>PRO: My concern is a whack-a-mole game. Most of these drawings are given a 10 percent and every area we are doing something different. I don't see any problem with having surplus rams each year. I feel like it should be consistent. Every hunt-able habitat and figure out how many drawing permits can be issued. As a resident, I have to compete with the others in the draw. It would be better for residents and better for business.</p> <p>PRO: This appears to be a compromise. The language is a little confusing and some data missing, but the intent of unlimited opportunity hunting for non-residents is clear. I don't think the board will go for it, but I think it sends a message.</p> <p>CON: Over in 12, an area hard hunted and people everywhere. There are lots of conflicts and if went with this it would be more. Sheep working group proposal will probably be adopted some way.</p> <p>PRO: I would like to see a clean cut split for allocation in some way, but I don't agree its necessary part of non-residents just having guided being better sheep hunters like in 19. If there is a guide camp on every drainage there is limited resident harvest. Pretty tough for residents to get in there.</p> <p>CON: The department in delta there are 70 tags available and they have the same problems in Tok. There are six tags to non-residents as a 10</p>



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			percent allocation. What we will see in 19C we will never see those numbers again.
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	<p>PRO: With the thermal talk on predators in the Tok area there was discussion of essentially not providing IM to sheep.</p> <p>PRO: There is no intensive management (IM) statewide for sheep. The only fear I have if they start doing traditional harvest. This is the department proposal do implement IM for sheep.</p> <p>PRO: I think they wanted to look at this statewide. I would support this.</p>
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>I think it would be good to take one vote to encompass these proposals. I think we should take up the working group proposal. Basically, the new proposal takes up everything.</p> <p>Chairman: Vote as a block on 102-118, except 108. Then move to 190. (Was made as a Motion and second.)</p> <p>When all these proposals were all rejected by us previously and we will vote on these again since some members are no longer here and we have new members so the board knows where we stand on this.</p> <p>CON: Newer information and the methods these were written seem inadequate for 19C sheep.</p> <p>CON: Department has established there is a biological concern. All except 108 (108 was turned into an ACR).</p>
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		



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OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
TNA			See comments Proposal 190. There is an ACR on this now.
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	10	(One member dropped from call.) CON: Should not restrict opportunity to those who want to hunt with a rifle. CON: We don't need to make exclusive hunts for archery only. CON: I see no reason to restrict future non-resident sheep hunting. CON: I think this proposal the working group would shut it down and this was a savor to start an archery there. There is no reason to have an archery hunt and it's difficult to access. 100 percent opposed.
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
TNA			Winter is already open. The board has taken this up before. They have already been reopened. Legally, they cannot eliminate this subsistence hunt and open for harvest ticket for residents only.
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		



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TNA			Seen comments on Proposal 115.
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
OPPOSE	0	12	See comments on Proposal 190.
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
125	Define “developed recreation facility” and “permanent dwelling” for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
OPPOSE	6	6	Similar to Proposal 187 except doesn't have scopes. PRO: I will support this knowing it will be kept the same at the March meeting to be allowed statewide for furbearers. PRO: Passed last Region III meeting in Fairbanks last year.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
OPPOSE	5	5	127 and 128 are basically the same. For fur bearers only doesn't include black bears or grizzlies. Cannot be used for wolves during regular big game.



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			<p>CON: Opposed to it. I don't like the idea. I feel like there could be some fur bearers that could be significantly be depleted if they got busy in the area. If wolves and coyotes I would support, but that's it.</p> <p>CON: I also don't support. Looking at the numbers, ethics and sportsmanship. I think the rules we have and established have been satisfactory to me. I don't feel good about this one. Lynx are particularly susceptible to this.</p> <p>CON: Fur bearers are under the trapping regulations. This is hunting over bait with firearms.</p> <p>Wasn't this passed last year for the interior? This makes it statewide.</p> <p>PRO: I am going to support this. I think it's a good tool. I could take some non-residents to hunt wolves and coyotes using some bait. I don't think there is any real threat to the fur bearer population. You don't have rabbits don't have lynx.</p> <p>CON: They were more concerned if someone was trapping with an animal was in the trap it would be easier to take than dispatch it without.</p> <p>PRO: This is a common thing in the lower 48. What I struggle with is what if you get effective hunters who clean out the population. I am undecided at the moment. I support the idea but don't know if I like how it was written. We all have our boundaries on what we like to do. One of the proposals has a date to it and the other does not.</p>
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal, optics for taking furbearers statewide		
OPPOSE	5	5	See comments on Proposal 127.
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
OPPOSE	0	10	<p>CON: I am going to oppose this one, 225 is too much for all big game.</p> <p>CON: Talked with a friend who listed several cartridges 25-45 sharps should never be used for big game. Too convoluted. I don't like this one at all.</p> <p>CON: Regulating ethics. The caliber won't matter if you don't choose the distance.</p> <p>CON: I don't agree with the .25. All the years in the village they pump moose with .223. 223 is too small. 243 is nice.</p>
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
SUPPORT	7	3	<p>This makes the .243 statewide.</p> <p>PRO: Seems more reasonable.</p>



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			<p>PRO: I will support. The Bethel Fish & Game AC is opposing more of a local flavor and hopefully, a body of people are addressing this. Personally, .243 is still small for moose.</p> <p>PRO: I see it as an enforcement issue. How will they keep track of whose shooting what out there?</p>
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSED	0	10	<p>CON: I am going to oppose this one. Someone can harass your traps if they want to. With enforcement if they don't like a particular trapper they could come in and check your trap if there is any scent on it. I know it's being abused on refuge land on the peninsula. Someone is checking traps regularly and ruins the sets.</p> <p>CON: I spoke with two licensed trappers and 100 percent will not support this.</p> <p>CON: In NY we were required to have identification tags and didn't see it presented as a problem. I do have a problem with this particular proposal as it identifies children getting caught in the trap.</p> <p>CON: People who are opposed to trapping will do things to give the sport a black eye. They could do a lot of things that could cause problems. I prefer the system we are using in the state.</p>
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snow machines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
OPPOSE	0	10	<p>CON: I would suspect the author has had some non-resident issues. I know one guide who guides non-residents for wolves. I cannot support this.</p>
133	Prohibit trappers from using snow machines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>(Another member joined via Zoom.)</p> <p>CON: I am against this to use snow machines to take wolverines. There isn't a whole lot out there.</p> <p>CON: I lived in the arctic and saw two wolverines in the time I was there. I will oppose this. Most of the wolverines are taken with a trap. It's not necessary.</p> <p>CON: You don't see them that often. I won't support.</p>
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
SUPPORT, As Amended	9	2	<p>CON: Too broad. Residents don't have to draw, it's a harvest. I don't know the moose draw permits would have an effect on.</p>



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			<p>PRO: I would like to support his with a little discussion and amendment. Moose are groceries up here. Primarily people are filling their freezers. This body has had numerous discussions on a 90/10 split we have been able to support over a long period of time. I would like to amend this to allocate at least 90 percent to residents.</p> <p>PRO: At least 90 percent would give full capacity to residents. Motion to amend is to Allocate at least 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>PRO: I have hunted these and now doing my own thing on the drainage. I don't like the fact that people go out in expensive boats and get the antler. I would like to see something. It's a very special tag if you draw it. In my opinion, it is being abused by subsistence hunting by residents and spending money to get their cut antlers fix. I would rather see people draw the tag rather than people abuse the subsistence point of it.</p> <p>PRO: The reason I made the amendment I think there are some hunts that allocate some non-residents hunts have less than 10 percent allocation to them. If only 90 percent drawing can go to residents then non-residents could get more. If there is no non-resident component rather than 100 percent. Housekeeping amendment. All 100 percent can be issued to residents, only up to 10 percent to non-residents.</p> <p>PRO: His amendment would issue at least 90 percent in both sentences. Closes the gaps. This supports the author's idea. (Area specific) 19C right now there is no non-resident component.</p> <p>PRO: Not create more non-residents moose hunts.</p> <p>PRO: If you do at least 90 all or not less than. It supports the idea that he wants to see 90 percent. Not less than would be more in line with regulatory language. We need to be specific without creating more non-resident opportunity. Taking out 'at least' and using 'not less than'.</p> <p>Motion to amend is to Allocate not less than 90 percent of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows. (Would be for both sentences.) Amendment passes 10-1.</p> <p>CON: Too confusing, would like to see what is happening out there first. (Board Support read from recently released department comments.)</p>



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			<p>CON: Proposal as amended, never been more than 94 percent going to residents and looks at our vote and not the amendment. I didn't know what the drawing odds were.</p> <p>Author was aiming at a few units specific. Seem to be upset with a few areas.</p> <p>CON: We have a proposal that allocates more permits as amended. I will oppose 134 as amended. There isn't a problem.</p> <p>PRO: We've talked about this 10 percent thing for years.</p> <p>To Department: Are those numbers for what unit or statewide? (Referring to department comments: Statewide.)</p>
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>(Board Support read department comments which is opposed to the complexity to implementing this proposal will introduce.)</p> <p>CON: I have faith the department will figure it out. Overall it will be 90/10</p> <p>CON: Moose permits will guarantee 10 percent to non-resident if there are 10 permits available.</p> <p>CON: I will vote it down and say see notes on Proposal 134.</p> <p>What if we amend it "up to".</p> <p>I was thinking "up to 10 percent" whether it adds or takes away. It's fair. Along these lines, if there is less than 10 permits are given then next year allocate the 10th tag to a non-resident. The 10th tag goes to a non-resident. I just want to be consistent.</p> <p>CON: Could affect some hunts dramatically such as 13A. Each draw hunt would be separate (Department: This proposal would allocate each to non-resident.)</p> <p>CON: I just wanted to say going the permitting route 90/10, instead of going there on a lot of these votes, I would rather have a weapons restriction than go straight to permits.</p> <p>Is Tier II a drawing? All subsistence is residents only statewide.</p> <p>Motion and second to propose to amend this to Allocate up to 10 percent, or not more than, of the big game drawing permits to non-residents.</p> <p>Amendment fails 5-6.</p> <p>CON: I do see this somewhat complicated for the state to manage for the low number of tags we give out.</p>
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		



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OPPOSE	0	11	CON: Drawn once in a lifetime. I don't support. CON: Based on the fee may eliminate a lot of people. CON: Currently the bison is every 10 years. I don't think any restrictions. I think its fine the way it is.
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
OPPOSE	0	11	CON: It shouldn't be allowed. The department limits to one specific topic in each proposal. I don't see any support for this. Was too convoluted. CON: I don't think there is anything wrong with it right now except it should be done at a live event. CON: Does the department have the ability to do this already without a regulatory change? CON: Preference of bonus point to draw a hunt is very slim. CON: It's so easy to lie on your preference points. I don't like it and am against it.
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: Eliminated the fee. This a house cleaning. They just want to get the locking tag off this.
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
SUPPORT	10	1	PRO: On goats not required to keep evidence. I can support this. You can look at horns. Not a lot of abuse. PRO: Department comments are neutral. CON: Some games both have horns and they have to go back they have to figure it out. Keep status quo.
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
OPPOSE	0	11	CON: If it would require a DNA sample it would take too long. CON: AWT opposed.
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: This would simplify it. If is on a camera and can transfer to a phone. I don't have any objection to it. PRO: I can be sitting in my living room and you can send it to me. No way to prove I wasn't there. I see a way of abuse. I am for it. (Hunter and recipient would simultaneously record the video.) PRO: Page 165 as clarified by matching video language. I like the idea of an alternate idea. PRO: AWT supports.



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142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
SUPPORT	7	4	<p>CON: Currently you have to have a permit to do this. Unless it's part of an estate.</p> <p>PRO: Once we pull the trigger it's yours. If it's on the wall you can't sell it. With a permit, it's legal to sell.</p> <p>CON: I don't think we should eliminate the permit. What is purpose of permit? Legally obtained? Potential illicit trade.</p> <p>PRO: AWT allows legally to sell with a permit. (Trophy is life like, not just a raw animal.)</p> <p>PRO: Cannot be used for trophy value.</p> <p>Dan, with this eliminates going out to kill an animal to just sell it.</p> <p>PRO: I don't think there is anything wrong with this.</p>
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
SUPPORT	7	4	<p>PRO: Looks a better account.</p> <p>PRO: You don't have to have it prepared.</p> <p>See comments on Proposal 142.</p>
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>CON: I am for keeping it at six months. I would hate to see someone lose their trophy and give them time to figure it out.</p> <p>CON: Taxidermist will take a deposit and I think six months is fair.</p>
145	Add Eurasian Eagle to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>CON: I want the public process.</p> <p>CON: I am adamantly opposed to this. There should not be one person authority to look at this.</p> <p>What is the clean list? Clean list is such as rats. Cannot introduce anything that could be released into the state. White tails are not on the clean list.</p> <p>There is an open season as non-native to the state.</p> <p>(Department: Exotic or non-resident animals are allowed on this list.)</p>



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148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	11	0	No comments by committee. Unanimous support.
151	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout the Interior and Northeast Alaska		
152	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brow bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
SUPPORT	9	2	<p>See comments to Proposal 154. (Department: 20 mile is a little different in that population doesn't have the ability to get out of deep snow. Not a lot of escape for them. We have seen severe winter loss and it's a small valley with little escape. This year it's 59 percent success rate. 203 moose and have been maxed on permits in last cycle. Watching population very carefully. If we have a severe winter we are trying to get those numbers back down.)</p> <p>PRO: I won't oppose this one.</p> <p>PRO: To department, do you have targeted hunts for that area? I would like to support this to reduce moose / car collisions same way as the other end. It's significant to see cars rolled back.</p> <p>Registration hunt? If they wanted to do a targeted hunt? (Department: The board would have to create that hunt. I would need x number of permits. That would take board action to do something like that.)</p>
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT	8	3	<p>PRO: There is a number of them. They have been pretty conservative and on the base I don't have any problem.</p> <p>To department I know it is a tool in your bag, but could you still manage these moose (Department: Loosing cow hunts would take out an aspect</p>



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			of maintaining this population. Only takes a handful of bulls to breed the cows. Very helpful tool. The hunt was designed to reduce human conflict. This is a way to mitigate that and avoid moose strikes.) PRO: Unit 14 is the only unit I would support a winter hunts. CON: They don't need this. They are managing vehicles collisions. CON: I agree with previous member. Is there another method to estimate moose? I am wondering what the survey method is. Is there another method to count the moose? I would rather more moose be taken during the regular season. (Department: Unfortunately the main thrust trying to do these surveys during that time frame we aren't just getting the total count we also want to know what the bull/cow ratio is and we don't have the funds to fly surveys later.)
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		



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165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
187			Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>(Board Support read department comments. Department supports with amendments to use existing regulatory language to avoid confusion. This proposal would create conflicting regulation and would need to be amended. Department is supporting to make it consistent with just fur bearers.)</p> <p>CON: Too broad.</p> <p>Is there a legal definition of an Alaskan predator? (See Page 35.)</p> <p>CON: I see so many flaws with this. I would like to vote this down as it stands. I don't like this the way it is.</p> <p>CON: I think this has been discussed enough in previous proposals. I won't support.</p>
188			Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows
SUPPORT, As Amended	7	4	<p>On the buffalo aspect. They had 59 die and they took out 60 from the draw. Therefore only 30 for Delta.</p> <p>CON: That's a chance you take (Department: The number doesn't go past that). I think that's hunting.</p> <p>PRO: Proposal 189 addresses the same issue. It looks like they are trying to compensate due to unforeseen circumstance by a one-time allocation. DI404 was a cow hunt. It's been canceled altogether. DI403 is still taking place and up to 30 this year.</p> <p>My suggestion is take no action. Too many unknowns. Take no action let them figure it out.</p> <p>I'd like to vote on it whether its 2 permits or 60.</p> <p>I would suggest doing 189. The department addresses what we are talking about. This doesn't expand on it as much as 189. The department calling it a very special hunt.</p> <p>CON: Its luck of the draw. Draw something good shouldn't be legal tag and you don't get a hunt. Sorry but not sorry, about the population.</p> <p>CON: It's the problem for the 10 year thing for drawing, not harvest.</p>



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			<p>PRO: I understand as it's extremely hard to draw now they are taking it away from other people. You can put in again. Not to sympatric about the cow permit, but I can see compensating on the bulls.</p> <p>CON: I am going to side with previous member comment. Same with community harvest. I won't support it.</p> <p>PRO: I think this tag is a lot different than Unit 13. I think these people that drew these tags should be allowed in slowly but surely.</p> <p>PRO: Personally last year they should have made an emergency order and make cow permits bulls.</p> <p>CON: The luck of the draw a detriment to the conservation population?</p> <p>PRO: From Proposal 189 the department is saying applicants are warned on the uniqueness of the hunt. Conservation is not an issue and have reduced the number of permits and compensated for the loss of the animals.</p> <p>CON: The proper way to handle would have been to take the ones selected from last year and give them permits and any leftover let them apply. (Department doesn't have the authority to move the permits to move forward one year.)</p> <p>PRO: Bring a third brought in each over the next three years.</p> <p>PRO: I would like to see those 27 people compensated. I am going to support this and would ask someone to consider making an amendment of rolling those over into the next three years.</p> <p>Motion and second on the amendment is to make it roll over the next three years, 2026, 2027, and 2028, that a third of those 27 permit recipients who were cancelled for either sex be issued to those permit holders and the remaining of that year allocation be issued. (Permits would not be issued over quota.)</p> <p>Amendment passes 8-3.</p> <p>CON: Is anyone else concerned about this? 59 bison fell through the lake. What happens next? What will be the next reason and the next reason? I see this going sideways. I won't support the amendment for that reason.</p> <p>PRO: Military members can defer their permit. Another comment to the language. By thirds, is there something that can be put in there for the conservation? (Department: I would imagine that the permits rolled over they wouldn't be issuing over the quota. Only be able to win 30 or 60 permits.)</p> <p>PRO: Bull only.</p>



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			CON: The public would need to know that it's been cut by 66 percent.
189	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows		
SUPPORT, As Amended	6	4	<p>PRO: Allow to apply again. Department will makes those points. I don't think they should all be given back.</p> <p>CON: Allows them to transfer it. Because of that discrepancy I will note against it.</p> <p>(Department does still state it, but isn't in bold. Would transfer to 2026.)</p> <p>PRO: We could roll this over to three separate years.</p> <p>PRO: The numbers don't add up for me. The proposal is not written well.</p> <p>PRO: The victims are the people who drew the tags and didn't get the hunt. To roll it over a period of time makes sense to me (both hunts are bull only).</p> <p>CON: I would oppose those who got cow permits. They aren't available anymore.</p> <p>CON: I would support them to apply again.</p> <p>PRO: I am not sure three years is the right answer.</p> <p>Discussion: To propose amend the language have the permit transferred to future regulatory years in line with conservation measures by the department. (Failed to get a second.) From a moral and ethical perspective at the expense of reducing success rate of future applicants. A subjective choice. (Member pulled back amendment.)</p> <p>Motion and second for an amendment to only compensate the 27 permits for DI403 from 2024, roll them over to 2026, 2027, and 2028. (9 permits at a time.)</p> <p>Amendment passes 6-4.</p> <p>(One member dropped from meeting.)</p> <p>PRO: Prevents them from dumping all the permits in one season.</p> <p>PRO: Not opposed to letting people apply again.</p>
190	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows		
OPPOSE, As Amended	1	11	<p>CON: Technically can't close to everyone else if it is a subsistence hunt. No one participates in this. Primarily no sheep and villages are the only ones who participated. At least one or two sheep killed were Anchorage residents who killed them on subsistence.</p> <p>Will there be funding this time?</p>



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			<p>CON: (A member read to the AC a letter written to the BOG and staff): Regarding the proposal for exclusive guide use areas of "concessions." I have several concerns about a concession system and the unintended consequences of implementing those at the state level. First is the cost to the state to implement and administer such a program. Getting a concession program up and running, to include drafting the terms and conditions of a concession contracts, conducting the application process, evaluating applications, vetting guides, etc. is a massive administrative undertaking. Additionally, there will likely be litigation based on which guides are selected, and which are not, and then there will be the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the concession holders. Not including the 500 grand to get it through legislation. All of this cannot be managed by existing staff at the department and would mean a significant new and ongoing expense to the department to manage a concession program. If the desired result is less commercial presence and pressure in a given area and more equitable distribution of access to legal rams, I believe there are better tools to accomplish that, namely going to a draw for non-residents that limit the number of available draw permits to no more than 20 percent of the recent average for resident hunters in the area. (It works in every draw area we have for sheep on state lands.)</p> <p>Under the concession system, I think the state would be unfairly favoring a select number of guides while displacing a significant number of other guides.</p> <p>CON: There are unintended consequences such as the significant costs and elevated crowding with shutting down 19C. A permit system is a cheap system and works in Units 14C, etc. under a draw, it works. We are enabling three guides in 19C to basically have a windfall. Young guides are moving into adjacent units until this guide concession goes statewide. Short term closure is not a beneficial gain to long term. A closure or concession in 19C is going in the wrong direction. What they aren't telling you is guides are killing other species on those hunts. Why are we reinventing the wheel with a cost to taxpayers? It's not a free system. It's a lock down. A young guide will sit it out for years to even get one client.</p> <p>CON: Why would a guide want to go to an area where there are no sheep?</p>



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			<p>CON: Closure or even a concession is going the wrong way. Guides want to make a living and not doing it with one or two sheep. It's not the states responsibility to ensure a guides income. This thing doesn't work by itself.</p> <p>CON: We don't know what the concession program would look like. Then we look at the concession program like the feds in Kodiak which hasn't been good.</p> <p>So Canada has concessions. Are they satisfied? Isn't a concession like a limited entry?</p> <p>Closes to resident and non-residents for this year (see proposal language). Draw permits personally is the way I think we have to go. This is to get a non-resident hunt in that area. How many? The department doesn't have a management plan because there isn't anything to kill. In 14A we went to 14A full curl and permits were reduced. It should be kept open to residents.</p> <p>Do you want to add an amendment?</p> <p>CON: A year ago BOG brought up to close Unit 19 and after the board generated proposal they decided to make it just 19C. They couldn't stop the ones who already paid. It is good to make up an amendment, but we would be the only AC to do it.</p> <p>CON:</p> <p>I don't see closing it in 2025 or a small permit system for residents and nonresidents in 26 and 27 being an option, or a solution. Full curl management is the most conservative approach of any animal we hunt in Alaska. Sheep hunting is an opportunity that should never go away. What we need is ewes and lambs, you manage sheep like a fruit tree, picking them as they become ripe or legal.</p> <p>I was able to pull up some sheep harvest numbers from 2024 for a comparison to 19C:</p> <p>Unit 13D Tonsina walk-in (non-motorized) - 41 hunters harvested 4 rams;</p> <p>Unit 7 - 22 hunters harvest 1 ram;</p> <p>Unit 15 - 40 hunters harvest 9 rams;</p> <p>Unit 16 (next to 19C) - 32 hunters harvested 9 rams; and</p> <p>Unit 19C - 47 hunters harvested 10 rams.</p> <p>CON: Concession program is too costly. A non-starter. The simplest thing is a draw for non-residents in areas of concern. It has worked in other areas of the state. There is no reason to shut sheep hunting down.</p>



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			<p>CON: Need some of the older rams to keep the herd going. Why are we messing with the concession program?</p> <p>PRO: We don't look eight percent a year, not happening. The surveys we are doing and head count, you don't survey the whole area and there is a lot of sheep that don't get surveyed. Just for one year, over the counter for one year.</p> <p>Motion and second for amendment to Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C, opening to residents under a harvest tag for 2025 only, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows.</p> <p>Amendment passes 11-1.</p> <p>CON: I appreciate member comments we need to have these discussions if we are going to have any sheep left and argue over the allocation later on. The board can hash out what goes to non-residents. This needs to be fair to young people coming up and not privatize the public resources. The guide concession program is only on state land basically all of 19C is state land. Guide concession is under the Big Game Commercial Services Board. Guide concession program would be run by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There would be more restrictions on animals. If the guide is harassing you it gets turned in to Commercial Services.</p> <p>CON: I am not in support of this because I don't support draw permits to residents and that's what this sunset clause would include.</p>
191	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows		
192 (ACR#9)	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows		
SUPPORT	9	3	<p>CON: Second degree of kindred (2DK) should go away completely, forever.</p> <p>PRO: In the Delta Controlled Use Area there is a percentage (20 percent) to non-resident. Nothing limiting what could be 2DK.</p> <p>PRO: Only time a 2DK comes into play is if you use a guide. In the 2DK, both would be separate tags. If drawing area you have to have two drawing tags.</p> <p>(Department: Full curl. Residents who do go there have the means to get there. One of the most difficult places to get to typically people with their own airplanes.)</p>



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			<p>PRO: Only if the department said it's a problem. Leave it open to residents and non-resident should go to draw permit. If it becomes an issue it should go to a 90/10 split. That's the tiers in this. Board has said there is a conversation concern and closed the season.</p> <p>PRO: As soon as they could have non-resident draw hunts would be 2026.</p> <p>CON: Opposed only because the department doesn't spell out how they will determine the number of permits for non-residents.</p>



McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections

**Friday, January 3rd, 2025 at 11:00 am
McGrath City Office and by web/teleconference**

Call to order: 11:00am

Location: McGrath City building, conference room, internet, and phone

1. Roll Call

In Attendance: Lewis Egrass, Brett Gibbens, Jason Carter, Brad Sturm, Jesse Grady, Daryl Petruska, Clinton Goods, Ken Deardorf, Jimmy Nikolai, Tim Yoder, Dan Esai, Marty Runkle, Mike Tierney

Josh Peirce, Louise Standish, Mike Ebinger, Roger Seavoy, Sam Decker, John Chythlook, Kyle Campbell, Marie Cleaver, Lincoln Parrett

Actions taken:

2. Motion to amend the agenda. Move elections to before reports (Gibbens. Carter 2nd. Unanimous Approval.)
3. Motion to approve new agenda. (Egress. Carter 2nd. Unanimous Approval)
4. Motion to approve 1/26/24 meeting minutes (Egress, Carter 2nd. Unanimous Approval)
5. Call for nominations of McGrath seats by Gibbens.
 1. Brett Gibbens
 2. Ken Deardorf
 3. Roger Seavoy
 4. Mike Tierney
 5. Tim Yoder (undesignated)
6. Call for nominations of Nikolai seats by Gibbens .
 1. Daryl Petruska
 2. Dan Esai
7. Call for nominations of Telida seats by Gibbens.
 1. Jimmy Nikolai



8. Call for nominations of Takotna seats by Gibbens.
 1. Jesse Grady
 2. Clinton Goods
9. Call for close to all seat nominations by Gibbens. (Egress 2nd)
10. Reports
 1. Chair Report: Sheep working group 19c. 3 Meetings total. Proposal 190 came out of meetings.
 2. Sam Decker. Escapement goal chinook 125,000. 142,000 fish passage (Above goal). 171,000 kings. Sockeye 695,000 sonar. Run was 5 days late on average. Chum 253,000. Coho counting lost funding. Aerial surveys showed high king numbers. A number of projects were not able to run due to lost funding.
 3. Josh Peirce and Mike Ebinger.
 1. Moose Harvest Information. Marie Cleaver gives moose harvest update for Naitna river area. Moose survey information. Moose Research Information. Dan Esai gives traditional information on moose movement. Sheep updates. Holding off on implementing IM for moose in 19C as data is collected. Proposal 190 discussed.
11. Proposal to support proposal 190 as written by Egress. (Seavoy 2nd. Passed with one nay)
12. Move to oppose proposals 102-118 as a block by Gibbens (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval.)
13. Move to oppose proposal 92 by Egress. (Carter 2nd. Approved with one nay)
14. Move to oppose proposal 93 by Carter. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)
15. Move to oppose proposal 94 by Sturm. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)
16. Move to oppose proposals 95 and 96 by Egress. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
17. Move to oppose proposals 97-99 by Egress. (Sturm 2nd. Unanimous approval)
18. Move to oppose proposal 100 by Egress. (Seavoy 2nd. Unanimous approval)
19. Move to approve proposal 101 by Carter. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)
20. Move to support proposal 119 by Egress. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
21. Move to oppose proposal 148 by Deardorf. (Seavoy 2nd. Unanimous approval)
22. Move to oppose proposal 123 by Grady. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)



23. Move to oppose proposal 129 by Sturm. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 24. Move to oppose proposal 130 by Egress. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 25. Move to oppose proposal 131 by Carter. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 26. Move to oppose proposals 132 and 133 by Egress. (Yoder 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 27. Move to oppose proposal 81 by Deardorf (Seavoy 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 28. Move to oppose proposal 87 by Seavoy. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 29. Move to oppose proposal 89 by Egress. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 30. Move to oppose proposal 146 by Seavoy. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 31. Move to oppose proposal 136 by Sturm. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 32. Move to approve proposal 158 by Seavoy. (Egress 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 33. Move to approve proposal 150 by Seavoy. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 34. Discussion surrounding suggesting a number of sheep permits to be issued under proposal 190. Dan Esai would like to be included in the sheep working group.
 35. Move to amend the language of Proposal 190 to include a recommendation that no more than 20 permits be issued by Seavoy. (Carter 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 36. Move to oppose proposal 192 by Egress. (Seavoy 2nd. Unanimous approval)
 37. Peirce gives report on Farewell Bison numbers.
- Motion to adjourn by Seavoy. (Deardorf 2nd. Unanimous approval)
Adjourned at 4:27pm



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87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE	0	13	
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		
OPPOSE	0	13	
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
OPPOSE	1	12	
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
OPPOSE	0	13	
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
OPPOSE	0	13	
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	13	
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	13	
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
OPPOSE	0	13	
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
OPPOSE	0	13	
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	13	



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100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
OPPOSE	0	13	
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	13	0	
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
OPPOSE	0	13	
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
OPPOSE	0	13	
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
OPPOSE	0	13	
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	13	
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	13	
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	13	
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
OPPOSE	0	13	
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
OPPOSE	0	13	
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	



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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
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	13	
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	13	
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
OPPOSE	0	13	
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
OPPOSE	0	13	
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
SUPPORT	13	0	
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
OPPOSE	0	13	
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
OPPOSE	0	13	
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
OPPOSE	0	13	
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE	0	13	
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
OPPOSE	0	13	
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
OPPOSE	0	13	
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
OPPOSE	0	13	



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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
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
OPPOSE	0	13	
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
OPPOSE	0	13	
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	13	0	
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	13	0	
190 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program.		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	13	0	amend the language of Proposal 190 to include a recommendation that no more than 20 permits be issued
192 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.		
OPPOSE	0	13	

Adjournment: 4:27 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Brad Sturm

Minutes Approved By: Brett Gibbens

Date: 3/6/25



Middle Nenana River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections

Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the

Tri-Valley Community Center in Healy, AK and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order: 6:05**
- II.
- III. **Present: Jacob Matilla, Leroy Sutton, Nathan Goodin, John Basile, Coke Wallace, Andrew LaBar, Alex Buetow, Paul Nyberg, Ethan Graham, Allan Mortenson, Mike Green, Eric Haugen**
- IV. **Excused: Matt Nustvold**

II. Roll Call: Clear: Allan Mortenson, Leroy Sutton, Nathan Goodin

Healy: Jacob Matilla (vice chair), Erik Haugen, Matt Nustvold, John Basile, Coke Wallace

Ferry: Andrew LaBar

McKinley Village: Alex Buetow (secretary)

Undesignated: Paul Nyberg

Alternates: Mike Green, Ethan Graham

III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

IV. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: **Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell**

V. Introduce Guests Present: **None**

VI. Approval of Agenda: **Unanimous**

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2024

Correction: Absent member from 2/27/24 is Nathan Goodin NOT Jacob Goodin

VIII. Reports

a. Chair's Report- **We missed the deadline for comment on the Central & Southwest Region**

b. ADFG staff reports

i. Jeff Wells – Acting Area Biologist, Division of Wildlife Conservation

Sheep numbers in 20A are similar to the past few years which is about 50% of the long term average. Ratio of lamb:ewe was 25:100 which is the highest since 2019. Brad has a big project going on in the Brooks range with ~120 ...Brad Wendling is studying collared sheep in the Alaska Range with 30 sub-full-



curl rams in huntable areas and 30 in DNP to compare hunted vs nonhunted populations. Only one of the 60 rams has been killed and it is presumed to have been killed by a grizzly bear.

Delta caribou-10 female calves received gps collars. Composition survey was 27:100 cow:calf. The bull:cow ration was 57:100. This bull:cow ratio is above the target so the department might bump permits up from 150 to 175 permits. The large bull ratio is 22:100 and the target ratio is 6:100.

Delta caribou harvest is right in the ball park of what it has been.

For the new permit RM781 a high percentage of hunters reported without reminders. Hunters who goofed up on the regulation changed were give the chance to correct their paperwork. The new data provided by the change from a harvest ticket to a registration hunt is helpful to the adfg. The 2024 moose harvest in 20A was similar to last years average.

Unit 20B general moose harvest was way up from 22 and 23 which might be reflecting a recovery from the bad winter in 21/22. This area will get surveyed next year.

Sheep harvest in Unit 20A is similar to last year and there were no sub-legal rams harvested.

20A Moose survey results: Just under 12,000 moose in 20A, looks stable and well within management objectives. Cow:Bull ratio was 26:100. Calf:Cow ration was 38:100. The department is very happy with the calf:cow ratio. The twinning rate is 15% which falls into the "Moderate Nutritional Status."

Calves are born on the average of May 22

Draw tag DM770 was issued 50 times in '24 and the department is proposing to drop in to 40 tags in '25.

Draw tag DM774 was issued 30 times in '24 and the department is proposing to drop in to 25 tags in '25.

ADFG will not issue any antlerless moose hunts in 20A for the fall of '25. In '26 adfg hopes to issue tags less than or equal to 1% of the population.

ii. Others

Kyle mentioned something about appointing alternates but I missed a lot. Sorry Kyle

IX. Public Comment: **None**

X. Old Business: **Our minutes were a mess last year and the BOG was not impressed. Also sorry Kyle**

XI. New Business

- a. **Elections for 2 seats designated for Healy: Jacob Mattila (expired) ; Matt Nustvold (expired)**
- b. **Jacob was nominated by Leroy and 2nd by John**
- c. **Matt was nominated by Jacob and 2nd by Paul**
- d. **Jacob and Matt were both voted back to their committee seats by a unanimous vote**

b. Appointment of alternates to serve up to a 1-year term:

Undesignated (2): Mike Green (expired); Ethan Graham (expired)

Ethan Graham nominated by nominated by Andrew 2nd by Leroy



Mike Green Nominated Jacob and 2nd by Andrew

- e. Ethan and Mike were both voted back to their committee seats by a unanimous vote**

Clear (1): vacant Healy (1): vacant

McKinley Village (1): vacant Ferry (1): vacant

- c. Officer Elections for: chair**

Leroy nominates Jacob to Committee Chair with a 2nd from John. Vote was unanimous

Jacob nominates Andrew to committee vice chair with a 2nd by Allan. Vote was unanimous

- f. Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Proposals – comment deadline has passed but AC comments can still be submitted as Record Copy during the Board Meeting in Wasilla**

Proposal 159

Motion Alex, 2nd Andrew. No Comment. Vote 10-1

Proposal 101

Motion Allen, 2nd Jacob. The general consensus is that this is long overdue. The down side is that it forces the department to better track population numbers. But, they are the ones who wrote the proposal so they must be willing to do that. 11-0

Proposal 94-96

Motion Allan, 2nd Alex. Based on the departments recent data showing 0% harvest of sub legal rams in 2024 it makes no sense to take tools away from hunters for harvesting old, mature rams that may never reach “full-curl”. 0-11

Proposal 107

Motion Leroy, 2nd Andrew. Maybe there are benefits to the knee jerk reaction of closing 19C to nonresidents because now we have a test group to learn from so perhaps leave it closed to see what it looks like. *Tangent to learn about proposal 190 from the sheep working group.

Motion to postpone the conversation of proposal 107 made by Jacob, 2nd Leroy. Unanimous.

Proposal 160

Motion Alex, 2nd Allan. No Comment. Vote 10-1

- e. Recommendations Board of Game Statewide Proposals - comments due March 7th, 2025**

- f. Select representative to testify at Board of Game Statewide Meeting in Anchorage – March 21-28**

(AC representatives can testify by phone if unable to attend in person)



g. Discussion of Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 cycle (AYK, AK Pen, and Statewide)

Proposals due April 10th, 2025

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

Please email agenda change requests to committee.

XII. Set next meeting date:

January 28th at 6pm. McKinley Village CC.

XIII. Adjourn at **20:27**



Middle Nenana River Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting & Elections

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 at 6:02 pm at the

McKinley Park Community Center and Fire Hall

located on Yanert Road in Denali Park Village, AK

(approximately mile 230 Parks Hwy) and by web/teleconference

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/middlenenananariverACjan28>

Dial in: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 833 5715 8955

Passcode: MNRAC

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call: Healy: Jacob Matilla (chair), Erik Haugen-**Absent**, Matt Nustvold, John Basile, Coke Wallace

Clear: Allan Mortenson-**Absent**, Leroy Sutton-**On the Phone**, Nathan Goodin-**Absent**

Ferry: Andrew LaBar (vice chair)

McKinley Village: Alex Buetow (secretary)

Undesignated: Paul Nyberg

Alternates: Mike Green, Ethan Graham

III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

IV. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: **Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Luke Rodgers**

V. Introduce Guests Present: **Luke Loumuller-McKinley Village, Lauren Wallace-MV, Trooper Noah Belt-Cantwell, William "Billy" Bentz-MV, John Wiz-FAI AC**

VI. Approval of Agenda-**Unanimous**

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2025 -**Unanimous**

VIII. Reports



a. Chair's Report-**Someone invited AC Chairs to a meeting on interior subsistence fish issues. We each shared our limited knowledge of the presence of salmon in the Nenana River. We will each try to gather historical reports of salmon in the Nenana and/or any subsistence fishing that took place in our area back in the day.**

b. ADFG staff reports

Jeff- not sure he had anything to share but he's here for questions if we have them.

Kyle- office of subsistence management is calling for an eastern interior alaska dall sheep management coalition.

Luke Rogers- Calling in from Minto Flats State Game Refuge at Bison field camp. Leroy was our AC rep for management meetings for the bison heard. During the summer of 2024 ADF&G fenced in 100acres of wet meadow on the south side of the Tanana that 58 Bison were then moved to. Soft release means they are fed supplementally through the winter with a target release date of mid-may 2025. Bison came from Elk Island, Alberta. They hope to add more for another soft release in 26/27. Thus far, animals are in good health and all 58 are still alive.

c. Others

IX. Public Comment

Luke- Mostly interested in sheep numbers and inquired about the 2024 proposal for a muzzleloader moose hunt up the Yanert River as well.

Billy- Curious about any discussions surrounding Arctic Grayling in our area.

Trooper Belt- Curious of our opinions on labeling every individual trap or snare

X. Old Business- **Discussion regarding community designated alternate.**

XI. New Business-**Billy has been appointed to the McKinley Village Alternate Seat**

William "Billy" Bentz

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a. Recommendations Board of Game Statewide Proposals - comments due March 7th, 2025

b. Select representative to testify at Board of Game Statewide Meeting in Anchorage – March 21-28

(AC representatives can testify by phone if unable to attend in person)

c. Discussion of Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 cycle (AYK, AK Pen, and Statewide)

Proposals due April 10th, 2025



Proposal 87 Motion-Alex, 2nd-Jacob. Vote: 0-10, Unanimous opposition. Troopers can already ticket someone for herding birds so why put the 100 yard number on it when sometimes a boat is best close and sometimes a boat is best far away.

Proposal 93 Motion-John, 2nd-Jacob. Vote: 0-10, Unanimous opposition. None of us see a reason to change the current regulations of a permanent plug.

Proposal 126, 127 & 128 Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Andrew. Vote: 9 support-1 opposed. Giving more opportunity to the public will save the state money. Lots of lively discussion regarding the ethics of night vision. If we want to keep harvesting ungulates at the numbers we do then we must use the tools we have to manage the predator population as well; enter night vision and infrared technology.

Proposal 131 Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Alex. Vote: Unanimous opposition 0-10. If a trap is stolen and then used out of season by the thief then the original owner could be held liable. Or, a wolf could fight a trap so hard that a tag would get broken off and the trapper could be held liable.

Proposal 141 Motion-Matt, 2nd-Jacob. Vote: 10-0, Unanimous Support. The paper transfer form provided in the regs is flimsy. Folks are switching over to digital regs with the introduction of the ADFG App. There should be a meat transfer form available in the app.

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

Jacob has volunteered to make an appearance at the BOG meeting and make a testimony on behalf of our AC

XII. Set next meeting date: **2/18/25-Potentially to be held at the Anderson Library from 6-8pm**

XIII. Adjourn **8:21pm**

Middle Nenena River AC
2/18/25
Anderson Library



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- I. Call to Order: 6:11 by Jacob Mattila
 - II. Roll Call
Members Present: Jacob Mattila, Erik Haugen, John Basile, Leroy Suttton, Nathan Goodin, Andrew Lebar, Paul Nyberg, Ethan Graham.
Call In: Coke Wallace, Mike Green

Members Absent (Excused): Alan Mortenson, Matt Nustvold, Alex Buetow.
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: None
 - III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wells
 - IV. Guests Present: Jeff Groenke
 - V. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous in favor
 - VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimous in favor
 - VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: None

ADF&G: B. ADF&G Jeff Wells - posting for area biologist has closed, interviewing for Delta position before Fairbanks. Sheep and wolf handouts are also available online.
- 20A sheep: Brad Wendling flew ram collars after the rain storm, sheep country looked good (Yanert country not Denali). Lots of snow in Brooks range, several collar mortalities.
- Placing 30 Ewe collars in 20A and 30 in Denali Park
- Flew moose track surveys, documenting moose tracks gathering data now vs. post release of bison.
- Weighing 30 10 month old moose calves in Minto flats coming up.
- 40 mile harvest coalition meeting next week in Fairbanks.



- b.
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: State wide proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Jacob is attending the State wide BOG meeting in Anchorage

XII. Set next meeting date: April 15 in Healy

XIII. Other

Adjourn 8:20

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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>			
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE	0	10	It was discussed that rules are in place that limit hunters from harassing and molesting waterfowl. Trooper belt agreed that the ability to enforce and Trooper discretion is in place.
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
OPPOSE	0	10	It was discussed that sealing horns works the way that takes place now and there is no need to change what's working. There were no strong opinions, but much discussion on different scenarios. Found sheep horns, horns that have been sold or turned into art/knife handles. Mounted horns that get covered by taxidermist using puddy.
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
OPPOSE	0	11	Proposal 94,95,96 were discussed and voted on together. It was agreed that the current full curl regulation is working and changing it would not solve any problems that people have. Full curl regulation has been in



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			place for decades in most placed in the state and is a good way to give hunters the ability to harvest mature rams.
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	11	
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	11	
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels 119of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT	10	0	Much discussion went in to this proposal along with other sheep proposals. Its well known that most sheep herds are not doing well, including sheep in the Central Alaska Range which our members are very familiar with. That being said members of the AC are in agreeance that proposal 107. We feel it is the best solution to the problem at hand. There is no evidence that ewes are going unbred anywhere in the state and other proposals only and complications to a problem. Only favorable winter weather and time will solve the depressed populations.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
SUPPORT	10	0	An amendment was made to remove “plains” and just leave bison. This would allow wood bison to be included in the future without further action needing to be taken. The other species on the list including deer are not specifically stated.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
SUPPORT	9	1	Proposals 126,127,128 were lumped into a single discussion and vote. Some members of the AC were hesitant to support this proposal due to thoughts that this not a fair chase practice and it is a slippery slope that needs to be approached with caution. There was conversation that this should be used as a tool to help depressed ungulate populations and not be made available just because the technology is available.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
SUPPORT	9	1	
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers Statewide		



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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
SUPPORT	9	1	
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE	0	10	It was agreed that this is an unnecessary burden on trappers.
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
OPPOSE	0	10	
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
OPPOSE	0	8	
141	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	0	
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
SUPPORT	8	0	
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
SUPPORT	10	0	It was agreed that this would speed up the approval process and include much of the same steps taken in the current process under the BOG approval process currently in place. One question was asked if there was consideration of a public comment period should this be adopted.
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	10	0	
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	10	1	
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	1	
188	Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
189	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply.		
SUPPORT	9 In favor of	0	The AC was in favor of supporting removing the lifetime and ten year loss of eligibility for those hunters who had permits revoked.



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Minutes Approved By: Jacob Mattila

Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 6th, Beginning at 1:00 PM, 2025



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Draft Minutes

Call to order: *Chair, Bill Alstrom.* -Call to order 1:28

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Bill Alstrom.*

	<u>Mountain Village</u> Stanislaus Sheppard Alt. Mathew Waskey	<u>Andreafski</u> William Alstrom Alt. George Beans	<u>Marshall</u>	<u>Pilot Station</u> Rex Nick
Present				
By Teleconference	Stan	Bill and George		
Absent				X
	<u>Pitka's Point</u> William Riley	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson Alt. Wassily Alexie	<u>St. Mary's</u> Peter Tyson Alt. Francis Thompson	
Present				
By Teleconference			Pete	
Absent	Unable to join	Unable to join		

- III. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4 Alternate George Beans steps in to make quorum.
- IV. Welcome and Introductions: *Chair, Bill Alstrom*
 - a. ADFG: Deena Jallen, Dave Runfola, Matt Olson, Patrick Jones
 - b. Other Agency Staff: Shane Ransbury, USFWS; Eric Lorrington, AWT
 - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves – Sven Paukan
- V. Approval of Agenda: Stan, George
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Statewide Regulation Proposals
 - i. Proposal 151: Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
 1. Stan, George – No objections. Unanimous approval.
 - ii. Proposal 157: Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
 1. Stan, George – Unanimous approval
- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. Considerations:
 - i. AYK Proposal deadline April 10th
 - ii. Stan suggests proposal to eliminate the 4-inch mesh size restriction in the lower Yukon area in 3 rivers below Mountain Village and traditional areas for sheefish and whitefish.
 - iii. Board of Fisheries Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish Regulations Meeting November 18-22, 2025
 - iv. George suggests March 31st tentatively, and at the call of the chair if that falls through sometime before April 10 to make any amendments to the proposal and approve it for submission.
- X. Other
- XI. Adjourn – Stan, George at 2:18 PM



Minto-Nenana
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm
web/teleconference only

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:40PM
- II. **In attendance:** Olivia Henaayee Irwin, Carl Frank, Eva Dawn Burk, Louis Silas, Victor Lord, Donald Charlie
Guests: Andy Griska, Kyle Campbell, Dave Lorrington (BOG), Luke Rogers, Jeff Wells
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 5
- IV. **Approval of Agenda,** Motion- Eva Burk, Second- Carl Frank
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Others
- VI. **Public Comment**
- VII. **Old Business**
- VIII. **New Business**
 - Proposal 88-
 - a. Reasoning is good, add
 - b. Don Charlie- Is the education permit too?
 - i. The intention is for this to cover educational use, highlight education piece
 - c. Luke Rogers
 - i. At BOG giving ANR on Proposal 88
 - 1. No position on 88, official position of the state, its considered an allocative proposal
 - 2. Whole reason for the wood bison project was archaeological and native history in the 1990s that helped set the foundation for the reintroduction
 - 3. Revitalization of the resource, put here because there was a cultural connection already there
 - ii. If this proposal doesn't go through, the other opportunity for harvest would be:
 - 1. Legal avenues-
 - a. If a bison dies naturally then there is an opportunity to salvage for local communities
 - b. 5AAC 85.005- for new species there must be a hunt large enough for a general hunt for all Alaskan's. Would need to be drawing permits or registration hunt, no Tier II hunt as the first one.
 - i. Option- Have tickets available locally in person only
 - ii. Option- Repeal 85.005
 - 2. Staff determined- 60 animals now, genetically viable population of 400 before hunts



- a. ACs can provide feedback to have a larger or smaller amount for harvest
 - b. Estimating 10-20 years before harvestable population
 - 3. C&T Determination
 - a. No C&T for a new population until 1 generation hunting on the population
 - i. This has been expedited, Musk Ox in Nome, did C&T finding soon to establish hunting opportunity on state side (bc there was federal land involved)
 - ii. We could pressure to do a C&T finding sooner (AC or TCC)
 - b. Once C&T is determined, then ANS is established
 - iii. If this permit is on the books and our Tribes/communities began holding cultural/education practices, it could build record for establishing a C&T finding
 - d. Louis Silas: I like and support the proposal
 - e. Motion to support with comments we had earlier and notes from this discussion
 - i. Motion- Louis
 - ii. Second- Eva
 - iii. Question- Donald Charlie
 - iv. **Unanimous Support**
- IX. Proposal 119- Boundary Change
 - a. We should support the Tribes- Grayling and Anvik oppose- Louis and Middle Yukon
 - b. Motion- Donald Charlie, Second-Louis, Question- Donald
 - c. Unanimous Oppose
- X. Proposal 89- Hunter Ethics
 - a. Tanana, Rampart, Manly authored proposal
 - b. This will require both educational course and to be accompanied by a guide or family member
 - c. Amendment: 92.003 section c, to include caribou
 - d. Motion- Donald, Second-Louis, Question- Donald
 - e. **Unanimous Support**
- XI. Reauthorization of the Antlerless Moose Hunts 20A and 20B
 - a. 20A- No antlerless hunts in the Fall, no hunts in Fall 2025
 - b. 20B- Same plan as 2024, FBKS management area & Richardson Hwy Hunt
 - c. Eva- I would like more data, is there a correlation between the antlerless moose hunts and reduction in number of collisions? I'd like to see if there are any trends
 - i. Jeff- In the process of analyzing that information (20 years antlerless hunt has been on the books)
 - d. **Comments:** Until we get more data providing the correlation we don't feel comfortable supporting it, it's detrimental to moose populations, rebuilding our moose we need to be careful, decline/low density population in Minto Management Area, rebuilding that Minto herd



- e. The number of moose harvested is close to that amount killed by road kill (50-60 reported road kill, about 50-60 harvested in Fairbanks Management Area)
- f. Louis Silas- Public safety aspect is difficult, trying to rebuild populations, would like see other tools we could use
- g. Motion- Victor Lord, Second- Louis Silas, Question- Victor Duke Lord ,

Unanimous Opposition

XII. Olivia Irwin appointed Janessa Newman as an alternate

XIII. Proposal 87- Hunting boats stationary

- a. Eva: I can't support this proposal, important for black ducks, you have to get right up to them. This will affect our duck hunting ability
- b. Louis Silas: I support Eva, more restrictive, if this was area specific we might support but can't right now. We would work with author, or support something that was area specific but we don't want this in our area
- c. Refer to staff comments!
- d. Motion- Eva, Second- Louis, Question- Louis

i. Unanimous Opposition

XIV. Dave Lorrington-

- a. Proposal 131- Trap tags
 - i. Charlie thinks it's a good idea, things happen, it's good to know what traps are where, it's a good way to know who's trap you came across, helpful in case someone gets trapped
 - ii. Carl- will identify peoples trap lines and areas, people don't like crossing other lines, good way of securing your trapping areas
 - iii. Janessa Newman: I think it's a good idea in more populated areas but less so in more remote areas
 - iv. Eva: People trying to move in on my family's trap line, would be nice to identify and know whose line it is,
 - v. Olivia Irwin- Would the tag be required by the state to be printed off or purchased from the state?
 - vi. Kyle- Don't see anything that states it would have to be a specific state granted
 - vii. Motion- Eva, Second- Louis, Question-Eva,

viii. Unanimous Consent

- b. Proposal 130 Bethel AC- Requiring different caliber hunting moose
 - i. Victor- .308 is my preference
 - ii. Charlie- We don't have enough animals to be hurting and maiming them, it's for the animals. Caribou are harmed often by bad shots and small bullets
 - iii. Eva- How would this affect people?
 - 1. Additional cost of getting a new gun. That's not easy for some people
 - iv. Louis- I see Charlie's point in reduction of the suffering, but a lot of our people have .223 as well, how many people are really using a .223 along with larger caliber



- v. Eva- I'd support for non-residents
- vi. Victor- Right of weapon, would support if we changed to non-residents only
- vii. Eva- Only support for non-residents, I don't support further restricting rural Alaskans
- viii. Louis- Could provide an opportunity for troopers to further harass our people and ticket them
- ix. Victor- Out of states have more money to buy different guns
- x. Motion- Victor, amendment to only apply to non-resident, Second- Louis, Question- Eva,

xi. Unanimous Support

- XV. Jeff Wells- If anyone has other ideas or tools to the antlerless hunt issues, please share them!
- a. Louis- Hazing petrol?
 - b. Eva- Take out willow growth
 - c. Jeff Wells- Habitat project at Farmers Loop Road, habitat treatment a ways off the road
 - d. Olivia- Future collaborations with youth, getting local, Native youth involved
 - e. Carl- Lower Yukon/Kusko Area, rapid growth

XVI. **Select Representative for Board of Game Statewide Meeting:** Louis Silas

XVII. **Set next meeting date: Monday, March 17th at 6:30PM**

XVIII. **Adjourn**



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 21-28, 2025 Anchorage, 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
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE	0	6	Local concern for this affecting black duck hunting. This proposal is more restrictive with little benefit to local subsistence users, and in fact would add a level of difficulty and complexity in harvesting spring birds. Our AC might support a proposal such as this if it was localized to one area that wants to see this proposal; however, we cannot support a statewide proposal that would put further restrictions on people's ability to harvest for subsistence.
88	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		
SUPPORT	6	0	This proposal was authored by the Minto-Nenana AC with the intention of securing local access to the Minto Flats Bison herd. The state's stated intention of reintroducing the herd was for food security purposes. However, with 60 animals on the ground, it is anticipated that the population would need to be at 400 before any hunts could take place; an estimated 10-20 years before a harvestable population would be available. Along with that, there is no positive C&T determination to allow for subsistence harvest and could take 1 whole generation of hunting on the population before a positive C&T determination can be made. This extends the timeline for harvest by years and generations. With the bison population being on the traditional hunting grounds of the Minto, Nenana, and Manly people, we believe that adding bison to the list of big game for cultural take will provide a reasonable opportunity to participate in education, cultural exchange, and providing food for local communities. We also reference the reasoning outlined within our proposal submission and request the Board seriously consider the 1) original intent of putting these animals on the land, 2) local access to these animals, 3) opportunity for youth and local folks to be educated, engaged, and build relationship to and with the herd for better protection and creating a sense of responsibility to the herd, 4) local food insecurities, and 5) the adaptivity of local and Traditional cultural practices to



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			include reintroduced species into cultural and traditional ceremonies, events, and programs.
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 AS AMENDED	6	0	Minto-Nenana supported with amendment to include caribou in section c of 92.003. Hunting within Alaska is unique from other parts of the country. Knowledge of state/federal/tribal corporation lands, state regulations, federal regulations, EOs, and respectful hunting practices are all required to properly go out for harvest in Alaska. Hunter educational courses are great; however, there do exist limitations to that course work, and being out on the land is very different from learning in a classroom. We believe pairing the hunter education course with accompaniment from a guide or family member will ensure responsible hunters on the land.
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
OPPOSE	0	6	It appears that GASH AC did not consult with local Tribes or other ACs on this issue. Grayling and Anvik Tribal Governments do not support this proposal which would shrink the area within 21 that requires trophy destruction. Trophy destruction was put in regulation for a reason and we believe that area should maintain it, and because the local Tribes and in speaking with Middle Yukon AC they also oppose, we will align ourselves with their votes.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	0	Support with amendment to apply only to non-residents. Members discussed not having enough animals on the landscape to risk harming and making them. There was discussion that caribou often suffer from inaccurate shots and small caliber bullets. There was concern for rural folks who might use these size guns and the additional cost of purchasing new guns. We don't support further restricting resident hunters, and have more confidence in local, resident hunters to be accurate with their shot if they do use smaller caliber weapons. Therefore, we support with an amendment to apply only to non-residents.



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131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
SUPPORT	6	0	Trappers on our AC supported this proposal and spoke to the benefits of including ID tags on trap lines. Members mentioned the benefit to knowing whose trapline is where, ensure safety in case an individual or pet gets trapped, and others spoke about new traplines from people they don't know being set up on their multigenerational trap lines- this would allow them to contact the individual and inform them they're setting line on someone's family trapline. Trespass can be an issue too, this would help identify peoples' traps and contact them if they set up on private lands. It was mentioned that this seems to be a bigger issue in the urban/more concentrated area and less in rural. There was concern for the cost of the ID tag or access to them in rural communities; ADFG staff seemed to assume a homemade tag would suffice. Therefore, as long as there is no additional cost or requirement to go into an ADFG office to get a specific tag, we support this proposal.
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	6	The Minto-Nenana AC does not support antlerless hunts as a tool for population management. Vehicle collisions with moose have proven to be a problem; however, no evidence has been shown to our AC or the public that there is a positive correlation between increased antlerless harvest and decreased vehicle collisions. Until we get more data providing the correlation we don't feel comfortable supporting it, it's detrimental to moose populations, rebuilding our moose we need to be careful and conservative with the management of our moose.
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	0	6	See comments on 159

Minutes Recorded By: Olivia Henaayee Irwin (co-chair)

Minutes Approved By: Carl Frank (co-chair)

Date: Friday, March 7th, 2025



** minutes summarized & recorded by Drinn person*
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North Slope AC meeting: 2.20.2025

The North Slope Advisory Committee met on February 20, 2025 and discussed and provided recommendations on 3 proposals before the Board of Game's Statewide Meeting scheduled for March 21-28, 2025.

The AC discussed Proposal 86 which would require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks throughout the State.

- The North Slope AC unanimously voted to **Oppose** Proposal 86.

There was a lot of discussion about this proposal. Concerns were expressed that only 1 person could change sea duck harvest requirements throughout the entire State. Members mentioned that this person resides outside of their region and is not familiar with the patterns of harvest in North Slope communities. They thought that if this proposal were to be adopted by the Board it should be region specific to Kachemak Bay region where the author had specific concerns.

The AC also discussed the fact that North Slope communities harvest under both Federal Subsistence regulations in the spring and summer and the State Sport harvest regulations beginning September 1. The AC thought that the BOG should consult with the Alaska Migratory Co-Management Council to get their input on the requirement.

The AC also discussed the history of law enforcement on the North Slope and the negative interactions hunters have experienced. They also thought this would result in a greater presence of law enforcement on the North Slope and highlighted the fact that those officers have little understanding of the way people try to feed their families on the North Slope.

The AC discussed Proposal 151 which would reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in GMU 18,22,23, and 26A.

- The North Slope AC unanimously voted to **Support** Proposal 151.

The AC supported this proposal because it alleviates the financial burden of purchasing a brown bear tag. They also mentioned that it helps to keep brown bear harvest regulations less confusing to rural hunters. The AC had a long discussion about predator effects on caribou populations and thought the tag fee exemption would add an incentive to harvest brown bears by some hunters on the North Slope.

The AC discussed Proposal 165 which would reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26 (A).

- The North Slope AC unanimously **Supported an Amended** Proposal 165. The proposal was amended to extend the season from September 14 to **September 30**.

There was a lot of discussion about this proposal and the way freeze-up patterns have changed on the North Slope. Committee members talked about how they are staying at their camps and cabins longer



during the fall season because freeze up is occurring later in the fall. They thought that extending the season to September 30 would provide more opportunity to harvest an antlerless moose. They also discussed that there are very few moose harvested during this season and that extending the season likely wouldn't hurt the moose population. The discussion continued to talk about the moose in the region are 'stragglers' from the Colville River drainage where the largest concentration of moose exists. They were supportive of this regulation because it provides a unique and rare opportunity to harvest moose for their families while they are at their camps. There was also a lot of discussion about expanding the antlerless moose hunt to GMU 26 B and C. The AC was going to amend the proposal to include these units but chose not to over concerns that Proposal 165 would fail due to that particular amendment. The AC intends to submit a proposal to include GMU 26 B and C in this regulation at the next Region 5 meeting.



Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

Location: UAF Nagozruk Room

Call to Order- 1:10pm

Roll Call

1. Charlie Lean- present
2. Brandon Ahmasuk- Absent, Sick
3. Jacob Mannix- Present
4. Andrew McCann- Present
5. Kevin Knowlton- Present
6. Louis Stang- Present
7. Henry Olanna Jr- Present Late @ 1:40pm
8. Jack Fagerstrom- absent
9. Johnson Eningowuk- Present
10. Clifford Seetok- absent
11. Davis Lincoln- Present, phone
12. Tom Gray- present
13. Patrick Knodel- absent, travel
14. Tommy Obruk- absent- unexcused---Sam?
15. Luis Brizuela- absent

Quorum- 8

ADF&G Staff

Helen Cold- ADF&G Subsistence
Art Nelson- ADF&G Boards Support
Shawna Carpovich- ADF&G Research Coordinator
Marianna Mallory- Subsistence
Sam Kirby- Regulatory Program Assistant
Alex Hansen- Wildlife Biologist, Kotzebue
Sara Henslee- Area Biologist Unit 22
Alicia Carson- Assistant AB Unit 22
Quanit Ali- Wildlife Researcher
Kevin Clark- Area Manager, Comm Fish
Ethan Kelso- Fishery Biologist, Comm Fish

Members of the Public

Jeffrey Groenke- Stevens Village, Zoom
Austen Ahmasuk
Anna Lionas- Nome Nugget
John Wade- NSEDC

Kevin Knowlton made a motion to approve the agenda

Second by Drew McCann

Discussion: The AC held discussion on the agenda primarily focused on the wording in the agenda of electing members from the regional villages. AC members Gray and Knowlton expressed that the normal process for the AC is to accept nominations from the villages rather than hold elections. Knowlton and Gray emphasized their concerns that the AC shouldn't have the power to essentially choose who can represent the village and potentially make it a Nome centric AC.



Knowlton specifically stated that whomever the community wants as their AC representative, that person should be seated. It should not be up to AC members to deny a community their right to choose who they want on the AC. Chair Lean suggested a language change from election to “seat” the members from the communities to the AC.

AC supported the language change unanimously and the agenda was approved.

Elections

Johnson Eningowuk was nominated by the village of Shishmaref and the AC members supported his re-seating unanimously.

8 Support, no opposition

Seats for Elim, and Teller did not receive any nominations from villages. Those seats remain vacant.

Commercial Fishing Reports

Ethan Kelson gave a summary of the 2024 commercial crab fishery. 471,200 lbs of crab harvested. 97.6% of the Guideline Harvest Level with a Catch Per Unit Effort of 40. Fish and Game expects that the 2025 season will have a comparable harvest rate. They expect the 2025 season to have a Guideline Harvest Level around 430,000 lbs with an Over Fishing Limit of 630,000 lbs.

Kevin Clark reiterated that we are fishing on the same cohort of crab that have been fished for the last two years. Most of the crab this last season were new shell crab, suggesting there will be good numbers for 2025 but that next year they expect to see more old shell crab.

AC members and fish and game briefly discussed disease in crab, AC Member Mannix stated that some crab caught during the winter subsistence crab fishery had “cottage cheese” disease. Fish and Game staff were not seeing signs of disease or parasites during the summer fishery.

AC member Tom Gray and Kevin Clark discussed how the Guideline Harvest Limit, Allowable Biological Catch and Over Fishing Limits were set. GHL is set to allow a buffer between the GHL and the ABC, the ABC is set 30% less than the OFL.

AC member Gray also had questions about where the majority of the harvest is coming from in the region and if Fish and Game uses that information to manage or manages the resource as a whole. He stated concerns of over fishing by larger boats from outside the region as well as concentrated harvest by regional fishing boats and the impact to subsistence. There was concern about the three crab crashes in the last 40 years and that Fish and Game needs to manage properly to avoid more crashes.

Kevin Clark- Fish and Game manages the crab as a single population. It’s an open access fishery.

Chair Lean summarized the history of the commercial fishery and some of the management actions that have been taken to avoid crashes. A 40 pot limit and the fishery was turned into a super exclusive fishery. They wanted to avoid catching all the mature crab as soon as they matured. The legal options for putting limitations on the fishery are few. It’s important to remember that crab don’t recruit every year, we haven’t had recruitment in this fishery for about 4 years.



Kevin Clark responded by saying that recent functional maturity studies have shown that our legal size crab have been able to spawn 3, maybe even 4 times before becoming legal size. He also responded a question from AC member Drew McCann on how long the 30% OFL buffer has been in place, since 2019 with an increase to 40% in 2020.

Finfish Report

Kevin Clark led the finfish summary. Coho numbers were more inline with historical numbers, there were also no marine water gill net fisheries in District 6 beginning July 1. There was no directed pink fishery this summer. Subsistence needs appeared to have been met in District 5 and 6, but subsistence in Nome appeared to be lower primarily because of low pink salmon returns. District 2 was managed more conservatively based on lower subsistence catch and concerns raised by subsistence users in White Mountain over limited subsistence opportunity. The Pilgrim River rebounded and had good sockeye returns allowing for the limits on subsistence sockeye to be removed.

The plan going forward is to manage for King Salmon conservation in Southern Norton Sound and allow for in river subsistence fishing. He is not anticipating restrictions on the Sinuk River, and looking to open subsistence fishing on the Pilgrim River at the 25 fish limit. If there were restrictions in Port Clarence they would be windows of restriction with windows of openings to allow escapement up the Pilgrim River.

AC members Drew McCann and Tom Gray both raised concerns about coho returns over the last several years. There were also concerns about the effectiveness of counting projects in the region and limited subsistence fishing.

Chair Lean brought up that the return of sockeye in the Pilgrim River was not necessarily a surprise but that after this next year there will likely be very poor returns as there was no brood stock to return.

AC Member Henry Olanna present at 1:40pm

Proposals

Proposal 272- Shellfish. Modify the start of the commercial crab fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15th in the Norton Sound Region.

Kevin Knowlton- Motion to Support

Drew McCann- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean stated that the proposal was written by a commercial fisherman and was written to address low meat fill issues with the earlier season opening date. The proposal could be problematic for commercial fishers in Southern Norton Sound as it would likely require them to travel farther and spend more money on fuel to catch crab. The Southern Norton Sound AC in their meeting had suggested a potential compromise date to the proposal.

AC members briefly discussed whether there could be a conservation aspect to the proposal if better meat fill meant fewer crab were caught, but the effects were thought to be minimal.

The Southern Norton Sound AC was not present to comment.

Kevin Clark said that the department's position had not been finalized but there was potentially an allocative aspect to the proposal because the one buyer can decide to start buying whenever they want but a catcher-seller permittee could sell outside of the processing plants buying timeframe.

Motion Passed



7 in favor
2 opposed

Since Henry Olanna was now present Kevin Knowlton made a motion to reseal Henry Olanna to the Brevig Mission seat.

Seconded by Drew McCann

Unanimous Support to reseal Henry Olanna to the Brevig Mission seat.

Proposal 273- Shellfish. Modify the start of the winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1st.

Kevin Knowlton- Motion to support

Drew McCann- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean stated that the concern is that during poor ice condition years the stable ice edge gets crowded with pots and people begin to leap frog out onto bad ice to attempt to catch more crab. The cost of a lost pot can be easily made up for by catching more crab on bad ice. The effects of lost pots and ghost fishing is not well known but likely detrimental to the crab population. The intent of the proposal is to allow for an emergency order to close the season to bad ice. Southern Norton Sound supported the proposal.

There was additional discussion from AC member Knowlton on how a standard would be created to determine whether the ice conditions warranted closing or opening. AC member Gray also stated that fishers could still set pots on thin ice, especially because it's easier to cut a hole and that the biggest protection of the fishery is pot limits.

Kevin Clark stated that there would need to be a definition and set conditions so that it wouldn't just be his interpretation of the conditions. This would likely be undertaken by the Board of Fish. On pot loss, the current regulation for the winter fishery allows for 20 pots tags and no more.

Chair Lean stated that there is already precedent for managing a fishery based on ice conditions. Crab fisheries in the Pribilofs were closed as sea ice moved down. You could also make the decision on ice conditions based on the ice edge vs. bathymetry line to determine stable ice, as well as the condition of the ice edge.

Motion Passed

8 in favor
1 opposed

Proposal 274- Shellfish. Increase the legal size for king crab in the Norton Sound Commercial Fishery from 4- and three-quarter inches to 5 inches and increase the size pot escape mechanisms.

Jacob Mannix- Motion to support

Tom Gray- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean gave a summary the proposal stating the intent was to get the legal size in line with the marketable size. The current regulations of 4.75" create a harvestable biomass estimate that includes less desirable, not marketable crab. Which in turn contributes to significant handling and additional mortality. By having the legal size in line with marketable size a better estimate of the harvestable biomass of crab is given rather than a biomass that includes less desirable crab. This in turn will reduce handling mortality.

Limited additional discussion on increased winter handling mortality and whether there has been any comments received by the AC from catcher seller permits.



Chair Lean also discussed whether the Board of Fish would require an increase in pot escape mechanisms if the legal size limit were to be increased.

Motion Passes- unanimous

9 in favor

0 Opposed

Recess at 2:48pm

Meeting Back in Order at 3:00pm

ADF&G Wildlife Report

Moose: Sara Henslee gave the wildlife report starting with Moose in Unit 22C. The bull cow ratio in 22C is 28 bulls to 100 cows. The quota for the fall 2024 season was 25 and there was a harvest of 40. All other harvest levels were close to the quotas. 22B west quota 26, harvest 26. 22D Kuzi Quota 27, Harvest 33. 22D Remainder Quota 17, harvest 19. 22B west will have a winter quota of 14 moose. The 22C harvest was high but likely able to be absorbed by the population this year. That likely won't be the case if the high harvest continues. Another composition survey will be flown in Fall 2025 and the next abundance survey will be flown in spring 2026. A browse survey in 22C was conducted for winter browse and there was a browse rate of 9%, and below 35% is the target, based on browse there is room to grow the Unit 22 Moose population.

AC members expressed concern about the harvest in 22C.

Member of the public Austen Ahmasuk expressed the belief that the moose population has been mismanaged by F&G. Emphasizing that there has been continual over harvest of moose and that the Board of Game has refused to address the amount necessary for subsistence. He also suggested that it is interesting to have a 9% browse rate and a moose population that is not growing, suggesting over harvest.

Moose: Sara Henslee continued with the wildlife report with discussion on moose harvest in 22E. The bull/cow ratio is decreasing. Non-resident harvest has been decreased, resident harvest has increased. Mrs. Henslee offered clarification to AC member Louis Stang on the current non-resident permit structure. Fish and Game can offer up to 5 non-resident draw permits based on what the resident harvest is. Nome hunters make up most of the 22E resident harvest increase. Fish and Game estimates unreported harvest is about 13 moose.

Musk ox: there has been an increase in harvest in the earlier months when musk ox are closer to town with 17% of the quota harvested and 1 out of 10 cows harvested. The musk ox population is stable with an estimated abundance of 1932 musk ox, 46/100 bull cow ratio and short yearling ratio of 43/100. The next abundance survey will be in 2028.

AC Member Johnson Eningowuk stated that there is concern from residents in Shishmaref about the musk ox in their area. They are not afraid of people and can be a nuisance. They have torn down people's fish racks. The population is too high and the harvest should be increased.

Fish and Game staff Sara Henslee and Alicia Carson emphasized that the Tier II application period is currently open and encouraged Johnson to apply and to reach out himself or have



others reach out if they wanted assistance or had questions about applying. They further stated that they don't see very many applications from many of the regional villages.

Bears: Bear harvest has remained stable with about 100 bears per year in unit 22. The 22C season was closed early last year with the quota. In response to previous requests from AC members the average skull size and age data for the last 10 years appears to be stable. Sow harvest is 37% and the management goal for sow harvest is below 50%.

Caribou: Fish and Game was not able to do an abundance survey this last summer, the last abundance estimate from the previous survey was 152,000. The bag limit changes have gone into effect for a bag limit of 15 caribou per year, 1 of which can be a cow.

AC members Johnson Eningowuk and Chair Lean also discussed the mixing of caribou and reindeer and the likelihood that there are resident herds of caribou living permanently on the Seward Peninsula.

Alex Hansen, Wildlife Biologist from Kotzebue joined the caribou discussion to cover WAH questions.

The cow survival rate is 75% and 80% is the long-term average. For herd growth the cow survival rate should be at 85% or higher, we have had low cow survival since 2017. Calf recruitment has been decent.

AC members also asked whether we have age data on cows and whether satellite collars were able to be deployed. Alex Hansen stated that we do not have age data and that 50 collars were deployed in April.

Some additional discussion on declining nutritional value in the caribou food source but Alex Hansen stated he did not have an answer for those questions but there was some satellite research being done on availability of winter forage.

Moose Subcommittee Discussion

AC member Jacob Mannix discussed the intent of the moose subcommittee: Members of the AC and members of the public have long expressed frustrations with the moose hunt in unit 22, primarily the short seasons. The AC has discussed potential options for addressing these concerns but has yet to put forth a proposal. The intent of the subcommittee is to explore potential proposals, draft them and bring them to the full AC for consideration. The subcommittee should work closely with Fish and Game and the public and should be limited in size and try to not impact regional villages. AC member Mannix also stated the subcommittee should try to primarily address the road system accessible hunts and not impact regional village hunts.

AC member Johnson Eningowuk discussed the limitations that the community of Shishmaref has in terms of easy access to moose hunting. Emphasizing the differences between issues that Nome faces versus other communities.

AC member Tom Gray emphasized that even if the subcommittee were to try to only deal with road system issues, the villages would be impacted, that Nome hunters are already hunting out of Shishmaref near Ear Mountain, and into 22E. White Mountain would also be impacted. He also raised concerns about representation on the subcommittee and stated that there needed to



be representation from the villages to ensure that any proposed changes wouldn't impact them or displace more Nome hunters further out.

AC member Mannix stated those concerns were valid and acknowledged and that village representation could be on the subcommittee and that the primary intent of the subcommittee is to attempt to find some kind of solution to the issues that the AC and members of the public have brought up regarding the moose hunt.

AC member Kevin Knowlton raised concerns over availability of people to attend more meetings and that maybe the AC should consider having multiple subcommittees to limit the time and amount of information covered in one meeting.

The AC discussed tentatively holding the first meeting of the subcommittee during the week of January 20th, the AC will need to give adequate notice to Sam Kirby for appropriate public notice.

Kevin Knowlton makes a motion to establish a moose subcommittee.

Tom Gray seconds

8 in favor

0 opposed

Unanimous support

Recess at 4:16pm

Meeting back in order at 4:23pm

Proposal 151- Pass 6 in favor, 3 oppose

Reauthorization of the brown bear tag fee exemption

Kevin Knowlton makes motion to support

Tom Gray second

Discussion: AC members discussed whether a tag fee could be used to measure hunter participation, people who are actually going to go bear hunting opposed to people taking advantage of opportunistic hunting. AC member Johnson Eningowuk raised concerns that since brown bears were not subsistence food, and shouldn't need to pay \$25 to shoot a bear if need be. Other AC members shared those concerns. AC members Mannix, Stang and Tom Gray stated that conservation costs money, and the tag fee would provide additional funds to Fish and Game.

Proposal 129- Fail, all opposed

Establish the minimum caliber for big game be a barrel bore of at least .25 inches and centerfire

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Kevin Knowlton Second

Discussion: The AC has historically opposed caliber restrictions. Many residents can only afford one caliber and have successfully hunted with that caliber. AC member Johnson Eningowuk stated he only owns a .22-250 and has successfully hunted moose, musk ox, caribou, and polar bear with it.

ADF&G also offered clarification on the definition of "big game" and listed species that are legally defined big game including, deer and wolf.

Proposal 130- Fail, all opposed



Establish the minimum caliber for the taking of moose to be .243.

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Tom Gray second

No action based on previous Motion's action

Proposal 131- Fail, all opposed

Require identification tags to be attached to traps

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Jacob Mannix second

Discussion: The AC briefly discussed the proposal and felt that the proposal was not suitable for a statewide regulation and may be better suited to specific areas.

Proposal 133- Fail, all opposed

Prohibit the use of snow machines to approach and pursue wolverine

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Jacob Mannix second

Discussion: The AC briefly discussed existing trapping regulations and how this proposal would affect them.

Proposal 142- Fail, all opposed

Permit for selling skins, skulls, and trophies

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Johnson Eningowuk- second

Discussion: The AC sought clarification on the proposal from the department on what this regulation would apply to. Trophy is defined as lifelike representation of the animal and this regulation would not apply to raw hides and skulls.

Proposal 143- Fail, all opposed

Purchase and sale of game without a permit

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Johnson Eningowuk second

Discussion: AC members discussed the language of the proposal, stating it was a double negative and caused confusion.

Chairs Report on Caribou Working Group

The Board of Game did not follow the Working Groups proposals. Starting July 1, 2025 the WAH bag limit will be 15 animals, only 1 of which will be a cow. The original proposals saw a lot of resistance from Unit 26 hunters, and led to this compromise proposal, as well as the Board of Games decision to not close the non-resident season.

Tom Gray makes a motion to support Charlie Lean attend the WACH working group.

Kevin Knowlton Seconds

Unanimous support

Board of Fish Meeting

Kevin Knowlton makes a motion to support sending Charlie Lean

Tom Gray- second

Unanimous support



Finfish Proposals

The AC discussed a potential proposal to amend the limit for sockeye salmon on the Sinuk River to 25 per permit. This was previously an agenda change request that was denied.

The AC also discussed king salmon on the Pilgrim River and why there was still a 3 salmon limit on the river when escapements have been very, very low. 13 this past season. Several AC members expressed concern over the low numbers of king salmon returning and that the AC should look at options to remove king salmon harvest from the permit.

Kevin Clark with Fish and Game brought up several things the AC should consider if it were to try and conserve king salmon on the Pilgrim River. Restrictions on gill net fishing would likely need to be implemented and the AC would need to consider how far downstream any new regulations would apply.

AC member Tom Gray and others brought up concerns over a lack of escapement goals in the area and that there was value in having a goal or target to manage to.

Kevin Clark with Fish and Game stated that the department is currently in an escapement goal review for the area but that some goals they have currently may not remain, and some may change.

Public Comment

Austen Ahmasuk commented in support of the moose subcommittee and recommended that the subcommittee set very clear goals. He also expressed concern about potential development plans in the region, namely the Graphite One project and how that could negatively impact the Imuruk Basin and the Pilgrim, Kuzitrin, and Agiapuk rivers.

Committee Member Comments

Davis Lincoln commented in support of the moose subcommittee and expressed concern about the low numbers of moose harvested in White Mountain. Additionally, he brought up two proposals that were to be submitted by White Mountain and hoped that the Moose subcommittee may be able to help more.

Johnson Eningowuk discussed difficulties over moose hunting near Shishmaref, namely the limited amount of access and brought up concerns about the impacts of climate change making it difficult to hunt caribou because of the lack of snow. He also reiterated that there were too many musk ox near Shishmaref and that they are a nuisance and that brown bears provided no subsistence value.

Kevin Knowlton addressed member Eningowuk's comments on brown bear, suggesting that perhaps a predator control perspective as opposed to subsistence perspective may encourage more people to take bears and help the moose and caribou. He also recommended encouraging people to apply for the Tier II permit. He also Reiterated the idea that the AC consider shorter more frequent meetings to be more productive on certain topics.

Henry Olanna Jr expressed frustration over communication on the meeting start time.

Tom Gray emphasized that moose hunting can be very costly and that the AC needed to make sure that moose hunting wasn't just set up for certain classes of people. He also reiterated the importance of crabbing to a subsistence lifestyle and the need to keep crabbing as a culture.



Louis Stang thanked state employees and looks forward to work on the moose subcommittee.

Jacob Mannix will be coordinating with Sam Kirby and others to set a meeting date for the first moose meeting.

Charlie Lean thanked members Johnson Eningowuk and Henry Olanna as well Sam Kirby. Will need to meet more with Sam to discuss travel for AC members.

Next meeting date: After March 16 but before April 11th.

Kevin Knowlton motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 5:57pm

Minutes prepared by: Jacob Mannix

Minutes Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Mannix". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "M".

Minutes Approved by Charles Lean via email
on 12.24.2024



Nushagak Advisory Committee

Saturday, February 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am | Located at the Curyung Tribal Council Office
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 838 7717 2599
Abbreviated Minutes for Submission to Statewide Board of Fisheries 2024/2025

Call to Order: 10:05

I. Roll Call

I. Members Present:

Chris Carr
Travis Ball
Gabe Davis
Kenneth Nukwak
Todd Fritze
Curt Armstrong
Susie Jenkins-Brito
Dan Dunaway
Lindsay Layland
Travis Wren
Moses Kritz

II. Members Absent (Excused):

Joe Chythlook
Gayla Hoseth

III. Members Absent (Unexcused):

Robert Larson Sr.
Joe Kazimirowicz
Mariano Floresta

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

V. List of User Groups Present: ADFG, AK State Wildlife Troopers, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, BBEDC

II. Fish and Game Staff Present:

John Landsliedel

III. Guests Present:

Joe Witkop – ASWT
Andy Aderman – TNWR
Truitt – TNWR
Tony Zoch – BBEDC
Jesse R., Tom T., Robert H., Reed T., Mark S., Dave B., Misa W.

IX. New Business

I. Statewide BOG proposals at the AC's discretion

Susie: Open invitation to speak up on any proposals. Regs start pg. 92 of book.
Todd: proposals to look at - 86-91;

II. Statewide BOF proposals at the AC's discretion



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314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest area to target Kvichak River fish while conserving Naknek River sockeye.		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Kurt: I think it's a knee-jerk response to a one-time issue.</p> <p>Robert: if it were a department concern, they would have made the proposal. They still made the escapement last season, it was just on the lower end. If early indication from Port Moller that Naknek is going to be weak, look at boundaries and who can fish while the fish are returning.</p> <p>Dan moves to adopt, Travis seconds.</p> <p>Susie: more prudent for it to be taken up during BB finfish, which is now – seems unreasonable for it to be decided on now when we can have a thorough review process during BB finfish proposals. Question called. Proposal Fails Unanimously.</p>



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86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
Oppose	0	10	ADFG opposed. Todd: This would lead to unnecessary paperwork. Proposal comes from 2 people, not a wide array of community support. SB: Seems like an additional burden. Dan: Need to be alert to this, interest is increasing.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	10	ADFG neutral. Todd: eliminates ability to sit in a stationary skiff to hunt. Dan: this would prevent us from drifting in a canoe to hunt ducks.
88	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		
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.		
1 st & 2 nd amendments failed. Proposal as written failed.	4 2 0	6 9 11	Gabe: could limit pressure, not a bad way to change the hunter presence & ensure quality of meat care. Todd: Problem with this statewide is that some places are begging people to go shoot moose. Not good for a statewide proposal. Travis W: agree with both – need to examine this as a statewide proposal though. Susie: we can support a component of this and oppose a different portion. Dan: Should take this game unit by game unit.



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			<p>Dan: mixed feelings about guide requirement, in favor of hunter education for all hunters. Robert: We should focus on region specific next time for this one, also have a bear problem – if the issue is non-residents, we should focus on how to correct that. Todd: let's make this unit specific at our next board cycle. Susie: we haven't done much proactive planning as a committee, that would be appropriate for next cycle. We do have discretion to support a component of this proposal, though that might fall on deaf ears at the statewide meeting.</p> <p>Dan moves, Gabe 2nds to amend to only vote on the hunters ed portion, removing the requirement for guided hunt (for this vote). Question called. Proposal as amended fails.</p> <p>Back to proposal 89 as written: Gabe – move to amend that focuses this proposal on GMU 17B only. Todd: concerned the state board will not see our amendment notes and think we are supporting this proposal as written. Travis: We need to move on. This is a statewide meeting, let's keep the amendment at a statewide level. We can address it in our next regional cycle. Amendment fails 9-2</p> <p>Proposal 89 as written fails unanimously.</p>
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Fails unanimously	0	11	<p>Joe: This is not legal. Todd: totally against this, takes away the spirit of a proxy hunt and turns it into a market hunt. Joe: the person with the proxy permit can/does offer to pay for a portion of gas, the regulation tries to prevent people from capitalizing on it and requiring payment/profit from hunting. Moses: current regulations are appropriate. Travis calls the question.</p>
126-128	Using night vision goggles for taking fur-bearers		



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Fails unanimously	0	11	Todd: We're already allowed to trap at night. Too much opportunity for problems. Joe: might bring more burden to troopers. Once allowed in the field, it becomes difficult to enforce what they're used for (ie, used for moose?). Mark S: couldn't we just say they can't use them during moose? Susie: we can, same process for amendments. John: adopted in another region for wolves.
129-130	Establish minimum fire power for taking of big game.		
Fails unanimously	0	11	Todd: Caliber size should not be addressed at this time because it's more about shot placement than fire power. You can shoot a moose in the butt with a .375 and it can walk away. You can take one shot with a .223 and kill it with one shot. Susie: responsibility falls on the hunter to be adequately prepared for the hunt.
131	Require tags to be attached to traps and snares		
Fails unanimously	0	11	Todd: Trap tags can be used and traps stolen and reset illegally, screwing the original owner. Tags are expensive, some enforcement guys might check tags and mess up traps, can be very problematic. Reed: I found a live conibear on my gram's land, would have been nice to have a tag on there. Lindsay: if people are going to do it illegally, they're not going to put tags on there.

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132	Prohibits nonresidents from using snow machines to approach and pursue the taking of wolves & wolverines.		
Fails unanimously	0	10	Todd: specific to nonresidents. Nonresident hunters generate a lot of income to the communities, I don't like limiting methods and means in this manner to residents only. John: Minimal takings from ground shootings of wolverines in recent years. Susie: clarification - positioning is a trapping regulation, not a hunting reg.
133	Prohibit snow machines to approach and pursue wolverines for res & non-res.		
Fails unanimously	0	10	Todd: was allowed as a method and means statewide 2 years ago. If not wanted in the area it should be a regional proposal. We've worked hard to get caught up in methods and means to other regions. Dan: I don't support this.
140	Eliminate the requirement to provide attached evidence of sex for big game		
Fails unanimously	0	10	Joe: testing can take months to get back, may not actually produce the intended result. Antlers or horns are rarely attached to the meat, having evidence of sex is helpful/necessary. Dan: do not support this.
141	Allow video recording to serve as evidence of transfer of possession		
Supported unanimously	10		Dan: how would the guides feel about this? Could be more convenient and help folks be more compliant. Mark S: would be more convenient, saves using paper/having a pen. Joe: if digital format would be utilized, it's likely not to matter to law enforcement.
142	Allows sale of legally harvested big game without a permit		
Fails unanimously	0	10	Dan: Do Troopers care about this? No comment from ADFG. I'm inclined to oppose it so it doesn't monetize trophy taking. Todd: opposed. Promotes taking antlers & nothing else. Joe: language specific to doing it without a permit. Todd: So you can get a



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			permit to sell moose antlers? Joe: has to be prepared as a trophy mount.
143	Allow sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
No action			No action based on 142 discussion & opposition.
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into wild		
Fails unanimously	0	10	Todd: no brainer that this is not reasonable. We do have feral cats here, allowing them to be released which could impact ground bird colonies is absurd.
148	Impose conditions on intensive management plan		
Fails unanimously	0	11	John: takes approval away from the commissioner. Dan: I suspect this person wants to create obstacles for things not to work. I'll oppose it. Robert: If the intent is to put additional restrictions on the commissioner, it will make it even harder to get the efforts we all want to go through. Best not to support.
149	Add Nushagak AC to subunit B and Togiak AC to 17C relating to antlerless moose authorizations.		
Unanimous Support	44	0	Susie: mostly a housekeeping practice. Regulatory clarification is prudent. Dan: I'm in support.
Unanimous Support as amended	11	0	Robert: What I understand is the intent is for the affected communities to have their AC's provide input. 17A should be Togiak & Nushagak. Motion to reconsider 149; <i>Amend (3)(B)(i) to say Togiak & Nushagak – passed unanimously.</i>

Meeting minutes written by Lindsay Layland

Approved by Nushagak AC Chairman, Susie Jenkins-Brito



Petersburg ADF&G Advisory Committee
November 20, 2024
6:30pm
Borough Assembly Chambers
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chairman Max Worhatch

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

1. Max Worhatch
2. Jake Rasmussen
3. Bob Martin
4. Nyle Thomas
5. Ted Sandhofer
6. Paul Menish
7. Anthony Taiber (online)
8. Ben Case
9. Kaleb Baird

Members Absent (Excused):

Megan O'Neil
Don Spigelmyre
Joel Randrup
David Benitz
Brandon Ware
Heather Bauscher
the Troll seat remains vacant

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, sport fishing and hunting, subsistence and personal use.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Katie Taylor
Jeff Rice
Tom Kowalske
Joe Stratman
Frank Robbins
Tessa Bergman (online)



- IV. Guests Present:
Derek Thynes (local commercial fisherman who authored Proposals 250 and 258)
Nels Evens (Petersburg Vessel Owners Association) (online)
- V. Approval of Agenda
Shellfish, Dungeness Crab proposals, and others including Board of Game proposals if time allows and there is interest from the members
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: -not ready yet
- VII. Reports: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. New Business: see below BoF proposals 250-262, 78, BoG 129,130
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: no takers yet
- XII. Set next meeting date: November 27, 6:30pm Assembly Chambers

Adjourned: 8:00pm

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish January 28-February 9th, 2025 Ketchikan, AK			
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250	Reduce the minimum size limit for male Dungeness crab from six and one-half inches to six and one-quarter inches in the Registration A subsistence and personal use fisheries		
Support	8	1	Derek Thynes (Proposal author): sees an opportunity to fish for personal use Dungeness crab at 6 and ¼ inch for male crab. Feels it would allow opportunities before predators get to them. Males of 6.25 inch and males of 6.5 inch are in the same age class and would not affect reproduction. ADF&G: Would increase take of male crab from personal use and reduce the number of legal crab for commercial harvest. Has



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			concerns about reducing size limits and long term harvest sustainability. Max Worhatch (AC): Other Dungeness crab fisheries such as Oregon and Washington have sustainable crab fisheries at lower male size limits.
251	Change the start date of the Registration Area A Dungeness crab commercial fishery's summer season from June 15 to July 1		
Oppose	0	9	Max Worhatch (AC): Crab molt at all different times pushing the opener would not help with meat quality. Derek Thynes (public): opposed to any time changes, crab molt at different times and this change would not help with meat quality. Shorting the season would negatively affect commercial Dungeness crabbers.
252	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Dungeness crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait		
Support	8	0	There were no objections to this method of obtaining bait while crabbing
253	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
254	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
255	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial, personal use, or subsistence shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab f		
NA			
256	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. In addition, permit ho		



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Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
257	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
258	Open some or all areas closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A		
Support	8	1	Most members felt that the commercial area closures are not justified as they give an exclusive area to a small number of users. By this rational and trend, anything within miles of every community could be closed. The proposer felt that closed areas yield fewer crab in a year than areas that see the largest males removed. The committee feels that this proposal in conjunction with #250 (reduced size limit for subsistence and personal use) would be better at allowing both user groups to access these and all other areas adequately. The opposing vote felt that these areas should be re-considered individually and he generally did not want to give up the potential to have areas dedicated for subsistence.
259	Open all waters closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A between October 1 and November 30, annually		
Support	9	0	Since the closed areas are not used much by locals in the fall, why not open them back up for commercial crabbing for two months every year?
260	Close George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, and Thorne Arm in District 1 to the commercial harvest of shrimp and crab		
Oppose	0	8	There is no evidence that these areas are over-harvested. Everyone wants their own backyard area closed to commercial harvest.
261	Close Traitors Cove to commercial and sport shellfish harvest		
Oppose	0	8	Everyone wants their own backyard area.
262	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in Thorne Bay		
Oppose	0	8	Here again, even though it is already closed to commercial harvest, residents want further restrictions. We are against carving the region into specialized areas for certain user groups. Where would it end?

PWS Proposal 78:

Oppose 9-0



The committee feels the need to address this proposal since it was also proposed for Southeast as prop #156. Although it is for PWS, it would set a bad precedent for the Southeast area if adopted at the PWS BoF meeting. There is no scientific data to back it up. These hatchery programs are economically important to our fishers and communities.

Board of Game Proposals:

129	Establish minimum big game caliber .25		
Oppose	0	9	The proposal is too broad and should not apply to all big game. Deer can be taken with smaller calibers with no issue. Many families have used the same hunting rifles for generations which maybe below the proposed caliber restriction. Several on the committee enjoy hunting deer with a .243 and feel it is fine for that purpose and wish to continue doing so.
130	Establish minimum of .243 caliber for taking moose		
Support	9	0	Caliber restriction on moose makes sense because of their size. Any caliber below the proposed caliber minimum would be hard to justify in the quick clean killing of a big game animal of this size.

Adjournment: 8:00pm

Minutes Recorded By: Rasmussen and Martin
Minutes Approved By: Draft reviewed by Worhatch
Date:11/25/2024



PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 13th, 2025
Zoom

I. Call to Order: 5:59 pm AST, Nick Crump (Chair)

II. Roll Call

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present: CDFU- Forrest Jenkins

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Andy Pollock, Donnie Aurther, Heidi Hatcher, Jacqueline Keating, Charlotte Westing

IV. Guests Present: Doug Frasher, Scott Steiger, Joe Lobos, Davids ipad

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bruce, 2nd Brett

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: none
- b. ADF&G: none
- c. Others: none

VIII. Public Comment: none

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries proposals 266, 268, 299-308, 310, and 311
- b. Board of Game proposals 85 and 90-101, 152
- c. Election of Vacant Seats (10 available) and Expiring Seats (Bruce Bowman, Brett Wilbanks) Election of Vacant Seats (10 available) and Expiring Seats (Bruce Bowman, Brett Wilbanks):



Elections were held post meeting-

Bruce was nominated by Brett to maintain seat, 2nd Dan, vote to remain was unanimous.

Brett was nominated by Bruce to maintain seat, 2nd Dan, vote to remain was unanimous.

Dan nominated Jens Saxsum for membership.

- d. Other Fish and Game business as needed: the minutes incorporated here are focused on BOF proposals. BOG proposals will be submitted separately.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

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266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
Support	3	0	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Dan, Nick voted to take no action
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
Support as amended	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Discussion indicated that multiple incidental species, in this case tanner crab, harvested in conjunction with the major targeted species in the context of commercial charter operations, allows substantial additional pressure to those incidental resources. This additional harvest pressure via charter operator access is not only of concern, but consideration of the qualifying user position of the guest (i.e. Residents [subsistence and personal use]) or open access (i.e. nonresidents and residents[sport]), should be considered. The feeling of the committee became focused upon specific incidental resources harvested with remotely deployable gear, as they fish all day long in one location, while the guest fishes all day in another location for the targeted species. The committee recognized that if this practice were widespread, the impact to these incidentally harvested species would be extremely detrimental. While this proposal is focused on tanner crab, the concept and precedent set by this proposal may allow guests on finfish charters to drop multiple remote gear types, targeting multiple incidental



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			resources, in the same trip, Industry wide, on an intense daily cycle, for the entirety of the subject species seasons. It was agreed that if this proposal were not to carry, access to incidental harvest should at least be limited to personal use or subsistence user groups.
299	Develop a comprehensive Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
Support	4	0	<p>Motion by Dan, 2nd by Brett. The committee focused discussion (in the context of the sponsors of this proposal), as to it's clarity and directness, considering the broad scope of it's intent. The concept of a task force and its abilities to develop a well-crafted plan were considered and reaffirmed. Further definition of specific qualities to be addressed were discussed, and it was determined to be warranted to provide additional language for the board's consideration. Particularly identified topics are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 3 yr. regulatory cycle (individual aspects considered/ ununified action) vs. a task force (whose findings could be considered out of cycle in a thorough manner). This could be an area for further identification of tactics and definition, that helped SE stabilize the pot shrimp fishery in their region.2. Equality in allocation and regulation applied to all user groups directed to share the burden of conservation. -i.e. manage by regulatory guidelines not EO.3. A specific directive to address the current management inequity in maintaining specific GHL goals. -i.e. manage by regulatory guidelines not EO.4. Geographic management strategies intended to direct harvest to the most productive areas of the district with consideration of user access. Currently, commercial activity rotates annually in three of four areas within the sound, contrarily non- commercial access is sound wide annually... all access is based on sound wide data and forecasts and this disparity between user groups is of concern to the committee.5. The proposal from the AC re: a user fee- (intended to compliment the departments' ability to obtain biological data and fund in-season reporting) was highlighted and should continue to be supported in the upcoming session. It was noted that AC requested direct support for this initiative, which has stalled, and



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			<p>the request can be refined. PWS Valdez AC and Whittier AC will amend the request and seek a letter of support from the board before approaching the Legislature.</p> <p>6. The committee recognized the positive nature of society “within the regulatory process framework” to promote and encourage trust in the honor system. Committee members also shared/recognized their personal experiences and noted the unchecked potential for abuse and enforcement challenges.</p> <p>Forest Jenkins commented that he felt he was on the same page with the concept of a comprehensive FMP.</p> <p>Public comment by Doug Fraser supported the need for definition of certain aspects /components of an FMP but he was uncertain how the comprehensive analysis would evolve.</p>
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Support as amended	4	0	<p>Motion by Dan, 2nd Bruce, Forest presented the proposal and noted there would be an amendment forthcoming to address southeastern sport use. The Committee voted to support the proposal and include the CFDU amendment. Committee discussion highlighted that geographic management, in-season reporting for the sport fishery, and a shared burden of conservation between user groups were similar in nature too, and would be suited for consideration within, proposal 299. Brett supported the in-season reporting methodology and mentioned the potential use of better geographic data, i.e. stat area identification, as a useful tool for the department to manage the fishery in-season.</p>
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Support	4	0	<p>Motion by Brett, 2nd Dan, Forest presented the proposal and clarified the intent to share the burden of conservation between commercial and sport user groups without affecting subsistence users. Furthermore, he pointed out that AK residents can shift from sport to subsistence permits, hence users could be taking advantage of a loop hope with a negative impact to the intent of regulation/management. If a dramatic shift in user classification occurs, the ANS is not designed to manage towards that condition. Historically the prevalent over-harvest of the sport GHL motivated this proposal and was deliberated in detail. The committee determined by consensus among attendees that the over-harvesting this</p>



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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
			GHL was of great concern. The committee concluded that this issue would be suited for consideration within proposal 299. Doug voiced his opinion, in support of an Equal Burden of Conservation (=BoC) represented in the proposal. Additional discussion led to the potential need for a non-subsistence zone near the Whittier access point to PWS.
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Dan. Committee opposed raising the TAH unanimously.
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose As amended	0	4	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Dan. Committee concurred that the current TAH is arbitrary. The =BoC should be represented by a scientifically sound TAH as input for a responsive/relevant MSY which would be a primary focus of a task force and appropriate for consideration within proposal 299.
304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Discussion focused on egg bearing females sampled by ADFG and Data gathered by Richard Regan, in coordination with Jan Rumble of ADFG, in the first two weeks of the season. Donnie confirmed that the Statistical decline in egg bearing females is 36% in April approaching 5% in May. Richard's data will be presented at the next meeting. The committee's commercial shrimp fishery participants shared their personal experiences with early season egg bearers and felt the need to support the 2 week delay in season opening.
305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
Support as amended	4	0	Motion by Brett, 2 nd Dan, Committee deliberation supported limiting the amount of additional gear sport users can carry. It was clarified that remotely deployable gear is specifically susceptible to misuse and enforcement in the district is extremely limited for this user group. Forest reiterated the lack of enforceability was a primary concern in putting this proposal forward. Committee concurred to support the proposal but allow a small number (1 or 2) additional pots for sports participants.
306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Committee discussion unanimously opposed daily reporting requirements for the commercial fleet as the department currently has frequent and accurate reporting methods.



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307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Committee discussion supported the proposal. Start time was debated and the members confirmed their opinion that normalization of the start time was favorable for safety, enforcement, and equal opportunity reasons. It was noted that this issue is another aspect of this fishery that would be suitable for consideration within a FMP, proposal 299. Forest supported the concept noting the safety and enforcement benefits.
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. The committee unanimously opposed a reduction in the maximum number of commercial pots allowed. No benefit was perceived, as the department currently has EO authority and has demonstrated that the number of pots available to commercial fishermen over recent history is manageable.
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
Oppose as amended	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Committee comments and deliberation resulted in uncertainty given the proposed outcome if the elimination of the rotational areas was executed. It seemed that the concept may have unintended consequences. Like many of the proposals before the committee this would be suitable for consideration within a FMP, proposal 299. Andy commented on the sound wide aspects of the proposal and the potential value in consideration of a FMP.
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
Oppose	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Committee input was in opposition to the concept of tender/ fishing vessel combinations. The complications of fishing vessels tendering in this fishery was discussed. Enforcement of operations with dual interests was perceived as complex and difficult to enforce. The distinction between fishermen and buyer processor operations involves a point of sale and chain of custody for this resource which is challenging to validate.



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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
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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Members decided that inclusion of transporter type services within guide services was not desirable due to the distinct differences, intent and involvement of the professional providing either.
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. The committee undertook prop# 90 and 91 as they were identical in nature. Unanimous support was in favor of mountain goat online education to include a quiz.
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	4	0	See #90
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
Oppose	0	3	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Nick took no action. General consensus indicated in the case of sheep it was not as imperative to require online attendance / registration and was noted by the department that many sources of information are currently available to novice hunters for field identification clarification.
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
No Action	0	0	Unanimous vote took no Action.
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
No Action	0	0	Unanimous vote took no Action.
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
Oppose	0	3	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce. Brett took no action. The committee undertook prop# 95 and 96 as they were identical in nature. 3 members opposed removal of aged based criteria for qualifying a legal animal.
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
Oppose	0	3	See #95
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
Support	4	0	Motion by Brett, 2 nd Dan.
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		



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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
No Action	0	4	A final vote was not called.
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Brett
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
No Action	0	0	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Dan. To take no action
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Support	4	0	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd Brett.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 nd Bruce.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board of Fish meeting: Brett was nominated by Bruce, 2nd by Dan. Vote carried unanimously.
- XII. Set next meeting date: To be determined. Based on need for input before BOF.
- XIII. Other: none
- XIV. Adjourn:

Adjournment: 10:33 pm AST

Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman

Minutes Approved By: Nick Crump

Date: 03/04/2025



Seldovia Advisory Committee
Friday, January 24th, 2025
Seldovia Multipurpose Room and Zoom

5:30 MVO

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Michael	Opheim	✓	
Stephen	Payton	✓	
Jevon	Chartier	✓	
Walt	Sonen	✓	
Alvin	Swick	✓	
Bryan	Chartier	✓	
Keith	Swick	✓	
Cutter	Grahn		excused
Jordan	Cameron	✓	
Chris	Pollock	✓	
Chance	Collier	✓	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Jason & hio, Leila

IV. Guests Present:

Liz Diamant

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- Chair's report
- ADF&G
- Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business



- a. Elections:
 - i. 3 seats open for election/re-election
 - 1. Keith Swick
 - 2. Cutter Grahn
 - 3. Jordan Cameron
 - ii. 4 vacant seats open
- b. Proposals 85-87, 121, 124, 125, 148 & New Proposals 187-192

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
AS JC	0	10	
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
AS KS	6	4	
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
JC AS	0	10	Wo
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
AS KS	0	10	no great outlined
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting		
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
148	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents - Prop. 7		
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
AS JC	9	0	
187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
188	Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows		
no action			

Amend prop 155 to include no shooting cows with calves
AC - 116



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189			Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows
KS AS	9	0	
190			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows
191			Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows
192 (ACR#9)			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other 263 open dungy history

XIV. Adjourn 264 allow dungy in Tanner history

7:17 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 1/24/2025



**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
November 20, 2024 at 11:00am
Myles Gonangnan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 11:27 am.

II. Roll Call (7 quorum)

First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Jacob	Ivanoff	Present
Morris	Nassuk	Present (Phone)
Renae	Ivanoff	Present
Matilda	Hardy	Unexcused
Randy	Takak	Present
Dominic	Richardson	Unexcused
Keasha	Steve	Unexcused
George	Flynn	Unexcused
Kelsi	Ivanoff	Present (zoom)
Wes	Jones	Present (zoom)
Gary	Eckenweiler	Present (zoom)
Johnny	Richardson	Unexcused

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

Sara Henslee, Alicia Carson, Sam Kirby, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Helen Cold, Marianna Mallory, Brynn Parr

IV. Guests Present

Shyler Johnson, Perry Burress, Lucia Ivanoff, Jeff Erickson, Silas Paniptchuk, Ike Towarak, Steve Ivanoff

V. Approval of Agenda

Wes Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with the ability to amend as needed, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. There was no opposition.

VI. Nominations and Officers Elections

Gary Eckenweiler nominated Perry Burress to be elected to the vacant Unalakleet Seat. Renae Ivanoff nominated Shyler Johnson as an alternate.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to approve nominations and the election of the members. The question was called. There was no opposition.



VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Wes Jones made a motion to approve the previous minutes of November 2, 2023 as presented, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler. The question was called. There was no opposition.

VIII. Reports

a. Chair's report

Jacob Ivanoff reported no activity. Kelsi Ivanoff was selected as a representative to attend the Board of Game meeting January 26 – January 29, 2024, in Kotzebue. She gave a brief update on board actions for hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou and moose in game management unit 22.

b. ADF&G

Kevin Clark summarized the Norton Sound-Port Clarence salmon season and commercial crab fisheries and gave a brief update on management strategies for 2025. There was discussion on crab abundance estimates based on the latest trawl survey and management strategies with a timeline for when the 2025 guideline harvest level (GHL) will be set. Kevin noted that the 2025 GHL will be similar to 2024. Additionally, there was discussion on an upcoming review to incorporate a drainage wide escapement goal for the Unalakleet River Chinook salmon stock. There was concern from both advisory committee members and members of the public.

Sara Henslee provided an update on the RM841 hunt, reporting 55 moose being harvested. The RM844 hunt begins December 1 – February 28. The department will fly a composition survey in the first week of December if weather conditions allow. The last survey of this nature occurred in 2020. Additionally, a population estimate, and recruitment survey is anticipated in the first week of March 2025. Sara also summarized the browse survey that took place in March 2024 which indicated a 19% browse removal rate, suggesting habitat in the area for moose is sustainable and has the potential for growth.

Sara also provided an update on the musk oxen survey that took place last spring estimating 1,900 animals, which indicated that the population is stable, and recruitment rates are good. In general, the distribution of musk ox has expanded eastward from unit 22D into other game management units, in some cases east of the Yukon based on GPS collar tracking.

Lastly, Sara gave an overview of the western arctic caribou herd and updated seasonal bag limits, giving insight into the continual decline of the population. She noted a photo census was unable to take place, but collared animals track female caribou survival. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group meeting will take place December 11 – 12, 2024.



IX. Public Comment

Jeff Erickson made a concerned comment regarding the Unalakleet River Weir operations and there was discussion amongst ADF&G staff regarding such operations.

Perry Burress made a comment regarding the potential to facilitate hatchery operations to supplement depressed runs of Chinook salmon and Renae Ivanoff and Kevin Clark gave insight into regulatory stipulations regarding such operations.

Ike Towarak asked about regulatory management of federal lands within the Unalakleet River drainage system and biomass herring surveys and their correlation to the crab population. The department noted that they no longer do extensive surveys and biological data collection and that NSEDC currently flies surveys to supplement the current bait fishery.

There was a discussion amongst all user groups on predator control.

X. Old Business

There was no old business.

XI. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries meeting Cycle/Schedule and Proposals 272 - 310

i. March 11, 2025 Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues, comment deadline February 25, 2025

Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals, 272, 273, and 274.

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Randy Takak to take no action on proposals 266, 267, and 268. The question was called. There was no opposition. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 272. The question was called. Motion failed 0 – 8.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 273. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Renae Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 274. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Randy Takak to take no action on proposals 267 – 297. The question was called. There was no opposition. Motion passed 8 – 0.



- b. Board of Game meeting Cycle/Schedule and Proposals 85 – 165
 - i. March 21, 2025 Statewide Regulations Meeting
- Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals, 151.

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 151. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

- XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting
It was unanimous consent that Jacob Ivanoff will attend the Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues meeting in Anchorage on March 11 – 16, 2025 with Randy Takak as the alternate.
- XIII. Set next meeting date
The next meeting date is anticipated February 11 or 12, 2025.
- XIV. Other
Renaee Ivanoff gave an update to remind advisory committee members that proposals for Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish are due April 10.
- XV. Adjournment
Chair Jacob Ivanoff adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.



Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues

November 20, 2024 | Unalakleet, 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>Commercial Shellfish - Crabs</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
	0	8	<p>In eastern Norton Sound, the spatial distribution of crab correlates with timing in the commercial crab fishery. Norton Sound red king crab exhibits near shore to offshore migration patterns following ice break up. This occurs frequently in May but has been variable in more recent years due to the direct impacts of climate change causing ice to melt earlier and form later. Modifying the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15 would curtail commercial crabbers in eastern Norton Sound, particularly out of Unalakleet and Shaktoolik. By July 1, crab will have migrated further offshore making it less accessible and feasible for eastern Norton Sound crabbers to participate in the commercial crab fishery as the catch per unit effort is significantly impacted. Additionally, the exploitation rate of the crab fishery has been achieving the guideline harvest level at a record pace in recent years, decreasing the window of opportunity to harvest crabs when crabs will have already migrated further offshore by July 1.</p> <p>However, if the proposal were to be passed, the Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee suggests an amendment request to modify the start of the fishing season to open to an alternative midrange date between June 15 and July 1, such as June 23.</p>
273	Modify the start of the winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		
	8	0	<p>Ice conditions throughout the winter fishing season are different and variable near all Norton Sound coastal communities that participate in the commercial crab fishery. Modifying the winter fishing season to open by emergency on or after February 1 instead of opening February 1 allows for flexibility by the department to apply in-season management projections based off real-time ice conditions and patterns.</p>



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November 20, 2024 | Unalakleet, 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
274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms		
	8	0	The department indicated that there is no biological or conservation concern to increase the legal size of male red king crab from 4 ¾" to 5". Additionally, there was discussion from committee members that increasing the legal size to 5" will better align with the current market demand. With increasing the legal size of male red king crab from 4 ¾" to 5", it is recommended that the department update the harvest strategy for consideration and to lay the framework for a consistence and transparent approach for management decisions to reflect this regulatory change. Lastly, the pot escape mechanisms regulations currently in place requiring all crab pots to be fitted with either four escape rings with minimum inside diameter of 4.5" or not less than 6.5" stretched mesh webbing do not need to be increased as they will allow for some 4 ¾" crabs to escape.



Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 20, 2024 | Unalakleet, 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>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions</i>			
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.		
	8	0	Beneficial for resident bear hunters in Units 22 to reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions as brown bear harvest rates are low and well within the sustainable yield limits and have been exempt in Unit 22 for 20 years.



Jacob Ivanoff, Chair

Renae Ivanoff, Secretary

Date: January 9, 2025

**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,

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- 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



Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 10-17, 2025 | Wasilla, AK | Comment Deadline December 27, 2024

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		
	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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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
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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January 10-17, 2025 | Wasilla, AK | Comment Deadline December 27, 2024

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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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.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 7, 2025

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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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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
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.



Recorded by: Bryan Kirby
Approved by: AC members
Date: 12/24/2024



Togiak Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 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: 862 4447 0675
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 11:05am

I. Roll Call

I. Members Present: Jimmy Coopchiak

Joe Alexie
Walter Kanulie
Gayle Andrew
Roger Wassillie
Sidney Pavian
Mickey Sharp
Lester Moore
Moses ritz
Richard Echuck
Peter Lockuk
Thomas Dock

II. Members Absent (Excused): Kenneth Nukwak

III. Members Absent (Unexcused): Louie Alakyak Jr
Jonah Lomak

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

V. List of User Groups Present: 12

II. Fish and Game Staff Present: John Landsiedel- Wildlife AMB
Lee Borden- Sport Fish AMB
Greta Hayden-Pless- Sport Fish Assistant AMB
Natalie Romo- Boards Support

III. Guests Present: Sergeant Dave Bump- Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Kenton Moos- Togiak National Wildlife Troopers
Cody Larson- BBEDC
Tony Zoch- BBEDC
Bob D
J Ragnart

IV. Approval of Agenda: P. Lockuk motioned to approve agenda, seconded by J. Alexie

V. Reports

I. Public Comment(Reports from ADF&G or WFS staff)

J.Landsiedel reported on some items from Wasilla BOG meeting concerning unit
17A – Nonresident hunters hunts will be from September 1 to the 20th. Wolverine



hunting will start stopping end of February, limit to one. Brown Bear limit will be now 2. Someone mentioned there will be no moose count due to now snow. J.C asked about caribou count in Cape Pierce area and J.L responded about 600 from last count.

IX. New Business

- I. Discuss Statewide BOG Proposals at AC's discretion (please see table on results)
- II. BOF Call for Proposals: Proposal discussion, deadline April 10th
 - a. Natalie Romo States that she and Jimmy had previously discussed holding another AC meeting after March 12th when the Comm Fish Biologist, Tim Sands, returns to the office. Any AC members or members of the public are welcome to bring proposals to the AC for consideration to the BOF before the Proposal Deadline of April 10th.
 - b. Jimmy Coopchiak asks Toney Zoch to present Proposal to BOF that his working group had been working on to the AC to address the issue of foregone harvest in the Togiak Bay (this basically for BOF)
- III. Approval of minutes to meet the comment deadline of March 7th for submission
- IV. Miscellaneous business
 - a. Nominate AC member to attend BOG Statewide meeting, Moses and Walter Nominated, moses may schedule conflicts, Walter will attend if moses's schedule prevents him from doing so

X. Set date of next meeting: TBD

XI. Committee comments: Jimmy thanks all for attending

XII. Other

ADJOURN

Signed Chair Jimmy Coopchiak _____

Signed Secretary Walter Kanulie _____

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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	Require Mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks as follows:		
Oppose		Unanimous	This was opposed because it gives more burden to subsistence hunters and we want no regulations for subsistence hunters.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose		Unanimous	Agree with ADF&G comments. Many subsistence uses in rural Alaska use boats to hunt waterfowl because they just land in your village. M.K said the person who wanted this should have include for which unit this applies.
123	Allow Renumeration to be provided to Proxy hunters		
Oppose		unanimous	M.K and J.C comments were no money to pay from proxy hunt, but supply gas and grub. Usually relatives do hunting for those who can't hunt anymore. Safety issues, and what the money will be used for was issue.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward looking infrared devises for taking furbearers statewide as follows:		
Oppose		Unanimous	Most rural hunters just don't use these, probably expensive. It was mentioned it was for a certain region or unit. Same reasons for 127 & 128.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide as follows		
Oppose		Unanimous	From 126: keep hunting and trapping traditional
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics taking furbearers statewide as follows:		
Oppose		Unanimous	
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverines as follows:		
Support	Unanimous		
133	Prohibit trappers the use of snowmachines to approach and pursue wolverine as follows:		
Oppose		Unanimous	The only way in Alaska to find and reach wolverine in winter is by snowmachines.



UPPER LYNN CANAL Advisory Committee
November 15, 2024
ZOOM

- I. Call to Order: 17:35 by Tim McDonough, Chair
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: 9
 - Ryan Cook
 - Teresa Katzeek
 - Derek Poinsette (Secretary)
 - Tim McDonough (Chair)
 - Rafe McGuire
 - Mark Sogge
 - Darren Belisle
 - Kathleen Menke
 - Lee Nash
 - Members Absent (Excused): 5
 - Sam Nelson
 - Jessica Plachta
 - Adam Smith
 - Marvin Willard, Jr.
 - Kip Kermoian
 - Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 - List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carl Koch, Hannah Manninen, Annie Bartholomew
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda - unanimous
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - unanimous
- VII. Reports - none



- a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G - none
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business – BOG proposals below
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting - NA
- XII. Set next meeting date – November 22, 2024
- XIII. Other - none

Adjourn

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 11-16, 2025 Anchorage, AK			
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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
88	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		



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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
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
90			Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting
91			Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting
92			Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course
93			Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent
94			Change the definition for “full-curl” ram
95			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
96			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
97			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
100			Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit
101			Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use
102			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts



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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
103			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
104			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
105			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
106			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
107			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
108			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
109			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
110			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
111			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams
112			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams
113			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
114			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
116			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C



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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
117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
118			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
119			Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D
120			Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D
121			Divide Unit 15C into two subunits
122			Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide
SUPPORT	9	0	Makes sense and would be consistent with other regulations.
123			Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
OPPOSE	0	9	Should not allow monetary transactions in big game hunting and licensing. Goes against long legal tradition in US.
124			Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting
SUPPORT	9	0	Makes sense to clear up unclear language in regulations.
125			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7
126			Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
OPPOSE	3	6	Unnecessary. Would not add anything valuable to hunt opportunities or management options. Not fair chase. Possibly dangerous to other people. Increased accidental harvest on non-target species. Increased accidental wounding of animals.



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127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
OPPOSE	3	6	Unnecessary. Would not add anything valuable to hunt opportunities or management options. Not fair chase. Possibly dangerous to other people. Increased accidental harvest on non-target species. Increased accidental wounding of animals.
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers Statewide		
OPPOSE	3	6	Unnecessary. Would not add anything valuable to hunt opportunities or management options. Not fair chase. Possibly dangerous to other people. Increased accidental harvest on non-target species. Increased accidental wounding of animals.
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
SUPPORT	8	1	Rifles smaller than .243 (such as the .223 Rem/5.56mm) are not powerful enough to effectively and humanely harvest moose. .243 is an appropriate minimum caliber.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE	1	7	Not Necessary and burdensome on trappers. Requiring marked trails is a much better solution.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
SUPPORT	9	0	This is an appropriate and somewhat traditional way of hunting in the Arctic for local and Indigenous people but



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			should NOT be available to non-resident sport hunters anywhere in the State.
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
SUPPORT	8	0	Not fair chase. Dangerous. Wolverines are not abundant and there is a need to conserve their populations for trappers and for other values.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
SUPPORT	8	1	Alaskans need their meat first and should always have preference in game allocation. OPPOSITION statement (1 vote): Non-resident hunters are good for the economy.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
SUPPORT	8	1	Alaskans need their meat first and should always have preference in game allocation. OPPOSITION statement (1 vote): Non-resident hunters are good for the economy.
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		



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SUPPORT	9	0	Paperwork is often difficult, especially while in the field or traveling. This will also allow better reporting from areas without F&G offices.
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
OPPOSE	0	9	Current system is not onerous and it allows for tracking by F&G.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
OPPOSE	0	9	Current system is not onerous and it allows for tracking by F&G.
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
SUPPORT	9	0	6 months is way too long to have to wait. 60 days is appropriate.
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
SUPPORT	6	3	Agree with the sentiment of this proposal, that there is a loophole allowing inappropriate and far-reaching authority over IM programs by the commissioner, rather than by ADF&G and the BOG. This is a violation of the spirit and the letter of Alaska law. OPPOSITION statement (3 votes): Sometime IM programs increase big game populations.



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149			Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region
150			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
151			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
152			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C)
153			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)
154			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)
155			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
156			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
157			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
158			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
160			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
161			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
162			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E



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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
163			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
164			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26

BOG Proposal **175**. Taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies

SUPPORT 9 – 0

We support Indigenous traditional rights as paramount in State regulation of game.

BOG Proposal **176**. Traditional Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch Ceremony

SUPPORT 9 – 0

We support Indigenous traditional rights as paramount in State regulation of game.

Adjournment: 21:00

Minutes Recorded By: D.Poinsette
Minutes Approved By: T.McDonough
Date: December 24, 2024



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



Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G
Conference Room and by web/teleconference

Meeting minutes from 2/4/25 have not been submitted.

Additional actions were taken on proposals 123, 131, 143, 145, 161, 162, and 191

Please see the attached complete record of actions, approved by chairperson Leif Wilson



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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	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
OPPOSE	0	7	
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE	0	7	
88	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		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	Amend to include plains bison
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
SUPPORT	6	1	
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
SUPPORT	7	0	
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	6	1 abstention
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	Amend to include "In an area where there is any open season"
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	7	
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
OPPOSE	0	7	
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	7	0	



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123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
OPPOSE	0	7	
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE	0	7	
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
OPPOSE	2	5	
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
SUPPORT	7	0	
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	7	0	
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
SUPPORT	7	0	
191 Accepted ACR	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area.		
SUPPORT	7	0	<i>This would match the original intent</i>

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: 3-7-2025



Whittier Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 23rd at 4:00pm
Zoom

I. Call to Order: 4:01pm by David Pinguoch

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present/Title
David	Pinguoch	X Chair
Brett	Wilbanks	X Vice Chair
James	Norris	X Secretary
Jon	Van Hyning	excused
Brett	Roth	X
Jody	Mason	X
Gordon	Scott	excused
Brad	Von Wichman	excused
Bruce	Bowman	X

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brittany Blane Roth, Leila Williams, Martin Schuster

IV. Guests Present: Doug Frasher

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

We agreed to do the Board of Game proposals first. While we waited for others to show up for the meeting.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: None

b. ADF&G: None

c. Others: None

VIII. Public Comment: None



IX. Old Business: [None](#)

X. New Business

- Board of Fisheries proposals 266, 268, 299-308, 311
- Board of Game proposals 85, 90-101
- Other Fish and Game business as needed
- [Special note: Jody had to leave the meeting after proposal 303. Attendance was reduced from 6 to 5.](#)

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

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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
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266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
No Action			After much discussion Bruce Bowman made a motion to table the proposal, and Brett Wilbanks 2nd the motion. The motion was supported unanimously.
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
No Action	0	5	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support, and Bruce Bowman 2nd the motion. 1 vote No Action
299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
Support	6 unanimous	0	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support, and Bruce Bowman 2nd the motion.
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
No Action	3	2	Bruce Bowman made a motion to take no action, and Brett Roth 2nd the motion. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best solution.
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
No action	2	4	Jim Norris made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2nd the motion.
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	6 unanimous	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Brett Wilbanks 2nd the motion. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best solution.
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Support as	5	1	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2nd the motion. Amend to: Create a new scientifically founded TAH that would



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Amended			include all user groups in times of need for conservation. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best way to address this issue.
304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion. 1 member took no action
305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
Support	5 unanimous	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion.
306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to oppose, and Bruce Bowman 2 nd the motion.
307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
No Action	2	3	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion.
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Jim Norris 2 nd the motion.
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
No Action			Take no action. The AC agreed unanimously that Proposal 299 would be the best way to address this issue.
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Brett Roth 2 nd the motion.



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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Oppose	0	6 unanimous	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	6 unanimous	Brett Roth made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: [Gordon Scott was elected unanimously.](#)

XII. Set next meeting date: [No date was set at this time.](#)

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: [6:50 by David Pinguoch](#)

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Jim Norris](#)
Minutes Approved By: [David Pinguoch](#)
Date: [01/26/2025](#)



**Wrangell Advisory Committee
Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Nolan Center, Wrangell**

- I. Call to Order: 5:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Chair
- II. Roll Call

Members Present: (16) Chris Guggenbickler

Tom Sims via teleconference
David Rak
Robert Rooney
Ryan Reeves
John Yeager
Alan Reeves
Winston Davies
Scott McAuliffe
Brett Stillwaugh
Marlin Benedict – arrived late
Dave Brown
Jordan Bunes
Jason Rooney
Travis Bangs
Chris McMurren

Members Absent (Excused): (1) Davey Brown

Members Absent (Unexcused): None

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: via teleconference: Kristy Tibbles
Roy Churchwell
- IV. Guests Present: John Smith III, SE Advisory Council, via Zoom
Marvin Willard Jr., Upper Lyn Canal AC, via Zoom
Colette Czarnecki, KSTK Radio
Michael Ottesen
Greg Meissner
Aaron Powell
Randy Easterly
Vern Meissner
Richard Kaer
Dustin Phillips
Gary Allen
Tracey Martin



Dan Churchill
Geoffery Stutz
Jim Jenkins
Tim Hunt
John Bunes
Karl Gladsjo
Teniya Morelli
Robert Kuntz
Derek Meissner
Lorne Cook
Jared Gross

V. Approval of Agenda

Discussion of Moose, Elk, Mountain Lion and other Game in the Wrangell Area
Discussion of Statewide Board of Game Proposals
Discussion of Submitting Proposals to the Board of Game for the Southeast Region
Discussion of other fish and wildlife topics if needed, including Board of Fisheries
Southeast Proposals

VI. New Business

Discussion of Moose, Elk, Mountain Lion and Grouse in the Wrangell Area

Moose

The discussion on moose management and harvest in the Wrangell area included the following thoughts and statements:

- The current antler restriction make the identification of a legal bull very difficult.
- Some hunters do not participate in the moose hunt out of fear of shooting an illegal bull.
- Resident are tired of hunters being vilified for making an honest mistake.
- Suggest adoption of a 10-day any bull hunt over the current 30-day hunt with the antler restrictions.
- Biologist could designate the number of bull moose to be harvested from each of the sub areas in GMUs 1B and 3, and hunt would close when the designated harvest was met.
- Hunters like the current 30-day hunt as it is not a race to hunt.
- It is important to have an adequate number of breeding bull moose. Without enough bulls, cow moose that are not bred in their first cycle and are bread in their second cycle. Calf moose born later are smaller going into winter and lave decreased survivability than calves born earlier in the year.
- There is a concern for maintaining adequate genetics for a healthy moose herd.
- What is the current cow/bull ratio and what ratio is acceptable?
- The cow bull ratio for the Stikine is not known, but the Stikine has had a very stable harvest of approximately 20 bulls for the past approximate 20 years. An any bull hunt/harvest would not be as stable as the current hunt with the antler restriction. It is predicted that less bulls (less than the 20 bulls) would be harvested over time with any bull moose harvest regulation.



- Dose harvesting only the large bull deplete the genetics of the herd?
- The westward expansion of the moose herd from the mainland out on to the island is evidence of the success of the current spike/fork/fifty/plus antler harvest regulation.
- Who supports the current antler restriction hunt regulations? *May people raised their hand in support.*
- Most Wrangell moose hunters seem to want a 30-day hunt in season.
- The problem is not the current hunt regulations. The problem is the AST (who are tired of the hunt) and who make the calls on the antlers of moose harvested with questionable antler configurations.
- The Stikine River valley is a migratory highway. Bull moose take/harvested each year are replaced by moose migrating into the US from Canada.
- A proposal to have a committee/board of 5 people from Wrangell to help the Alaska State Trooper (AST) determine the legality of bull moose harvested with questionable antlers. The decision on questionable antlers should not be left up to one person.
- Proposal that antlers for moose legal to harvest be based on total point. Example that any bull moose with 6 or more point would be legal to harvest.
- Other areas require 12 to 13 antler points for a bull moose legal to harvest.
- There should be an opportunity for persons to work with AST making determinations of harvested moose antlers.
- There is a proposal to address the damaged antler requirement for the Unit 3 moose harvest.
- 2024 was the worst year for confusing antler calls for Wrangell harvested moose.
- It appears that Wrangell gets a new AST about every 2 years. Not all troopers are trained the same for moose antler ID, thus all interpret moose antlers different.
- The offer was made for Frank Robbins to come to Wrangell prior to the moose season for moose hunter education.
- Proposal to keep the moose hunting regulations for the Wrangell area as it is, and improve the hunter education. Including the AST in the moose antler education.
- If want to stay with the current 30-day hunting season, and the current antler restrictions, there is a need to add a 5-person committee to review the questionable moose antlers along with the AST; and to remove the broken/damaged/altered antler restriction.
- There is a need for a simpler system for moose antler points, or to educate the AST on the current antler restrictions.
- There is non-consistency of calls that AST make on antlers of harvested moose.
- The Canadians use a system of 8 to 12 total points for a bull legal for harvest.
- What is the best way to get Frank Robbins, Roy Churchwell and the AST to support what the Wrangell AC proposes.
- A proposal for a meeting in late February 2025, with Frank Robbins attending, to discuss proposals the Wrangell AC would submit to the BOG for moose in the Wrangell area.
- Roy Churchwell explained how the tiered (Tier II) moose hunt process used in the Haines, AK works.
- End of moose discussion.



Elk

The discussion on elk management and harvest on Zarembo Island included the following thoughts and statements:

- The AC had submitted a proposal for 25 drawing permits for bull elk on Zarembo. Frank Robbins, Area Wildlife Biologist approved one (1) drawing permit for a bull elk.
- The elk have harmed the deer habitat along the beach on the west side of Zarembo Island. In a severe winter the deer in that area would suffer in that habitat. Families in Wrangell depends on the deer on Zarembo Island for deer meat.
- There is an elk population on Zarembo Island, that except for 1 bull elk drawing permit, cannot be hunted, which is harming the population of deer on that island, which Wrangell people depend on for meat.
- Who wants to eliminate the elk herd on Zarembo Island? Almost everyone raised their hand. About 5 did not.
- After the transplant of the non-native elk to Etolin Island, the herd grew and spread to Zarembo Island. Drawing permits were issued to harvest bull elk in an area that included Etolin and Zarembo Islands. Many hunters harvest elk on Zarembo Island because its road system makes access easier than access on Etolin Island. The elk herd on Zarembo Island was depleted so ADF&G closed the elk hunt on Zarembo.
- If the desire is to eliminate the elk herd on Zarembo (to save the deer herd), there should be a hunt for cow elk. The cow elk are the "factories" for more elk.
- ADF&G have installed game cameras for Elk on Zarembo Island. Roy Churchwell announced that, based on camera information/data the number of bull elk drawing permits will increase from 1, to 3 or 5 permits. Later clarified that the goal would be to harvest 3 to 5 bull elk each year on Zarembo. Up to ten drawing permits could be issued annually. The exact number of permits issued for Zarembo would depend on the success rate of the hunters on that island.
- One AC member estimates there are 200+ elk on Zarembo Island. Another member feels that 75 to 130 is a more conservative estimate for the total number of elk on Zarembo Island.
- The feeling toward eradication on all elk on Zarembo Island is reactionary to not being able to hunt bull elk (except for the 1 drawing permit) on Zarembo. That AC member would favor a bull elk hunt with a horn point restriction, open for season of ten to fourteen days.
- After the horn restriction hunt on Zarembo elk was brought up, there seemed to be a fair amount of support in the room. The general feeling from the group seemed to indicate that a much more liberalized hunt for Zarembo elk would be preferred over eradication of the elk on Zarembo.
- Elk are an invasive species that should be eliminated before they further ruin the habitat for the native deer species.
- There should be 5 bull elk and 20 cow elk drawing permits issued annually for Zarembo Island to allow hunters to "knock down" the elk herd numbers while ADF&G is studying what is going on with the elk on Zarembo.
- There should be an open hunt for all elk on Zarembo that would eliminate/irradiate the invasive elk species from the Island.



- The Wrangell AC will develop some proposals for elk harvest on Zarembo Island, to submit to the Board of Game.
- End of elk discussion.

Mountain Lion

Mountain Lions have been harvested in the Wrangell area. Currently it is not legal to hunt Mountain Lions near Wrangell because there is no hunting season. A suggestion to have a new regulation allowing for a very limited hunt (one lion per person per year); OR declare the Mountain Lion a deleterious species to be eradicated, was made. All were in favor of submitting a proposal to open a limited season on Mountain Lion.

Grouse

A suggestion to expand the hunting season for grouse in GMU 3 to end on May 31 each year was made. The extended season is needed for hooter hunting in the spring. The roads on Wrangell Island can be snowed in and hunter access out the road blocked till mid-May. Winston Davies will prepare a proposal for the AC to consider at its next meeting.

VII. Set next meeting date: Thursday February 27, 2025 or Tuesday March 4, 2025.

Adjourn: 8:20 PM



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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
No Action			
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
No Action			
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	16	The AC opposes this proposal because waterfowl hunters in the Wrangell area including the Stikine tidal flats need to move, often by boat, as the tide changes. A hunter in one spot who wants to use a boat move to another spot as the tide changes, would be prohibited from doing so because the boat move would not be allowed “throughout the duration of the hunt”.
88	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		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	16	0	The AC supports this proposal because a simple quiz on information people need to know before hunting goats helps hunters to know what they are shooting at before they make the shot. It was noted that a quiz requirement already exists for all goat hunts in Southeast Alaska.
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
No Action			See action take on proposal 90.
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
No Action			



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93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
No Action			
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
No Action			
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
No Action			
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
No Action			
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
No Action			
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
No Action			
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
No Action			
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
No Action			
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels 119 of human consumptive use		
No Action			
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
No Action			
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
No Action			
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
No Action			
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
No Action			
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
No Action			
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		



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No Action			
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
No Action			
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
No Action			
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
No Action			
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year-old rams		
No Action			
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year-old rams		
No Action			
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
No Action			
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
No Action			
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
No Action			
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
No Action			
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
No Action			
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
No Action			
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
No Action			
120	Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D		
No Action			
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		



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No Action			
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
No Action			
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	16	The AC opposes this proposal which would allow for remuneration/payment to proxy hunters. The AC feels proxy hunters should hunt for free, not for payment. It was noted that most Wrangell hunters who hunt for others (on Federal Lands) do so under the Federal Designated Hunter program, not the State Proxy System. It was reported that under the Federal System hunters can receive gasoline (not money for gas) as remuneration for their boat and/or vehicle. On Prince of Wales Island, where there is large tracts of both State and Private Lands, some hunters may use the State Proxy System.
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
No Action			
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
No Action			
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Support	12	4	The AC supports this proposal because the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices is currently not prohibited for trapping furbearers, during the trapping season, provide the person has a trapping license. A person who meets those requirements could legally possess the devices in the field during a portion of the deer hunting season. The majority felt the practice is already happening. The minority felt allowing the devices would open a can-of-worms that should not be allowed when hunting big game.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
No Action			See action take on proposal 126.
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers		



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	statewide		
			See action take on proposal 126
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
No Action			
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
No Action			
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
Oppose	0	16	The AC opposes this proposal because there is already a system that works for trapping and no additional requirements are needed. An AST, checking for the tag attached to the trap, may need to take apart and disturb the trap set. That disturbance could ruin the set. Also, if a young person, with limited resources, wanted to start trapping by setting some traps for mink along the beach; they may not be able to afford purchasing the identification tags.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
No Action			
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
Oppose	0	16	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes that without the use of a snowmachine the trapping of wolverine would be almost impossible. It is believed that in northern Alaska, snowmachines are extensively used to find and trap wolverine. And it was noted that in southeast Alaska, riders rarely see wolverine except from a snowmachine.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
No Action			
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
No Action			
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
No Action			
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
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
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
No Action			
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
No Action			
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
No Action			
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
Support	16	0	The AC supports this proposal because it would be very useful to have another (or alternate) means to transfer ownership of game meat to another person for transport. The currently allowed paper form is not always easy to use.
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
No Action			
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
No Action			
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
No Action			
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
No Action			
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	16	The AC opposes this proposal because dumping cats, even sterilized animals, into the wild results in adverse and harmful impacts to the wild natural system. As noted in the proposal, the cats could be disease vectors and predate on the local wildlife. Dumping animals, including sterilized cat, into the wild, should not be allowed.
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
No Action			The AC feels there is a need to ensure a public process prior to intensive predator management.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		



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No Action			
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
No Action			
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
No Action			
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
No Action			
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C)		
No Action			
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
No Action			
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
No Action			
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
No Action			
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
No Action			
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
No Action			
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
No Action			
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
No Action			
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
No Action			
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
No Action			
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		



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No Action			
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
No Action			
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
No Action			
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
No Action			

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak

Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler

Date: 3/4/2025



Yukon Flats
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at 5:30 pm
web/teleconference only

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **In attendance:**
Walter Peter (chair), Rhonda Pitka, Michael Peter, Gary Simple Jr., Clayton Tacket,
Ron Yatlin (alternate, undesignated), Shirley (alternate, undesignated),
Ben Stevens (alternate, Stevens Village)
Absent: Lonnie Buresch, Peter Hjelm
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Kyle Campbell,
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** February 19th, 2025
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Others
- VIII. **Public Comment**
- IX. **Old Business**
- X. **New Business**
 - a. Recommendations of [Board of Game Statewide Proposals](#) - due March 7th, 2025
SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR ACTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS
- XI. **Select Representative for Board of Game Statewide Meeting:** Walter Peter

****MEETING RECESSED at 8:10 PM, RECONVENED ON MARCH 3rd, 2025 AT 5:30 PM****

In attendance (3/3/25): Walter Peter (chair), Rhonda Pitka, Gary Simple Jr., Clayton Tacket, Ron Yatlin (alternate, undesignated), Ben Stevens (alternate, Stevens Village)

Continuation of Recommendations of [Board of Game Statewide Proposals](#) - due March 7th, 2025 – SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR ACTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS

- XII. **Adjourn**



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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
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
			Impractical to subsistence hunters.
88	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		
Support	8	0	
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	8	0	Avoids problems with trespass, hunter safety and public protection.
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	0	8	Support continued conservation measures.



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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
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
Oppose	0	8	Continue conservation measures.
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
Oppose	0	8	Continue conservation measures.
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	8	Continue conservation measures.
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	8	Continue conservation measures.
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
Support	8	0	Importance to local hunters.
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
Support	8	0	Importance to local hunters.
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
Oppose	0	8	Continue conservation measures.
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
Support	8	0	Continue conservation measures.
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
Oppose	0	8	Concern over native allotments and moose populations.
120	Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D		
Support	8	0	Simplify navigation, regulations and potential for confusion from overlapping boundaries.
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Support	8	0	Includes non-tangible items of customary trade
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Support	4	2	2 abstentions.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
Oppose	0	8	Present undue burden on bush dwellers.



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132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
Oppose	0	8	Concern of restrictions extending to residents.
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
Oppose	0	8	Concern of restrictions extending to residents.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
Support	8	0	AC supports the intention of the proposal which aims to limit non-resident hunters and ensure residents get priority.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
Oppose	2	3	Concern over adequate public process; majority did not want to further complicate Dept's ability to conduct IM.
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
Support	5	1	Support AC's engagement in authorizing antlerless hunts.
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	6	0	
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C)		
Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.
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Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.



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Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.
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Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation concerns.
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	6	AC unanimously opposes antlerless hunts on conservation and sustainability concerns.
*167 *Outside of BOG's Authority	If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license.		
Support	6	0	Support concept, understand BOG's Authority



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*168 *Outside of BOG's Authority	If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license for small game.		
Support	6	0	Support concept, understand BOG's Authority
*175 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Amend 5 AAC 92.019. Taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies as follows: 1) The taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies is independent of local antlerless moose reauthorizations and is only required to adhere to sustained yield principles. (e) The taking of big game for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony shall take place outside of the individual designated hunter or hunters' regular hunting seasons and bag limits. A person shall not be withheld from participating in normal hunting seasons and bag limits, because they participated in a successful hunt for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony.		
Support	6	0	Support concept, understand BOG's Authority
*176 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Establish new regulation regarding Traditional Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch Ceremony.		
Support	6	0	Support concept, understand BOG's Authority

Minutes Recorded By: Ben Stevens

Minutes Approved By: Walter Peter

Date: