

Minutes of Minto-Nenana AC held in Minto Alaska Minto Tribal Hall October 16, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Ron Silas at 10:30

Minutes of February 22, 2008 meeting approved

Roll Call:

Minto: Darrell Frank, Ron Silas, Freddy Titus, (alternates) Jeremy Charley, Wayne Charlie

Nenana: Victor Lord and Tim McManus

Quorum Established

Guests present were:

Tom Seaton, Randy Rogers (Wildlife Conservation)

Phil Joy and Matt Albert (grad student) (Sport Fish)

Fred Bue (Comm Fish)

Rita St. Louis (Board support)

There was no old business.

New Business:

Elections for Minto: Darrel Frank, Ron Silas, Freddy Titus, Jeremy Charlie, and Wayne Charlie

Victor Lord gave a report of the EIRAC meeting that was held in Nenana. He said the pollock by catch has been going on for years. The North Pacific Management Council people came and fore the first time realized we depend on the fish. They throw away thousands of fish. This is the first time they heard our voices. We opened their eyes to what goes on up river. We got to them. We showed them our fish wheels and how we do things. They were amazed. This was a good learning experience for them. They realized that the waste has to be curtailed. Mostly they toss the chinook, but some of them are chums.

Fisheries Report:

Fred Bue gave a season summary report. All of the data from the summer season and fall season that he passed out are preliminary. We expected the kings to be weak and summer chums to be strong. When the two species swim together it is hard to fish for just one species. We wanted to target summer chums. Subsistence fishing was on a windows schedule. Because kings were weak, we delayed commercial fishing. We reduced subsistence fishing by half. With 2-18 hour periods instead of 2-36 hr periods. Only 6" nets were allowed. After 80% of the kings had passed, we opened a directed summer chum fishery.

Kaltag had a summer chum fishery. They agreed to release all kings. Their commercial fishing did not work as they had hoped it would.

There were difficulties in the Yukon Flats. Usually they fished 7 days a week, but we cut them back to 3.5 days. They did not want to do that. So we agreed to have 2 community wheels from which fish would be distributed to the community. We did not want to make a big hardship, but we needed to let escapement go to Canada. Only 38,000 got there and our treaty states 43,000. People cooperated, but we were still below our commitments. Canada reduced their harvest as well.

The flood did not affect the count because the fish had already gone past the counters. Interestingly the test nets at Emmonak indicated a pretty high abundance. We now think it is because other competing fishermen were not fishing at that time. We expected a stronger run than really happened. It did not spike as we thought it would. We reopened fishing after coho started coming in.

Fishing in Tanana was similar to lower river fisheries. Some people lost their gear. Manley had a fish plant open, and they/we did not know what to expect. The market was uncertain, so it was hard for people to commit to buying fish.

Victor commented that he and his brother lost their wheels. He also lost a freezer full of half dried salmon. It gives you luck to pass fish out to those who come by to help. We did not have the fish to pass out. We need the king salmon and the chum.

Look at MYSFACE under Karen Lord to see the fish wheel being destroyed.

Phil Joy gave a report on the pike in the flats. He and his colleagues are trying to get a population estimate including numbers, size, and where the fish go. Matt Albert is doing his graduate work on the study. He flies around to follow and record the marked fish.

Tim McManus said he would like to help with the tagging and the flying.

Darrel asked that the data be sent to him as soon as it's available.

Phil: The fish are leaving the lakes and going into the sloughs. They can be trapped in the warm water in the summer and in the ice in the winter because the lakes are so shallow.

When asked how the fish are put to sleep, Phil responded that they are soaked in clove oil.

ADF&F have found fewer larger fish (females) than were present in former years. He **encouraged the committee that this is their opportunity to put in a proposal to modify the pike fishing regulations.**

Tim: Maybe we should set a size limit.

Ron said we need to know your numbers, and then we can ask for a limit on the take.

Phil: There are options like limiting the number and size of fish. Also limit where you can fish.

Darrell suggested having that one popular spot shut down for at least a year. We are concerned about restocking the population because the big egg-bearing females are being taken.

Fred: The tagged fish will help us identify where the fish come from and where they go.

Luke: In the 1960's we used to catch fish and put them into a pile. Each family had its pile of fish. This is nothing to what we caught in those days. There are lots of small fish out there; the big ones are the vulnerable ones. They are the spawners.

Ron: Very few of us ice fish. We set nets when we are out hunting or doing other things.

Game Report:

Tom Seaton gave a report.

Tom reported lots of lynx with high prices.

The military gave ADF&G some money for studying bear populations.

We also collared some moose in 20A. Little Delta and Crooked Creek are the boundaries of where we collar. We get a lot of good information from collared moose such as weight, age, when they die, when they reproduce, how many calves they have, when/whether the calves died. When asked about folks killing wounded moose, Tom said if the bone is out we shoot it or the troopers shoot it. Otherwise we let it go and often it lives. Out here the predators normally get them. You should not shoot the moose. You should call the troopers or us.

We have not done a wolf survey in Minto Flats. The trappers seem to be pretty effective at keeping the population down.

For the fall and winter moose hunts: December has a new registration. 51 were harvested this fall (63 and 64 the previous years.)

There are 120 total permits. 50 for drawing in Minto, and the others are for Nenana and Fairbanks. We realize outside hunters are having an impact on residents. There is not rural preference on state land. On federal lands such as the Yukon Flats, permits can be passed out in each village. The down side of that is on Federal land you cannot have predator control. They

get the permits, but there are no moose to take.

Victor: However, we can change things. We did not like the slaughter of the moose along the highway. We moved the boundaries.

Darrell: A lot more people are hunting in our area. There is an Indian cemetery on the Dunbar. In the past only Minto and Nenana people went there. Now more people from Fairbanks go there. There are Native allotments and registered trap lines. More 4-wheelers go everywhere.

Tom: In 20A there were more "any bull" permits, but cow permits were cut down.

Victor: Locals are waiting for the snow before they go hunt. There is a good population in 20A and it is advertized in the paper and everywhere else. People come with all kinds of equipment, very expensive equipment, to hunt. We have to keep a close watch on our moose in 20A. They are being hit really hard. In Nenana there are lots of boats. Make sure everyone is reporting their kills.

Tom: Our challenge is to cut down the crowding and other social issues and have people go to where the moose are to hunt.

The state game refuge allows no 4-wheelers. If you see one, perhaps they are going to private in holdings, or are hunting illegally. You can talk to the legislature, and tell them you need more troopers in the area.

Comments on Board of Game Proposals for November 7-10, 2008 meeting

Proposal 49. No action. Chief Andrew Isaac killed bears this way. Some of us snared bears and took the grease. We ate the meat. There is no comment on what is done with the bears, so no action.

Proposal 50: Unanimous support. If they are having that much trouble, we support them. Victor commented that bounty on wolves would help.

Proposal 55. No Action. Too confusing.

Victor commented that the Moose Management Plan also involves a safety issue. Too many moose are on highway.

Planning Report:

Randy Rogers gave a report on planning efforts.

Randy talked about antlerless hunts in 20A. The hope is to get the public involved in planning how to deal with the moose in 20A. He asked the committee whether they are interested in the proposal for a collaborative process to solve the 20A hunting problems and challenges. One third of the statewide moose harvest is in 20A. It is an intensive management area which is to provide for high levels of human harvest. The collaborative effort would give input to the board of game so it would know how the people would like to have the moose managed.

Victor Lord was chosen to represent this committee on the working group.

Randy gave a wood bison update. Some wood bison are now imported into Alaska, but there are still some major challenges ahead. Among them are the following: More disease testing, and how the Endangered Species Act might cause problems for hunting these animals, and problems for other land uses such as drilling. That is a big concern for Doyon. Allocation of the animals once there are enough to hunt is another big issue for folks. Other challenges involve on-the-ground taking care of the animals when they are to be released. Picking a good spot is important. We need input from the villages and the local folks and corporations as well as other interested folks. We will need a working group to iron out these problems.

Tim McManus and Ron Silas were chosen represent this committee on that board.

Bringing bison here will also bring more people to look at them and to hunt them. These bison are of international importance.

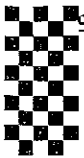
More fisheries issues:

Victory commented that when we had a commercial fishery it brought in a little money to folks along the river.

Fred: There is a tagging study going on for fall chum on the Tanana. We are tracking them up river to see exactly where they spawn. We need to protect their habitat, especially in light of the railroad wanting to build a line from Fairbanks to Ft. Greeley. Fish habitat needs to be considered. If you see a tagged salmon, we would appreciate your returning the tags to ADF&F. Fish are still travelling up river even now.

Darrel thanked Victor for telling about the RAC information. He also thanked F&G for coming.

Meeting Adjourned 2:10 p.m.



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Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee October 9,2008

The Petersburg Advisory Committee met 7:00 PM to consider game proposals, before the fall 2008 BOG meeting. Attending from ADF&G was Rich Lowell. there were 6 members present. this was one short of a quorum, but we conducted the meeting anyway.

Proposal #

- 1 Passed 6-0
- 2 No Action
- 3 Passed 6-0
- 4 Passed 6-0
- 7 Failed 0-6
- 8 Amended Proposal: For Kuiu Island in Unit 3, close the martin trapping season for residents and non-residents. Passed 6-0.
- 9 Failed 1-5 There was some interest in allowing rifle hunting opportunity during the rut.
- 10 Failed 0-6 Dept. recommends not to adopt, the moose harvest is in steep decline.
- 11 Failed 0-6
- 12 Passed 6-0
- 13 Passed 4-2 Minority position thought action on proposal 12 was sufficient.
- 14 Passed 6-0
- 15 Passed 5-1 Some concern for fur quality with earlier season.
- 16 No Action Out of our area.
- 17 No Action Out of our area
- 18 Passed 5-1 Same as #15.
- 19 Passed 5-1 Same as #15.
- 20 Passed 5-1 Same as # 15
- 21 No Action
- 22 No Action
- 23 No Action
- 24 Failed 0-6
- 25 No Action
- 26 Passed 6-0
- 27 Failed 0-6
- 28 Passed 6-0
- 29 Passed 6-0
- 30 No Action
- 31 No Action
- 32 No Action

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A/C COMMENT # 2

- 33 No Action
- 34 Passed 6-0
- 35 Failed 0-6
- 36 The committee supports conservation of the bear resource. We would like to see this in the committee process at the Board of Game meeting. We did not vote.
- 37 No Action See # 38
- 38 Passed 6-0
- 39 No Action See # 38
- 40 Failed 0-6
- 41 Passed 6-0
- 42 No Action
- 43 Failed 0-6
- 44 Failed 0-6
- 45 Passed 6-0
- 46 Failed 0-6
- 47 Amend to Sept 15 to Dec 31. Passed 5-1
- 48 Amend to read: military ammunition in place of full metal jacket bullets. Passed 6-0
- 56 Passed 6-0

The committee adjourned at 10:00 PM

Vice-Chairman



Arnold M Enge

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: 10-17-08

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee

LOCATION: Community Shop Building, Elfin Cove, Alaska

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lane Ply, Michael J. Nelson, Steve Alexander (alternate), Greg Howe, and Jim Lewis, Travis Lewis, Gerry Harvey (alternate), Sean Elliott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordy Wrobel

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:15 am

AGENDA:

- **Discussion & voting on Board of Game proposals for 08-09 meeting cycle**
- **Schedule of next meeting**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Voting on Alaska Board of Game Proposals to be addressed at the November 7-11, 2008 meetings. As this committee's policy has been in the past, we have only acted on proposals that we felt directly relate to our area and activity, or are of particular interest to our membership.

Proposals 10: Concerning hunting season bag limits for moose.

Discussion: Although we don't have any moose hunting in this area, some of our members have in the past and may in the future hunt moose where these restrictions apply. We support the Fish and Game science and reasoning behind this proposal and think that it is good for the resource and the people.

Vote: unanimously in favor of Proposal 10.

Proposals 18, 19, 20: Concerning furbearer trapping.

Discussion: Furbearing animal pelts are prime for trapping in early November. This provides a chance to get into early markets with best prices. Marten are a pest in this community all winter. We support the principle of an extended trapping season and we would like to amend these proposals to include our area—Unit 4.

Vote: unanimously in favor of these proposals—18, 19 & 20.

Proposal 24: Concerning bag limits for brown bear.

Discussion: We don't think that the brown bear population is so great that this proposal merits passage. Since the hunter does not consume the meat **and** this is essentially a trophy hunt, we think that one brown bear every four years provides

SIGN-IN SHEET

Advisory Committee Name: Elfin Cove

Date of Meeting: October 17, 2008

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HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2008
Meeting began 6:00

Members Present: Marv Peters, Trina B. Fellows, Michael Craig, Lee Martin, Cliff Calkins, George Matz, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Gus Van Dyke, Tom Young.

Members Absent Excused: Dave Lyon.

Members Unexcused: Frank Mullins, Jim Meeses, Pete Wedin.

Homer F&G Biologist present: Thomas McDonough, Charley Tollbridge.

F&G Biologist Charley Tollbridge discussed shellfish.

F&G Biologist Thomas McDonough discussed the Wildlife Harvest & Survey Data for Kenai Peninsula for game management units 7 & 15. Brown bear were the topic of the discussion.

ADMR Public Notices - Aquatic Farming Program paperwork. The Committee support present leases-but no expansions or new leases in the lower Cook Inlet or Kachemak Bay.

BOG Proposal comments.

Proposal 5

This proposal was amended to delete (11) providing exact bait locations, including GPS coordinates or map markings is voluntary. 8 Favor 2 Abstain 0 Oppose amendment.

As Amended 9 Favor 0 Abstain 1 Oppose
Discussion: Does not think bear baiting should be allowed.

Proposal 10 10 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: F&G proposal

Proposal 33 0 Favor 10 Oppose 0 Abstain
Discussion: All traps need to be tagged in all areas for identification - in case of accidents - to notify other trappers.

Proposal 40 0 Favor 10 Oppose 0 Abstain
Discussion: Allocation to a special group

Proposal 41 10 Favor 0 Oppose 0 Abstain
Discussion: F&G Proposal - needed for clarification.

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Allen Scott

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Proposal 42 9 Favor 1 Oppose 0 Abstain
Discussion: Leave as is.

Proposal 43 0 Favor 0 Abstain 10 Oppose
Discussion: This could get out of control - numbers could not be monitored - bad idea.

Proposal 48 0 Favor 0 Abstain 10 Oppose
Discussion:

Proposal 49,50,51& 52 8 Favor 0 Abstain 2 Oppose
Discussion: Let Fish & Game handle predator control - with no closed season there should not be a problem taking three bears - do they also use bear for food? I have a problem with killing sows & cubs.

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A/C COMMENT # 4

From:
Summer Street Advisory
Committee

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Ketchikan, AK.
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October 17, 2008

Hi Shannon,
BOARDS

The Summer Street Fr & A Advisory
Committee met October 13; the minutes
are enclosed.

We acted on 4 Game proposals;
proposals # 5, 6, 36 and 38. I
hope the information from the minutes
will be included in the information the
Game Board receives.

I totally apologize for the hand-
written minutes. I have no way of
typing them, and our secretary is on
vacation. In the old days, Boards
would type up minutes for primitive
advisory committees. If this is still
true, she would greatly appreciate it!

Thanks for all your help

Sincerely,
Dorothy
Vice-Chair

Minutes

Summer Street F + J Advisory Committee

October 13, 2008 2 PM

Port Protection Community Bldg.

Members present: Mike Martell, Sam
Carson, Carrie Watson, Gretchen Johnson

Others: Susan Raulston

Meeting called to order at 2 PM by
Chair Mike Martell. Gretchen agreed to
keep minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Reading of minutes of last meeting was
unanimous. Judy Magnuson left her property
units on Rock near and on SB 3651.

Gretchen moved Sam seconded:

That the Advisory Committee
write to Senator Lisa Muskunski and
the Senate Committee hearing SB 3651,
opposing the Sealaska land transfer
on Prince of Wales Island.

Vote was unanimous in favor.

We then considered the same
proposals for the Fall 2008 meeting.

Gretchen moved, Mike seconded,

That we support ADF & B proposal #36,
To delay the start of fall black bear season...

Reason: We have been concerned locally for years about over-harvest of black bears in southern southeast, and about the lack of management data.

Passed unanimously.

Sam moaid, Hutchin seconded,
To support proposal #38.

Reason: This will begin the much-needed process of information gathering.

Passed unanimously.

Muhammad, Earnie seconded,
That we support proposal #6, to close the
fall black bear season in Unit 2.

Reason: The bears are being over-hunted in the spring. Since all Alaska has the hunt because of the extensive road system. There has been a noticeable decline in the bear population. This might help.

Passed unanimously.

Sumner Strait F&J Advisory Committee
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Lutken moved Mike second,
that we oppose Proposal #5. Reason:
Baiting is not a sport. It creates
dangerous situations for unsuspecting
people. Baiters should not be able
to move their doughnuts and other
baits at will. Passed unanimously.

Lutken moved, Sam second,
that we provide alternate wording as
follows: Hunting for black bears with
the use of scent or bait or scent lures
is prohibited. Reason: This, along
with ADF&J proposals #31 and #38
would help limit the increasing over-
harvest of black bears until management
data becomes available. Passed
unanimously.

Discussion about ways to
stop the doe season on F&J followed.
We would like to try closing the North

(4)

end of Prince of Wales Island for 5 years,
and compare the results with the South
end of the Island over the 5 year period.

We have had 3 years of doe season, and
it is definitely having a significant
negative impact on our subsistence deer
population.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen S. Peterson
Vice - chair and acting
secretary



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Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2008 Kenai Peninsula College, Room 159

In Attendance: Gary Dawkins, Bill Tappan, Dave Atchison, Joe Hardy, Ed Moeglin, George(Bubba) Hunt, Nathan Corr, Dyer Vandevere, Paul Shadura II, Mike Crawford, Dave Horton

Meeting called to order 7:10 PM

Bill Tappan talked about his conversation with Bill Godfried and when he could speak to the advisory board.

Brief Discussion of Lacey Act and other new acts proposed to enforce the illegal taking and selling of personal use fish.

Discussion of getting a gentleman from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We would like to have a meeting with law enforcement to discuss enforcement issues pertaining to fish and game. We need a representative from each of the law enforcement agencies.

Discussion on the one halibut limit in Southeast Charter Boats.

Begin discussion on the Board of Fisheries proposal book, Board of Game book and ACR's.

BOARD OF FISHERIES ACR's.

- Bill: ACR#4 Joe: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed
- Bill: ACR#2 Joe: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed
- Bill: ACR#5 Ed: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

This is not possible. ADF&G has no data on July 15. They would have to manage the run on the predicted data.

- Bill: ACR#11 Ed: Second Vote: 10/0/1 Support

This motion allows the remaining 50 feet of net to be tarped off instead of being removed from the spool. It is still unusable but easier for the commercial fisherman.

- Bill: ACR#14 Nate: Second Vote: 8/0/3 Support

This is a motion to reconsider proposals affecting the Kasilof terminal fishery. The board was previously against a terminal fishery being used. The terminal fishery is an overused and non-equitable fishery.

Break 9:00 PM Called back to order 9:13 PM

BOARD OF FISHERIES PROPOSALS

Attn: Shannon
BOF - PWS

- Paul: Proposal 1 Bill: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

We don't want to give some Alaskans priority over other Alaskans.

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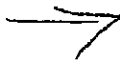
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Bill: Proposal 2 Ed: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

Ahtna wants to add resident species to subsistence fish. Some of these fish do not have stocks to support a subsistence fishery There is no reason the set up a C&T for the resident species.

Joe: Proposal 3 Bill: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

Same reasons as #2



BOARD OF GAME PROPOSALS

Mike: Proposal 35 Bill: Second Vote: 1/7/2 Opposed

*Attn: Scott
BOG SE*

Sends the wrong message to repeal this.

Mike: Proposal 46 Bill: Second Vote: 0/9/1 Opposed

Dyer: Proposals 50 & 51 Bill: Second Vote: 10/0/0 Support

Would like to make it legal in any area designated for predator management not just 19

Mike: Proposal 55 Dyer: Second Vote: 10/0/0 Support

Same reasoning as above

Bill: Motion to Adjourn Joe: Second

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16 PM

A/C COMMENT # 6

*P 282 Kenai/Soldotna AC
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Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 17, 2008

Advisory Committee Members: Kathy & Ed Hansen; Peter Wright; Paula Terrel; Joe Emerson; Mike Peterson; Chris Conder; Mark Stopha; Todd Wicks; Frank Fink; Nick Yurko; and Scott File.

Meeting was continuation of the January 29th meeting on Tulsequah Chief Mine. Permit process comment deadline of Feb 21 was suspended.

Peter /Todd made a motion to draft a letter and hold until the comment period, if more information is available to look at and can get a quorum together the AC will revisit this issue.

Comments made by AC members concerning this issue:

- None of the Redfern's proposals are in the best interests of the community.
- Permits shouldn't be issued.
- Protect the fish and river system.
- Taku is of economic & recreational importance and Taku is a unique system and we shouldn't risk this system
- Sockeye rear in-river
- Charter/gillnetting/subsistence/hunting/crabbing all take place in the river
- Harm done in the river can't be mitigated
- Untested method – barge too large for the river
- Harm to the system by breaking up the ice cover
- Conflicting information provided at the Juneau Public Meeting. Answers would be given to one question and then a conflicting answer to another question.
- Not opposed to mine or mining but
- AML will be storing cyanide, explosives and fuel
- Lack of baseline data – need better criteria to judge barge testing against
- 14,000 gallons a day of fuel will be needed on site, fuel containers ½ height; windage not an issue.
- Suggestion that the letter be kept more general – don't list the specifics
- Project is too big a risk and harm to the river can't be mitigated
- Economic and environmental risk is more than the gain to be benefited from project coming to Juneau.
- What does the rolligon do while waiting for next barge?

Paula and Mike agreed to jointly draft a letter to have available.

Motion passed unanimously.

Juneau Douglas Fish & Game Advisory Committee

October 22, 2008

Alaska Dept of Fish and Game Headquarters

Advisory Committee Members: Kathy Hansen, Chair, Nick Yurko, Paula Terrel, Chris Place, Jason Kohlhase, Bob Cartmill, Mike Peterson, Todd Wicks, Chris Conder and Ed Hansen, alternate. Elected and seated Scott Wellard and Mike Bethers

Agencies: Neil Barten, Ryan Scott, ADFG; Scott Crass, Board Support and Lt Todd Sharp, Public Safety

Public Members: Mike Elsner, Rick Daugherty, Matt Haffner, Bernie Osborne, Cal Casipit, Bonny Millard, Brian Honey, Cindy Burchfield, Melinda Harper, Brad Pierce, Elizabeth Babich, Mark Vinsel, Richard Yamada, Chris Zimmer, Katie Fearer, Tom Gemmell, Pete Nelson, Ben Olson, Chris White, Ed Haney, Kevin Burchfield, Jackie Yamada, Ben NG, Leanne NG and Catalina Haney

The advisory committee was called to order at 6:35 with a quorum of advisory committee members. The agenda was reviewed and Nick/Bob made a motion to approve the agenda which passed by unanimous consent.

Elections:

Paula and Nick made a motion to open nominations to fill out the terms of 2 sport fish/sport hunt seats by unanimous consent.

Todd/Chris C. made a motion to nominate Ed Haney. Ed told the AC that he has lived in Alaska all his life and hunted and fished and is interested in serving. Chris pointed out that Ed owns a charter business.

Nick asked what his main purpose on serving the committee would be: He has hunted and fished all his life and wants to have a say in what's happening and keep them viable. Chris asked about his clientele: sport fish but wants to look out for sport & hunting interests.

Nick asked will he be representing charter interests: Clients are sport fishermen and there isn't a difference.

Chris asked if it was a choice between sport fish interests or conservation? Conservation
Jason asked if he was party to any lawsuits? Yes, he is a plaintiff on a lawsuit this summer (*halibut charter one fish bag limit (KH note)*).

Ed Haney nomination was accepted by the committee with no objections

Nick/Paula made a motion to nominate Brad Pierce. Brad moved to Juneau in 1981 after living in Ketchikan for a couple of years. Retired, has a cabin up the Taku and participates in the personal use fisheries. Wants to maintain the resource.

Chris asked if he was involved in any commercial or charter fisheries: No

Chris asked if it was a choice between personal use or conservation: conservation

Jason asked if he was involved in any organizations: Juneau Archery Club

Chris asked if he considered himself more as a fisherman or hunter: both

Bob asked if he was involved in any lawsuits: no
Kathy asked what he retired from: He was head economist for OMB
Brad Pierce nomination was accepted by the committee with no objections

Nick/Paula made a motion to nominate Robert Tonkin. Robert was not at the meeting.
Kathy stated that Robert was a sport fisherman who does not have any commercial or charter ties.
Robert Tonkin nomination was accepted by the committee with one objection. Todd stated that this objection was that Robert was not at the meeting.

Nick/Chris made a motion to nominate Mike Elsner. Mike was born and raised in Juneau. Has an interest in the resources, would like to see them managed for all user groups. He works as a cable tech at GCI.
Chris C asked if his family had any charter or commercial interests: He was willed a hand troll permit that he renews but never fished.
Mike answered to a question that he does a lot of hunting.
Mike Elsner nomination was accepted by the committee with no objections.

Nick/Paula made a motion to nominate Mike Bethers. Mike said for 40 years he has been hunting and fishing. He has worked construction and commercial fishing and then was a sport fish biologist for 20 years. After retirement started a charter business but it is part time now, his main interest is his prop shop. Only has 4 bookings for next charter season. He deer hunts and fishes in the northern area of the region.
Paula asked if he was involved in any lawsuits. Mike answered that he was in the original lawsuit on halibut. Chris C. said it was the original lawsuit on halibut and not the current one. A member of the audience asked what original lawsuit. Chris C said that he thought it was the lawsuit that overturned the halibut charter IFQ. From the audience it was stated that there never was an original lawsuit. Mike jumped in and answered that he was speaking about the lawsuit this spring. He mentioned that he is slowly retiring from the charter business.
Nick asked about when he resigned from the Advisory committee last time it wasn't very good. Mike said he resigned because the committee makeup was not functional.
Nick asked how do you feel about the advisory committee with designated seats? There is some imbalance, but appears to work better than it use to.
Nick asked will you be able to represent the Juneau sport fishermen and hunters? Yes he thought he could represent those groups and also the commercial aspects since he worked for ADFG for 23 years. What about personal use? Probably those too.
Mike Bethers nomination was supported by 5 ac members and opposed by 4.
Todd Wicks asked the members who opposed the nomination to state why. Nick and Bob both said that they were on the committee when Mike Bethers was on it and his behavior wasn't appropriate. Kathy stated that she has heard about the behavior when he was last on the ac last. Chris P. was the fourth vote in opposition.

Nick/Paula made a motion to nominate Scott Wellard. Scott has been in Juneau for 8 years. Has hunted & fished all his life. Family supported this type of lifestyle, it was important as he was growing up for meat for the table and still means a lot to him.

Would like to make a difference, hears a lot of stories from ordinary citizens that hunt and fish. Works for Dept of Corrections 14 years and is now Superintendent of the Jail. He is involved in several lawsuits connected with his job.

Chris does any of your friends or family run commercial or charter operations. Mother ran a commercial operation in the 80's-90's but never went with her.

Jason asked whether he believes that sport fishermen should participate in the conservation of resources? Yes.

Kathy asked that he disclose what his wife does for a living, since the person who had called and provided his name had told her and it should be disclosed to everyone? Scott answered that this wife is Assistant Director of Sport Fish.

Scott Wellard's nomination was accepted by the committee with no objections.

Bob/Nick made a motion to close the nominations after hearing for further nominations. Ballots were passed out to everyone who signed up for one (35 ballots). Scott Crass and Ed Hansen went and jointly counted the ballots.

While the ballots were being counted, Kathy briefly spoke to the minutes from the last meeting and provided an update that the Tulsequah Chief Mine permitting process was suspended this spring. Redfern has re-applied but the application was still being reviewed so that the 50 day comment period has not started.

Chair Kathy Hansen announced the election results that Mike Bethers and Scott Wellard won the two seats and had them seated and provided the advisory committee forms that needed to be filled out.

The majority of the public left after participating in the election. The only remaining members of the public were Mike Elsner and Cal Caspit who had stated that he wanted to testify on Board of Game proposals.

Kathy reminded the advisory committee members that all motions need to be stated in the affirmative and vote in opposition of the proposal if you don't support it. Proposals can be supported, opposed, no action taken or amended.

Jason Kohlhase left the meeting at approximately this time. Bob Cartmill left about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the proposals and Alternate committee member Ed Hansen took his place.

Board of Game Proposals

Proposal #27 was introduced and explained by ADFG staff member Neil Barten. Submitted by an individual. Proposal #27 eliminates the antlerless moose season in unit 1C (Gustavus). The Dept is opposed to the proposal. 5-10 year research program has been on-going for moose in Gustavus. There has been signs of overgrazing of the available habitat. The cow moose hunt has allowed the opportunity to get to a more sustainable size of herd for the available habitat. Cancelled the cow hunt last year, issued

15 permits this year. The population high was 500+ and is now approx 350-375. Sampling occurs in the spring, thinner moose are seen than in other areas of Southeast with moose. They were in poor condition but have been getting better as the herd population was reduced. Some of the signs of stock stress is that the cow moose at Gustavus have lower body fat than moose in most studies throughout the state as well as in Southeast coastal populations, the pregnancy rates have been lower than those found in most other studies, and the twinning rate is also low. All of these indices are signs of a moose herd that is in poor physical condition. Additionally, survey data in recent years has revealed a decrease in the percentage of calves (10% the past few years vs 25-33% during the early 2000s) and overall calf numbers that we believe is at least in part due to a decline in moose productivity, although we recognize that wolf and bear predation also play a part. With the prohibition against using snares capable of catching wolves at Gustavus, the wolf population has seemingly increased a lot, and likely they are having an impact on the moose herd. An optimal bull:cow ratio that biologists around the state use as a goal is 20-30 bulls/100 cows. At Gustavus we believe we are closer to 15 at present. **Nick/Bob made a motion to support proposal # 27:**

Cal Casipit from the public testified as a private citizen and not related to his job that he supports the proposal to get rid of the cow hunts. 175 cows have been taken over the years. Has a cabin in Gustavus and hunted moose every year since 1997 and is important for their family meat source. He has gotten 1 moose for the group every year until this year. The number of cows killed was reduced this year. Predators have increased, in fact had a wolf in the yard that showed no fear of people. Cal said that in the beginning he supported the cow hunt because of the forage issue but no longer are all the willows in his yard being grazed on. Chris asked Cal for clarification on his position that he feels there would be more young bulls available if the cow hunt was stopped? Yes. A question was asked of staff about the forage based on the testimony just heard? Neil said that he still thinks there is not enough forage available and that the moose are using alternative food sources. Nick said that he can't see closing the antlerless moose hunt when it is such a small area and that the moose move back forth into the Park. They don't have enough browsing area especially after it is covered by snowfall. Neil stated that the Dept has the opportunity to determine what the number to be hunted is or even if there is a hunt and would hate to see that option taken off the table. A pool of managers and researchers all agree that the Dept has been on the right track to keep the herd smaller and healthier. Paula asked if the proposal was precautionary and that it could be re-opened at a later time if necessary. Nick made the point that the dept does not take a cow hunt lightly. **Question was called for and the proposal was opposed with 8 opposition and 3 abstentions.**

Bob/Nick made a motion to support proposal #28:

Neil explained proposal #28 is an ADFG proposal that would turn the Gustavus hunt into an antler restriction hunt. The open hunt use to go for 30 days but because it became so popular it has gotten shorter and shorter. There is approx. 150-200 hunters participating, now in an area where there is only 15 square miles of hunting area. In 2005, there was 3 days of hunting, went to a ½ day hunts to extend the season and it went back to a 7 day hunt, this year due to the two hard winters, ADFG lowered the number to be hunted and by 6:08 am, they had heard 17 shots and closed the season after the first ½ day. The Dept

doesn't want to open an unrestricted hunt but they have to have some way to control the hunt and number harvested. Dept has been against a drawing hunt although the Juneau Douglas AC has supported a draw hunt, even though it is easy to administer because with the vast number of people who will apply will reduce the opportunities for Gustavus residents. ADFG thought they had two viable options, a draw hunt or go to an antler restriction, can see bulls but only some are legal. Keep this more like an open hunt. ADFG hasn't determined how to limit the number of permits. ADFG has been taking pictures of moose from the area for the last 5 years and estimate that 1 out of 3 yearling bulls would be available for harvest, while most 2-4 year olds would not be legal. The moose from 5 years old and older, seem to be 50% either 3 brow tines or 50", although the 50" are "just barely" which would be problematic. Lt. Sharp said that the current enforcement used would be sufficient for this proposal. Cal pointed out that spike 4/50" inch would be about 1 out of 4 would be available and they would be only real old or real young. He is concerned that you will turn a lot of people into criminals. Most bull killed won't be legal. Cal stated that he would prefer a Tier 2 hunt but can't go there since Gustavus received a negative customary and traditional finding which he had just found out about. Nick pointed out that under an antler restriction hunt Gustavus resident would be advantaged by knowing where the legal bulls had been hanging out. Cal disagreed and used his experience from this fall when he went to one spot where the bulls had been hanging out to find out that wolves had just chased them out of the area. Chris P asked when the antler restriction hunt was authorized for Petersburg how many tickets were given out and how many are given out now. Neil answered that they stress hunter education and that in Haines have taken about 75 moose over last 3 years and have given out 2-3 tickets. Mike said a draw hunt might be something that would work and that you could set aside so many for Gustavus. Neil again pointed out that a draw hunt would be easy to administer but that you can't with a drawing hunt determine by residency, it has to be pure random chance.

Chris said that people rely more on the moose when they actually live in Gustavus. Scott asked how many cows can 1 bull sire? Neil answered that one bull in Denali has sired 17 but think that is extremely unusual and that Management reports like a population ratio of 20-30 bulls per 100 cows. Todd asked about how ADFG shut the hunt down in 6 hours. Neil answered that the hunt was pre-specified for 6 am to 12 noon. Todd also asked about the comment about safety concerns – you would still get up to 200 hunters and what would happen if the Board didn't authorize an antler restriction hunt. Neil said there are a number of things that can be done such as a registration permit for a certain week, chance of getting a bull through out several week periods or since they have discretionary powers could do 2 hours every Monday. Paula asked Cal what he would prefer a short open hunt or an antler restriction hunt. Cal stated that he hadn't found the staff reports regarding the negative C&T finding but would prefer first a Tier 2 hunt, then an open hunt 2 hours a day. Scott had some concerns about a fair chase opportunity and if a hunter doesn't abide by the restrictions needs to be held accountable. Lt Sharp said a violation where the moose is turned in will usually have a max fine of \$500 dollars and won't lose hunting privileges usually but if the moose is left in the field that is considered wanton waste and carries a large fine and possible confiscation of equipment & hunting privileges. Mike asked about the possibility of taking the 50" portion of the regulation out. Todd said that he opposes the proposal and prefers a drawing hunt.

Question was called for on proposal #28 was supported with 9 supporting and 1 opposing.

ADFG Staff member Ryan Scott introduced the next proposals and suggested that the committee take up proposal # 15, 18, 19 & 20 together. The proposals are similar in that they request extending the season but for different fur-bearer species. Dept recommendation is to do not adopt. There is not a lot of population data available for fur bearers. December 1st when the current season is open is conservative, trapping opportunities exist and harvest is occurring. The rationale suggested that there would be monetary value in the auctions with an earlier season date but Ryan checked several auction sites and found out that the fur value got better later in the season.

Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposals #15, 18, 19 & 20 understanding that they asked for the same season extension but for different species. Mike asked Nick about his trapping, Nick said that he traps all the species, the fur becomes prime condition starting in December, Had tried trapping in November before and there were too many bears around still. Todd asked if it would give more access to the trappers because of the weather. He answered that the weather was an influence in some areas. In the Juneau area trappers use the road system for access. Paula stated that she had received testimony from the Defenders of Douglas Island Wildlife (Jenny Pursell & Mike Tobin) regarding several proposals and that on this proposal they thought the extended season was not warranted and could cause the overharvest of the species. Chris P. asked about the argument presented by the author that the fur has more value and Ryan said when he checked the auction sites he found the opposite.

Question was called and the committee opposed the proposal with 9 in opposition and 1 abstaining.

ADFG introduced proposal #21 which modified trapping restrictions in Unit 1C near established trails now listed as closed. ADFG said that they would support the proposal if amended and suggested that the proposal be amended to 100 yards out and 5 feet above the surface. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support an amended proposal that would allow the use of traps with a jaw spread of less than 6-1/4" may be set [3 feet above ground] 5 feet above the surface no nearer to an established trail than [50] 100 yards and that larger traps must be located at least 1/4 mile away from the trail.** (Re: trails now listed as closed) Ryan said that much of the time the Dept is supporting proposals that take opportunities away and that this time they are supporting increased opportunity with this proposal. Nick pointed out that road access provides kids more opportunity and supports the proposal. Chris said that he grew up in the Valley and have seen opportunities for kids reduced over time and this might give them a new opportunity and in the process get rid of some of the beavers that are blocking salmon streams.

Question was called and the committee unanimously supported the proposal as amended (10 in support).

ADFG next introduced proposal #22 that added 4 more trails to the list of closed trails to trapping. ADFG doesn't have a position on this proposal as it is considered allocative. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #22 amended to also include the amended language passed in proposal #21 for the trails being added to the list. It**

was clarified that the trails being requested to be listed could be trapped on with no ¼ mile restriction. Nick supports the proposal in the hopes that it provides opportunities for kids. Paula asked if the Dept had talked to the Juneau State Park Advisory Board on the Dept's amended language in proposal #21. Not yet, thought their Board meeting was the first week in November.

Question was called and the committee supported the proposal as amended with 9 supporting and one abstention.

ADFG introduced proposal #24 submitted by Nick would change the brown bear season dates in Unit 1C to June 15th and increase the harvest to one brown bear every year instead of every four years. ADFG is recommending do not adopt. The current bag and seasonal dates are a regional regulation. Already have a later closure date due to weather conditions. Have an ongoing research project. 46-90 bears in area of project (Berners Bear). 2 bears every regulatory season works out to about 4% GHL. ADFG might discuss raising this level in the future with more information. Most of the time the bears are seen on the tide flats by June.

Paula/Nick made a motion to adopt proposal #24. Nick stated that the reason he submitted the proposal is because of the increase in black bear and wolves populations and their effect on moose and deer. The moose are losing out and this is creating a predator problem. Paula said that the Voices for Douglas Island Wildlife opposes this proposal as the bears are vulnerable in the spring. Chris asked if Nick would consider amending the proposal to 1 bear every two year. Not really, he doesn't believe that this is a lot of hunting in the area and estimates that the predator to prey ratio of 4 to 1. Neil stated that the last two winters have been very hard. The opportunity is there to take one bear every 4 years and someone doesn't need to take one every year. Doesn't want to extend the season but keep it consistent across the region. 2-3 bears a year in the area is a sustainable level of harvest and this is doable within the area with the opportunities offered.

Question was called and the advisory committee opposed the proposal with 3 in favor; 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Neil introduced proposal #34 introduced by ADFG to shorten the wolverine trapping season. This area has the longest season in the State. Dept is learning from research in other areas that wolverines have younguns in the den. Most wolverines are caught during the three months of the season still left.

Neil/Paula made a motion to support proposal #34.

Nick stated that he made the proposal to extend the season years ago. Wanted to be able to keep wolverine that were caught incidental during the wolf season. Question was asked how long has the season been going to April 30th and has there been any reduction in the population? Neil, no nothing, Dept started a study in Petersburg 2 year ago and population is widely distributed. Wolverines feed on everything and anything. Mike stated that he didn't believe there was enough to make a change to the regulation. Chris P. agreed there was not enough hard science to make the change. Question was asked about the # of females harvested. Neil answered that there was not a differential proportional between females and males caught prior to the new date recommended.

Nick pointed out that you can't save a wolverine that has been caught in a wolf trap. Chris asked if there were any other solutions. Dept stated that they are concerned and don't want trappers targeting females. Kathy asked if it would work to make a friendly amendment that during Feb 15 – April 30, can't target wolverines but can keep incidental wolverines caught in a wolf trap. Understand that this would not be enforceable but would be the honor system but this would get the message across that wolverines aren't to be targeted during this time period and enforcement could press a violation of someone using wolverine traps during this time and not wolf traps. Chris asked about the number in Berner's Bay area in response to Neil's comments about the Petersburg study. Estimate that there would be about 6 wolverines in the area that they roam far and use about a 50 mile area but Dept doesn't know how much the areas overlap. Chris then asked Nick if he had trapped this area and if so how many has he caught. Nick answered that he has caught some incidental during this time frame but he caught more females in the Jan/Feb time frame. Mike asked the Dept what they would think about shortening the season only to March 15th. Neil answered that 1 month was better than no time. Chris stated that he is concerned about the waste of animals and that they would be better utilized when incidentally caught. Mike asked if there was a particular gear that doesn't work as well for wolverines. Nick answered that he would use a scent post or a dirt hole. Someone suggested that the Dept should collect more data and bring the proposal back in the future.

Question was called on proposal #34 and the advisory committee opposed the proposal with 9 opposed and 1 abstention.

Neil introduced proposal #35 which would eliminate the trap identifications for Units 1-5. Some trappers support the proposal and some oppose the proposal. The author of the proposal opposes it because it was originally for just one unit and was extended for the whole region and thought this was unfair. Dept feels that the tags help allow the public accept trapping. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #35.** Nick stated that he doesn't like the tags but his son-in law is doing okay using them when Chris asked about whether it was a problem to lose the tags. Lt Sharp pointed out the regulation is enforceable and it has been used to identify gear that was left out after the season was closed and also to recover gear that was stolen.

Question was called on proposal #35 which was opposed by the committee unanimously.

Neil introduced proposal #36 which is a Dept proposal to delay the non-resident black bear fall season by two weeks. There is a rising black bear harvest. On Prince of Wales Island the harvest was 440 bears two years ago, but declined to 360 last year. Harvest in the fall by non-residents is rising. Larger amount of females taken in this time frame. After Sept 15th the females move off the river systems and are less vulnerable. **Nick/Paula made a motion to adopt proposal #36.** Mike P asked about the amount of total bears taken by non-residents at this time. About 80% are non-residents. Paula asked if moving the date to Sept 15th was enough. Neil, yes, they broke the data down in specific time periods to determine the window defined. Mike P. asked if there was anything to be gained by moving the date for non-residents to Sept 30th. Neil answered that the dates they used in the proposal reaches their objective. ADFG might still come

back in two years if effort shifts more than they expected. This proposal addresses their conservation concerns. Neil did say in answer to a question that some guides target the spring hunt and some target the fall hunt and this will affect them.

Question was called on proposal #36 which was supported unanimously by the committee.

Neil introduced proposal #38 and said that action on this proposal would take care of proposals #37 & 39. Proposal #38 is an ADFG proposal for harvest tickets for black bear hunting. Preferred the idea of harvest tickets that would let a hunter pick them up anywhere you can get licenses rather than a registration that you would have to go to the Dept to pick up. Harvest tickets are now necessary to get information that is needed for management of the stock such as how many are hunting, CPUE

Nick/Paula made a motion to adopt proposal #38 and take no action on proposals #37 & 39. Todd made the comment that he didn't support the proposal because he doesn't like additional paperwork requirements.

Question was called on proposal #38, 37 & 39 with 9 supporting and one opposed.

Ryan introduced proposal #23 which is asking to better define what a white bear is. The bear shot was determined to not have been a white bear. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #23.** Paula supported the idea of trying to define a white bear and that the effort needed to be done but that the committee didn't have the ability to do. Kathy mentioned that the Juneau Douglas advisory committee had brought up this issue in the past that the definition of white is unenforceable and at that time we decided that the only totally enforceable method would be to tag the white bears and those would be illegal to harvest. Paula said that she is sensitive to some locals desire to protect these animals and that some consider them sacred. Lt Sharp said that while the regulation is unenforceable it still provides some protection as most hunters will try to honor the regulation.

Question was called for and the committee opposed the proposal with a vote 1 in support, 7 opposed and 2 abstentions.

ADFG introduced proposal #45 which would extend the wolf hunting season by a month in Units 1 & 2. Dept opposes the proposal believes that the season should stay the same. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #45. Question was called for and the committee supported the proposal with 9 supporting and 1 opposing.**

Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #46.

ADFG introduced proposal #46 which would shorten the wolf hunting season. Dept opposes the proposal, wolf population is fine. Paula said that the Defenders of Douglas Island supports the proposal, lengthening the season doesn't benefit the trappers because the hides are of lesser quality. Chris P. was against shortening the season as he know people who trap and need to work around their commercial season. Scott said if not broken, don't fix. Nick said that the current hunting season allows for harvest and the hides throughout the season are of fine quality and mountable.

Question was called for and the committee opposed the proposal with 1 supporting and 9 opposing.

Ryan introduced proposal #47 which would change the season dates for waterfowl. Dept has no position on the issue as it is considered allocative. Issue has been in front of the board before and the Dept was asked to take a survey and determine what hunters preferred. In the Juneau area, hunters were split on the issue of the date changes. The state would not have the opportunity to split the region into multiple zones with different dates until 2011.

Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #47. There is no biological concern about the stocks. Question was asked how many hunt in January. A couple. Nick said that changing the season dates would mean that most of the teal and widgeons would have moved through the Juneau area. Somebody asked about a split season. That would be confusing. **Questions was called for and the committee opposed the proposal unanimously.**

ADFG introduced proposal #48 which would outlaw the use of .223 full metal jacket bullets and said this is an issue they would be interested in hearing from the committee on and maybe learning more about the bullets. **Nick/Paula made a motion to support proposal #48.** Chris P. stated that when he was young and growing up in Elfin Cove they used the full metal jacket bullets because they were cheaper and that was what they could afford. Paula stated that she would like more information. Mike B. said that he saw a deer brought in full of holes because the hunter had used full metal jackets and the first bullets didn't kill the deer and would like to see the restriction for all calibers. Scott said that the key is in the shot placement and that there might be more wounded deer but again most of that is because of shot placement. Nick said that the 223 is a popular size, bullets are affordable, works well if you go for head shots and there are some uses where they are handy. Lt Sharp spoke up that you would also have to include it to be illegal to have the bullets in your possession as they did with lead bullets. **Nick withdrew the motion with the acceptance of this second and replaced it with a motion to take no action on the proposal seconded by Paula and supported unanimously by the committee.**

The next meeting date for Board of Fish shellfish proposals were tentatively discussed for December 4 with the ability to recess until the 5th. Dates will be checked with the full committee to determine if there would be a quorum. Kathy had checked with ADFG staff for their availability in December.

Meeting was adjourned after 10:00 pm

**Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Wednesday October 22, 2008 6:30 pm
ADFG Headquarters**

AGENDA

Call the Meeting to Order:
Determine Quorum

Elections
Nominations/close nominations
Introductions of individuals running for election
Vote/count ballots

Motion to approve the minutes from 2/17/08

Board of Game Proposals

Next Meeting(s) – Set dates:
Board of Fish SE Shellfish Proposals (69 proposals)
Other issues

Adjourn Meeting

Enclosed is the written testimony that was sent to Paula Terrel and was quoted from on several proposals.:

From: Voices For Douglas Island Wildlife [mailto:voices4diw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 5:20 PM
To: Mike & Jenny Tobin/Pursell
Subject: Board of Game meeting in Nov.

Dear Voices for Douglas Island Wildlife,

The SE Alaska Board of Game, {BOG} meeting will be held in Juneau at Centennial Hall from November 7-11.. Fifty six regulation proposals were submitted to the BOG by SE citizens. I have reviewed all of them and have selected 8 primary LOCAL concerns that I suggest you comment on. These proposals will impact wildlife in the Juneau, Douglas Island, Haines, Skagway, and Klukwan areas. These areas are referred to as Game management Units 1C and 1D. I have grouped the proposals in 3 categories which are: Beaver Bear and Wolf. I have stated conservational positions on each proposal as well as a brief explanation supporting that position. Please pick and choose as you please; you may want to comment on all 8.

It is IMPORTANT for the BOG to receive your comments on these proposals- public input does make a difference!!! The deadline for written comments is Oct.24-5p.m. You can snail mail your comments to: BOG Comments ADF&G Board Support Section P.O.Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 or Fax#: 907-465-6094

When sending comments please state the proposal number, your position, and a brief explanation as to your position. You can refer to the SE Regulation Proposal booklet for more detail- online at

<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/gameinfo/gprop.php>

Please note that there are other regulation proposals that need comment and I am working with Alaska Wildlife Alliance in assessing/making comment on each one; however, for local purposes I have chosen the ones that you will see listed at the end of this message.

The BOG also allows oral testimony during their meetings. Oral testimony will probably be scheduled for Nov.7 and 8- more details on that later.

Thank you for your advocacy for our local wildlife. As the co-founder of Voices for Douglas Island Wildlife, founded in 2002, I can attest to the many successes that we have had by using the BOG for wildlife intervention and advocacy. Best Regards, Jenny Pursell and Derek Williams, {Tech Support}. Please refer to the list below for proposal comments:

Beaver

Proposal 15: OPPOSE- This proposal to extend beaver trapping by 3 weeks in Unit 1C, which includes Juneau, Douglas Island, and areas north and south along the mainland coast, is not warranted as there are no bag limits on beaver during the current season and an extended season could be detrimental to the population. {please note that the current season for hunting/trapping beaver is Dec.1-May 15- the proposal wants to begin the season on Nov.10}

Proposal 16: OPPOSE- This proposal would extend the beaver hunting/trapping season by 4.5 months, Sept.1- June 30, In Unit 1D, targeted area is the Chilkat Valley. This extension is extreme, particularly because there are no bag limits for killing beaver. This proposal is likely to be detrimental to the population.

Proposal 17: OPPOSE- This proposal would allow bounties on beaver in Unit 1D, target area is the Chilkat Valley. Bounties are historically difficult to regulate and when instituted have had dire consequences in eliminating and/or seriously decreasing various species populations. Another reason to oppose this proposal is related to cost; who will pay for these bounties?

Bear

Proposal 23: SUPPORT- This proposal would ensure that cream-colored black bears would be protected from hunting under enforceable regulations in Unit 1D, Haines, Klukwan, Skagway areas. These bears are a valuable wildlife resource to protect as they provide appreciation/enjoyment for All user groups.

Proposal 24: OPPOSE- this proposal would extend the spring brown bear hunting season by 2 weeks in Unit 1C, the mainland from Cape Fanshaw north to just south of the Katzhin River. Bears are vulnerable to hunters in the spring as they frequent intertidal/coastal areas where they can easily be seen and shot. This season extension is not congruent with brown bear conservation.

Wolf

Proposal 31: OPPOSE- Extending the wolf hunting/trapping season in Unit 1D, Haines, Klukwan, Skagway area, by 2 weeks until May 15, because of the belief that the current wolf population could be detrimental to and could decimate the moose herd is anecdotal. There must be scientifically based data to support such a proposal. In addition, extending the season into May will cause more wolf pup mortality as a result of killing adult wolves that pups rely upon for their survival.

Proposal 45: OPPOSE- This proposal to extend the wolf hunting season by 1 month, to May 31- the season currently runs from Aug.1- April 30, in Units 1 and 2, i.e. Juneau, Douglas Island, the mainland north and south of Juneau, Haines, Klukwan, Skagway, and Prince of Wales Island, is unwarranted and would be inhumane to pups born in the spring as they are reliant on adults for their survival.

Proposal 46: SUPPORT- This proposal would decrease the wolf hunting season by 2 months in Units 1, 3, 4, and 5- essentially all of SE AK except for Prince of Wales Island. The season would revert back to Sept.1-March 31 versus the current season which is Aug.1- April 30. Wolves killed in Sept. and April have less quality/value hides due to rubbing and being un-prime fur- therefore a lengthened season is not beneficial to trappers desiring maximum hide values. In addition pups who are orphaned in summer and early fall will continue to starve and die inhumanely unless the season is shortened. Another reason is that female wolves are pregnant and near full term in late April. It is inhumane to kill them and not sound conservation for a species with big game and furbearer values.

**Ketchikan Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008**

Present: John Scoblic, Jeff Wedekind, Charles Denny, Darell Welk, Lawrence Carson, Clay Slanaker, Art Maioriello, Dan Castle, Johnnie Laird, Ed Toribio
(Note: Robert Jahnke was not notified by Chairman and did not attend meeting. Chairman told him he would try to phone him and did not. He called on 10-22-08 and told the chair he would have attended but did not get notification).

Call to Order 6:15 pm John Scoblic

Meeting minutes for 9/26/08 meeting approved

Reports: Chairman's report – we need to stick with the meetings that get scheduled and get written comments made to appropriate boards on time. We need to fill the remaining seats that are open and select some alternates.

Fish and Game report- NONE

Other reports- NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Old Business

1. Roster needs to be filled. Still have 2 undesignated seats and 1 Saxman seat to fill. We also need to select alternates.

New Business:

1. *Board of Game Proposals – (Note: Minutes reflect order in which action was taken and are not necessarily in order numerically).*

Proposal 1: Action - Support

Dan motions to support Prop 1 as written. Darell 2nd. No opposition. Motion carries to support Prop 1.

Proposal 2: Action – No Action

Art opposes Prop 2 as written. Darell 2nd. Jeff amends motion to take no action. Dan 2nd. 1 opposes; 6 support. No action Proposal 2.

Proposal 3: Action – Support

Dan motions to support Prop 3 as written. Clay 2nd. No opposition. Motion carries to support Proposal 3.

Proposal 4: Action – Oppose

Art motions to oppose Prop 4 as written. Clay 2nd. 1 opposes (preferred we would have taken no action); 6 support, motion carries.

Proposal 5: Action – Oppose

Art motions to oppose Prop 5 as written. Jeff 2nd. 7-0 motion carries.

Proposal 41: Action – Support

Dan motions to support Prop 41 as written. Darrel 2nd. Motion carries

Proposal 6: Action – Oppose

Jeff motions to oppose Prop 6 as written. Art 2nd. 7-0 motion carries.

Proposal 36: Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action on Prop 36 so management will stay with status quo. If BOG wants to reduce harvest they need to devise method other than time restrictions to meet management goal. Darell 2nd. Committee felt this was a poorly written proposal. 7-0 no action motion carries.

Proposal 7: Action – Oppose

Art opposes Prop 2 as written. Jeff 2nd. 7-0 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 8: Action – No Action

Clay motions to take no action on Prop 8. Art 2nd. 7-0 no action motion carries.

Proposal 9: Action- Support

Clay motions to support Prop 9. Darell 2nd. 5 support; 0 oppose; 2 abstain from voting motion passes support.

Committee would like ADF&G present at these meetings for assistance.

Proposal 10: Action – Support

Dan motions to support Prop 10. Art 2nd. 7-0 motion to support carries.

Proposal 11: Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action on Prop 11. Clay 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposals 12 – 33 Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action on Props 12-33 as they are out of the area. Jeff 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposal 34: Action – Oppose

Clay motions to oppose Prop 34 as written. Art 2nd. 6-0 motion carries to oppose.

Proposal 35: Action – Oppose

Clay motions to oppose Prop 35 as written. Darell 2nd. 6-1 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 37: Clay motions to support Prop 37. Darell 2nd. 7-0 motion to support carries.

Proposals 38 and 39: Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action due to support for Prop 37. Darell 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposal 40: Action – Oppose

Darell motions to oppose Prop 40 as written. Clay 2nd. 7-0 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 42: Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action on Prop 42 due to support for Prop 41. Jeff 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposal 43: Action – Oppose

Dan motions to oppose Prop 43 as written. Jeff 2nd. 7-0 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 44: Action – No Action

Dan motions to take no action on Prop 43 as written. Clay 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposal 45: Action – No Action

Clay motions to take no action on Prop 45. Charles 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

Proposal 46: Action – Oppose

Jeff motions to oppose Prop 46 as written. Clay 2nd. 7-0 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 47: Action – Oppose

Darell motions to oppose Prop 47. Dan 2nd. 7-0 motion to oppose carries.

Proposal 48: Action – Support with amendment

Art motions to support Prop 48 with an amendment to eliminate all full metal jackets. Clay 2nd. 7-0 motion carries to support as amended.

Proposal 56: Action – No Action

Jeff motions to take no action on Prop 56. Dan 2nd. 7-0 motion to take no action carries.

2. KRAC member to attend BOG meetings:

Jeff motions to send Clay Slanaker. Art 2nd. 7-0 motion carries to send Clay Slanaker to represent the KRAC at BOG meetings in Juneau November 7-11, 2008.

3. Next meeting date set for November 12th at 6 pm. ADFG meeting room.

4. Adjourn 10:00 pm

SE POW Game and Fish Advisory Commission

*Minutes September 24, 2008 1900h TBRD Admin Bldg
Thorne Bay, Alaska 99919*

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Members Present:

Jim Beard, Thorne Bay, USFS Fish Biologist
Jim McFarland, Thorne Bay, Lodge Owner
Doug Black, Thorne Bay, Trapper and Fisherman
Jana Carpenter, Lodge Owner, Post Mistress and Lodge Owner
Bryce Brucker, Coffman Cove, Lodge Owner
Lavenia Sylvia, Thorne Bay, Outdoors woman and photography
Raymond Slayton, USFS Wildlife Biologist

Members Absent:

N/A

Members Excused:

N/A

Quorum Present:

Yes

ADF&G Present:

Shannon Stone, Tim Curdle, Steve Bethune, Boyd Porter

Time meeting called to order:

1900h.

Old business:

None

New Business:

Discussion:

- Robert's Rules unless consensus decide on another set of meeting rules
- Board is responsible for getting information to public of proposals acted upon.
- Board responsible for forwarding citizen comments to ADF&G.

Selection of Board Members:

Shannon advised the participants that five board and two alternate seats require filling. After a few minutes of discussion and arm-waving the following was agreed upon by all present:

The five board members are

- Jim Beard (3 year term, expires 12/2010)
- Ray Slayton (3 year term, expires 12/2010)
- Lavenia Sylvia (3 year term, expires 12/2010)
- Bryce Brucker (2 year term, expires 12/2009)
- Jana Carpenter (2 year term, expires 12/2009)

The two alternate's board members are

- Doug Black (3 year term, expires 12/2010)
- Jim McFarland (3 year term, expires 12/2010)

Alternate members stand in for absent board members and are "kept in the loop" on all correspondence, actions, discussions, etc. by the board.

Selection of Board Officers:

Shannon advised the newly elected board members of their responsibility to elect 3 officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

The newly elected board officers are as follows:

- Chair; James Beard
- Vice-Chair; Bryce Brucker
- Secretary; Lavenia Sylvia

Action on Proposals:

Shannon gave the board members the following information

- EPOW was UNIT 2
- Cleaveland Peninsula; a portion assigned to Unit 1A (Ketchikan) and remaining portion to Unit 2 therefore any proposals that refer to Cleaveland Peninsula on Unit 1A also impacts Unit 2.
- Act on proposals that are Region wide

- Act on proposals that are “housecleaning” (Jim Beard’s description) for Alaska Dept. of Fish&Game.
- Proposals can be submitted at anytime. They will be acted on when their time occurs.
- Votes can be called in by board members before the meeting.
- Teleconference is possible.
- Board members can submit proposals as members of the public

The details of action taken on the proposals are in Appendix A. Table 1 records the results only. Details include discussion and voting record of members.

Table 1. Final tally on EPOW proposals

Proposal	Yes	No	Abstain	Chair calls...
3	7	0	0	Support for proposal carried
5	0	7	0	Opposition to proposal carried
6	3	4	0	Opposition to proposal carried
7	-	-	-	Tabled; see position for proposition 6
34	7	0	0	Support for proposal carried
35	7	0	0	Opposition to proposal carried
36	7	0	0	Support for proposal carried
37	2	5	0	Opposition for proposal carried
38	7	0	0	Support for proposal carried
39	-	-	-	Tabled, see position for proposition 38
40	0	7	0	Opposition for proposal carried
41	-	-	-	Motion to table until next meeting.

Preliminary Discussion

Boyd (ADF&G) gave background information for the proposals replete with discussion from the board members.

Deer:

- Proposal 3; Unit 1A concerning reducing bagged deer from 4 to 2 was put forth by ADF&G; part of Cleaveland Peninsula is designated part of unit 2 therefore of interest to EPOW.
- The reduction of number of bagged deer from four to two is recommended due to deer density remaining spotty. There are areas on Cleaveland Peninsula that are worse than the worst sites in Unit 2 (POW) The reasons put forth for the decline in deer have been
 - Harshness of the last two winters; may kill all wolves and still not see corresponding increase in deer density.
 - Wolf predatory activity
 - Mountain Lion; though not as strongly supported due to difficulties in determine density; due to mountain lion mobility; two reported sightings 40 miles apart could be one or two mountain lions.
- Goat density is declining as well.

- ADF&G started a wolf study research similar to that performed for Unit 2 in the non-logging areas for a comparison with Unit 2. This would have added to the knowledge set about wolves. Trappers stopped the research.
- Doug Black stated that the collars used for the research rendered the wolf furs worthless.

Moose:

- ADF&G recommends modifying the moose antler restriction; currently the accepted method is difficult to identify acceptable bulls for harvest, requiring cooperation from the bull to turn his head both directions and staying still long enough for the hunter to identify the existing criteria.
- The recommended modification will give the hunter a quick visual way of identifying acceptable bulls.

Black Bears:

- ADF&G and the public expressed concerned at the declining Black Bear density in POW; all present were able to give anecdotal evidence of the decline, not only of boars, but especially the increased number of sows and cubs being killed by hunters.
- There is an average of 60 permits per year for unit 6. There are a high proportion of non-residents. There is currently no accurate way of verifying the hunter's location as they are usually not familiar with the area.
- The ADF&G have had no cooperation from hunters when the information was voluntary. Although no permits are issued without GPS information as a means of tracking bear bait traps. They are often incorrect.
- 60% of the located bait sites have violations i.e. less than ¼ mi. from roads, less than 1mi. from structures.
- On the Kenai Peninsula, 95% of the bear hunters are resident. In Unit 2, 95% are non-resident.
- "Resident" includes any Alaskan. "Non-local" excludes non-Alaskan and Alaskans who do not reside in the area.
- Boyd stated that as the number of dominant boars decline, sows and cubs fill in those areas and become targets.
- This increased hunting of sows and cubs is occurring primarily in the fall when sows and cubs crowd the river for the dying salmon.
- Shannon pointed out those hunters who are keyed by TV and lodges to expect high numbers of big black bears do not see any for the first few days of their hunt trip and then adopt an attitude of wanting to kill something just to justify their cash outlay and to say they killed a bear. This attitude and language was reported by all present.
- Boyd showed graphs that showed a marked increase of sow kill, especially the past three years. Normally the boar to sow ratio is 3:1. Boar to sow ratio is currently averaging 6:4.
- Boyd stated that the profile of bear hunters has changed over the past three years. He attributes this to the "packaging" of hunting in the fall by lodges as a "combination" deal of Coho salmon + white tail deer + black bear.
- Shannon stated that the Discovery channel programs (i.e. Alaskan Adventure, Last Frontier, Dirtiest and dangerous jobs) hype up and misrepresent the density and availability of large game

in Alaska. These programs were developed over multiple years filming, yet the impression is that it was a matter of days. This also contributes to profile changes and unrealistic expectations.

- Lodge owners have been seen dropping off hunters at the bridges with their rifles (as though “they were guarding the bridge”) by lodge owners to be picked up later in the day so the bears can be picked off by the hunters at the bridges.
- Bear baiting was additionally discussed as proposals requested lessening on restrictions on giving information about bait trap locations. The locations are required in GPS; however, hunters have been known to give the wrong format, etc.

Proposal action:

All board members agreed to start working through proposals.

See table above and Appendix.

Meeting Closed:

September 24, 2008, 2145h.

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 15th, 2008 1830h. USFS Administration Building

**Alaska Board of Game Meeting
November 7-11, 2008**

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Proposal 46 – Oppose unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 Not many additional wolves taken during the 2 months proposal would close
- 2 The extra 60 days are needed to control wolves in these units
- 3 This proposal is nothing but an attempt to block a management tool ADF&G employs to control the wolf population and improve the goat and deer populations.

Proposal 49 – Support unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 This is an important predator management tool to increase moose populations in an area that has suffered from decreasing moose populations.
- 2 The killing of sows and cubs is more effective than taking boars only in decreasing predator numbers, and aiding the increase of ungulates.
- 3 This proposal honors the traditional method of taking bears with snares.

Amendment – Make every attempt to take the cubs along with sows to prevent cubs suffering.

Proposal 50 – Support unanimously.

Reasons –

- 1 Provides an additional predator management tool to help increase ungulate population.
- 2 Encourages the use of a traditional method

Amendment - Should be applied to **all** Intensive Management Areas, (IMAs), and wherever there is a positive intensive management finding.

Proposal 51 –Support unanimously.

Reasons –

- 1 Provides an additional predator management tool to help increase ungulate population.
- 2 Encourages the use of a traditional method
- 3 Bears taken in the traditional method, from dens, are taken almost exclusively for food. Bear meat is of the best quality in the winter.

Amendment - Should be applied to **all** Intensive Management Areas, (IMAs), and wherever there is a positive intensive management finding.

Proposal 52 –Support unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 Provides an additional predator management tool to help increase ungulate population.

- 2 Encourages the use of a traditional method
- 3 Bears taken in the traditional method, from dens, are taken almost exclusively for food. Bear meat is of the best quality in the winter.

Amendment - Should be applied to all Intensive Management Areas, (IMAs), and wherever there is a positive intensive management finding.

Proposal 53 –Support unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 Provides an additional predator management tool to help increase ungulate population.
- 2 Encourages the use of a traditional method
- 3 Bears taken in the traditional method, from dens, are taken almost exclusively for food. Bear meat is of the best quality in the winter.
- 4 Traditionally, some form of light was always used. Flashlights provide a more reliable, safer source than light from a torch or candle.

Amendment - Should be applied to all Intensive Management Areas, (IMAs), and wherever there is a positive intensive management finding.

Proposal 54 –Support unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 Present methods in the existing predation control plan have not been enough.
- 2 Ungulate populations in this area are in dismal shape, and is overrun with bears.
- 3 The taking of bears same-day airborne promotes efficiency in predator management.
- 4 This proposal provides a well controlled situation with the individual bear control permits to be issued.

Note – When this program meets its objectives, BOG should use it as a model to be used in other IMAs that are suffering from similar predation problems.

Proposal 55 –Support unanimously

Reasons –

- 1 Provides an additional predator management tool to help increase ungulate population.
 - 2 Encourages the use of traditional methods for taking both wolves and bears.
 - 3 Bears taken in the traditional methods, from dens, are taken almost exclusively for food. Bear meat is of the best quality in the winter.
 - 4 Denning of wolves is an efficient and humane method.
 - 5 Should be applied to all Intensive Management Areas, (IMAs), and wherever there is a positive intensive management finding.
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Yukon Flats Advisory Committee Meeting

Venetie AK 10-06-08

2:40 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Williams

Short Prayer by Clayton Tackett

Roll Call:

Venetie: Larry Williams, Abraham Henry

Beaver: Wilma Pitka, Ethan Erick

Ft Yukon: Clayton Tackett

Arctic Village: Deena Tritt, Fannie Gemmill

Stevens Village: Herb George

AGENDA APPROVAL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Moved by Herb George and 2nd by Wilma Pitka to approve agenda. Unanimously passed.

Moved by Clayton Tackett and 2nd by Herb George to approve Minutes of February 13, 2008 meeting in Beaver. Unanimously passed.

Introduction of Guests: Fred Bue Comm. Fishery, Beth Lenart and Jason Caikoski Area Wildlife Biologists, and Rita St. Louis advisory committee coordinator.

Other guests included, but were not limited to Ernest Erick Chief of Venetie, Jamie Frank 2nd Chief, Eddie Frank, Crystal Sisto, in and out were the school students.

Concerns of members and community were expressed.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ISSUES:

Clayton Tackett: Mentioned the polar bears that came into the Yukon Flats. How did they get here? Were they feeding on scraps? Were they following the caribou? Bears do affect our way of life. Regarding our proposal... a lot of these things are already happening. Why do we need a regulation for what we already do?

Larry: We want to make what we already do legal. Ours is similar to that submitted by the Middle Yukon Advisory Committee.

Ernest: Expressed concern for subsistence users on the flats. We need more protection on our fishery. We have to compete with the commercial fishers and the big game hunters. We are users and our needs are not met. The game and fish regulations cut us off. Chandalar fish are not returning, and we provide the spawning fish. We cannot blame other species. We blame the other humans. Subsistence users take too much of the burden when there is shortage. Board of Fisheries is influenced too much by commercial interests.

Larry Williams: You need to get in touch with the Eastern Interior Regional

Advisory Council. We are not getting our allotment up here. Down river people are more united and are more powerful. We are trying to encourage people to take more bears for moose management.

Herb George: Going on for 4-5 years now, the fish are getting fewer. I got only 3 fish in my fish wheel. They tried to stop our fishing at Ft. Yukon, but we would not stop. They need to stop taking so many at the mouth of the river.

Wilma Pitka: We have to work harder for our fish and they are smaller. Is it Global Warming? Is it greed?

Crystal Sisto (Citizen of Venetie): Wondered why the advisory committee wanted a 50 bag limit on beaver (reflected in the last minutes) if they are concerned about fish escaping.

Larry W: Explained that the members voiced concern for “unlimited”; we do not want to take unlimited animals. It’s not our way. As Native people we conserve. Concerned about others (nonlocals) taking too many.

Jason C: The board of game passed unlimited beaver take.

Crystal: If there is a concern for white fish habitat, I don’t see why there should be a limit. Need to survey fish and beaver to see where the problem lies.

Clayton: We know not to take all.

Ricky Frank (Venetie Citizen): Voiced concern about hunters who shoot moose with fire power that is not adequate (.223 caliber). He has seen several wounded moose. Would like to see this issue addressed.

Also, we need to educate the young people and get them involved in the fishery. We need to get our own young people involved in the fishery studies. We need our own biologists.

Larry W: Thanked the folks for their good comments, and explained that we are only an advisory committee. We can only advise. We don’t make regulations. You also need to tell CATG. Tell Ben Stevens, and the others.

Fannie G: She said she agrees with Ricky. We need to educate our young people. They need to know such things as trapping. It is not too late. We need to learn our way and not just the white man’s way.

Wilma P: The Beaver Wildlife Grant helped to pay for a bear baiting and wolf trapping clinic. This year we need to pick a different location. We need to be sure there are interested people so we don’t waste our time and money.

Herb G: Get CATG to get videos for the school.

Larry: Ernest traps, but gas is so expensive that it is barely worthwhile. It is a good suggestion to encourage the school to show videos in the school, and to get elders to show the kids.

Fannie: We need to encourage the tribal councils to work with the school district to do trapping clinics.

Clayton: Schools use to take the kids out. Each school needs it. They should

compensate the elders who teach the kids.
Rita: Showed Power Point on what an AC does.

GAME ISSUES:

The AC discussed its proposal on black bears that will be at the Board of Game meeting in Juneau. The AC **Moved, 2nd, and unanimously supported** to make an amendment to restate and emphasize using traditional methods. Although, taking black bear admittedly did help cut down predators, the committee wanted the board to realize this they also wanted this proposal to reinstate their traditional methods and reasons for taking bears. They have taken bears in these manners for generations, but they want it to be recognized as valuable to the people and to be made legal. They want to reinstate their customary and traditional practice of taking bears by snaring. Also they shoot them, even sows and cubs, when they become abundant enough to enter villages, camps and fish camps.

Wilma: We have always taken a grizzly when it has become a threat and nuisance. It has been our traditional way of helping keep the numbers of predators at balance.

Amendment to Proposal

Yukon Flat AC Amendment to our Proposal # 49 For Board of Game meeting in Juneau Nov 7-11, 2008

We are requesting to be allowed to continue our traditional practices of taking black bears which include taking any bear by shooting and snaring. We use black bear for food and their hides to sleep on. Sometimes, we take bears that are harassing our fish camps and the villages. We also take black bears to manage our hunting grounds. It is important to us to be able to continue using our traditional methods so that our needs are met.

Other Game Proposals Discussed:

Proposal 52: Moved and 2nd and Unanimously Supported

Proposal 53: Moved and 2nd and Unanimously Supported

Both proposals were to assure Customary and Traditional means of taking bears. We respect and support those two proposals of the Middle Yukon AC. Larry Williams was chosen by the committee to represent them in Juneau.

Wilma Pitka gave a presentation on the Moose Management meeting in Beaver and discussed the Beaver Tribal Wildlife Grant.

She took on the administration of this grant. One of the things they did was wolf trapping and bear baiting clinic around Beaver. Last year it was in Ft. Yukon. Both were very successful.

The grant has set up an initiative program. People get paid for the pelts they bring in. The grant bought the snares.

Other things were surveys. Who got animals, when and where? Among them were goose surveys. They did not do moose surveys. They left that job to CATG. There is also a bear derby with a prize for the largest bear skull. Marcus Peter from Ft. Yukon got the first prize, and Steve Joseph got the 2nd prize. The main focus is to cut down on animals killing moose. A lot of people don't report bears; thus it is hard to see how many are out there. Next we need ways to come up with ways to increase moose.

Wilma reported it is really important to keep track of expenditures, to make sure money goes where it is supposed to go and that they don't over spend.

The grant was put together with the cooperation of CATG, USFWS, and Village Council. Anyone can apply, but you have to justify what you are doing. This one will be ending soon, but we will reapply. To begin with there were a lot of meetings between Ted, Wenona, and Paul Williams in community meetings. Ours is a 3-year grant.

Clay: We need to tap into the expertise of CATG as a good way to go. The first step is to get the community behind the grant and to define what the community wants to do with the money. Then get CATG to help write the grant.

Larry: Call Bruce Thomas in Natural Resources.

Jason gave an update on moose population surveys.

In 25D east there was a slight decline from previous year, but over the long term, the population appears stable (.25 moose per sq mile or stated a different way 1 moose for every 4 sq miles).

USFWS did a survey in 25D west in the spring around Beaver. It seems to show a decline too, but there are no good spring data to compare it to. (.2 moose per sq mile or 1 for every 5 sq miles).

We plan surveys this fall. F&G plans to do more intensive surveys around Beaver area. Black bear surveys are planned as well as trend counts which include bull:cow ratios calf:cow ratios and totals. Then we can detect trends.

Population estimates are expensive. We need to look at old data, and then determine where to do trend areas.

Beth gave an update on Porcupine Caribou Herd.

The herd has been declining since late 1980's. The most recent census occurred in 2001. Weather has prevented another census. Population modeling using radio telemetry data and, calving surveys, lead us to estimate the herd around 100,000 now. Most of the harvest occurs in Canada. Because the herd has been declining, there were several meetings in Canada last year to determine harvest strategies among the villages. One strategy that they are discussing in the villages is: If the population stays between 75,000 and 125,000, a voluntary bull only harvest is asked for. Population below that would impose a mandatory bull only harvest. This is an international herd, so ADF&G and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Canadian Wildlife agencies cooperate together to manage this herd. I think it is important for Alaska to document the caribou harvest here in Alaska. Most of the Alaskan harvest is by residents of Arctic Village when the herd winters near the village (as it did last year and will this year). We need to think about conducting household surveys in Arctic Village in the near future so we can document the needs of Arctic Village residents and their use. We need a number we can take to the table so we can negotiate with Canada better. Venetie harvests some if they are close enough to the village. We estimate now that Canada harvests 4000 and Alaska harvests 600; non residents get 70 to 80. Last year and this year, most of the Porcupine herd winters in Alaska and are not as accessible for human harvest compared to when they winter in Canada. Therefore, they may have had a bit of a reprieve from harvest. Beth to Fannie: Do you think we are anywhere close in our estimate of Arctic Village take?

Fannie: No. Easily double or more.

Back to the subject of moose:

Wilma: We want to continue the Moose management steering committee. So far 3 names are on the list Herb George, Larry Williams, and? We need to start working on a management plan.

Beth brought up a proposed Intensive Management Plan.

After the 2 AC meetings last year, where we discussed implementing or draftin an Intensive Management Plan, ADF&G realized that we could not implement an Intensive Management Plan across all of Unit 25D at the same time. We would like to focus on a small area to be able to measure whether we are successful and then move that model to another village. It does not mean that we would not do anything anywhere else because we are still working under the Yukon Flats Moose Management Plan and the Intensive Management Plan is really just a subset of the YFMMP.

However, before I go home, I need to ask the AC something: Would the AC support ADFG starting around about a 500 square mile area around Beaver? One

of the reasons we are suggesting Beaver is because we also realized early on that we would need a lot of support from the community in order to implement a plan. Because of land ownership patterns and other political limitations; much of the burden will be on the communities. We think one of the things necessary to succeed is having wildlife grants to provide incentives and partner in surveys. Beaver has already shown initiative by obtaining a grant and getting some things done with it. If we focus around Beaver and get a good moose population estimate, a black bear density estimate, a wolf population estimate, and Good Harvest data—then we may have the ability to measure whether or not we are successful. If we are successful and other communities in the meantime have acquired grants, then we hope to be able to apply the model to other communities. However, success is really dependent on the community and what we are doing really needs to be supported by the communities because they are the ones to bear the burden and make the sacrifices.

So, my question back to the AC is: Does the AC support initially implementing Intensive Management just around Beaver

It was Moved and 2nd and unanimously supported the proposal to do extensive IM Management around Beaver.

Larry: How long should this take to see a measurable difference? 5 years or so?

Jason: The answer to that is really unknown. We think that a difference can be more easily measured using the smaller area around Beaver. For example, we are planning a bear survey to see how many need to be taken to help the moose population rebound. USFWS is doing a wolf predation survey. Hopefully between those two studies we can gain answers in a smaller area that can be applied to a larger area.

Jason stated that we are not abandoning these other areas, but will not be studying them as intensively

A short update was presented on the status of wood bison in Alaska.

Minto Flats is the first area to release, however, Yukon Flats still remains probably the best habitat and best area for wood bison. The committee reminded ADF&G that they had passed a motion at their last AC meeting to restore wood bison in the Yukon Flats. Beth showed powerpoint slides while Rita updated AC. **This time it was Moved, 2nd, and unanimously passed that the committee wants a formal resolution drawn up and signed by Larry so that the powers that be realize we are serious about getting bison into the Yukon Flats as soon after Minto Flats as possible. Larry and Randy Rogers will draw up the resolution that Larry will sign.**

FINAL REMARKS:

Fred reminded the AC that fisheries proposals for the Yukon River are due April 10, 2009.

Abraham Henry. I saw 5 moose this fall. I appreciate what Jason is doing.

Herb George: I like the way the meetings are going forward. We need CATG at the next meeting.

Fannie: I want to say again that educating people is very important in the way we took care of animals. Need to educate people to help take care of the land.

Next meeting should be in Chalkytsik perhaps in April.

Adjourn

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC)

Comments on Proposals for the Fall 2008 Meeting in Juneau.

The FAC offers the following comments on the "carry over" proposals and some of the new proposals. The FAC discussed and voted on these proposals at the regular meeting on Oct. 8, 2008.

Proposal #5 "Conditions on bear baiting permits." This proposal seeks to simplify the burden on hunters now used by the Department of Fish and Game in Unit 2. The FAC comments on this proposal for two reasons. First, we have constituents who live in Fairbanks who participate in this hunt and we are concerned about these sub-regional issues that cause the regulations to "creep" into Statewide status. The FAC recalls and has participated in considerable debate with the Board of Game and the Department toward the goal of not mixing the requirements of the baiting permit with the discretionary conditions. (I.e. don't mix 5AAC 92.044 and 5AAC 92.052.) The Board should not condone making it easy on the Departments of Fish and Game and Public Safety at the expense of the hunters unless there is a significant reason to do so. The changes made unilaterally over the last few seasons has cut the number of permits in Unit 2 by two thirds. The supposed reason was locating permittees for cleanup and the Department legal counsel said it would be OK. We don't believe that. There is no information provided on the number of problem "cleanups". The Board should send a clear message that hunters are not out there to "make it easy" on the either Department.

This proposal asks for permits by mail to avoid unnecessary travel and time and asks that GPS recordings be voluntary, as they are in most other areas on the state. We ask the Board to adopt this language.

If more information is needed by the Department of Public Safety on bait station locations, the DPS should request the Board to require the information to be sent to DPS ONLY. The DFG doesn't need the location information for anything and can't protect information in most of their data bases. DPS can better protect user information. Before any sub-regional special information needs are approved, the Board should evaluate who is burdened by the request. We don't have bear hunting and baiting for the good of the Department(s).

The FAC voted to recommend the Board support this proposal, 14 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent.

Proposal #41 "Authority to mix and match 5AAC 92.052 and 5AAC 92.044 by the Department of Fish and Game." This sure looks like a "let's cover our bottoms" proposal to us. The fact is that the local offices of DFG and DPS have been getting away with the mix without discussion by the AC's and the Board. This is exactly the abuse of the regulatory system to the detriment of hunters that needs to stop right now. This "it's OK to do what you want when you want for bear baiting permits" is the example of what creeps into the Statewide regulation because of a "We did it in Southeast so it must be OK" argument.

The statement under the "Issue" portion of the proposal, "These conditions are necessary to control the use of these permits." does not explain the NEED for the change. There is no hunter use data, no

harvest data, no citation data, no “extra” time for management needed data. The proposal is further weakened by the statement “. . . . is intended to clarify the authority that the Board intended relative to issuing black bear baiting permits in Unit 1-5.” The FAC believes the Board was very clear in past discussions on the Statewide management of bear baiting permits that the mix requested in this proposal NOT be authorized. And, finally, there is nothing HOUSEKEEPING about this proposal. We ask the Board to NOT ADOPT proposal #41 to re-clarify the Board’s intension.

The FAC voted to recommend the Board Not Adopt, 0 In Favor, 14 Opposed, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent.

Proposal #46 Shorten Wolf Hunting Season The season length should not depend on what pups need or who depends on who. Whether or not wolves are hunted by various means by various hunters in various parts of the state is not important to the issue. This proposal asks the Board to reduce hunting opportunity with no shred of biological information to back up the request. Lacking that data that wolf populations are declining or under desirable levels, the Board should not shorten the season. We oppose the proposal as presented.

The FAC voted to recommend the Board Not Adopt, 0 In Favor, 14 Opposed, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent.

Proposal #49 Except Unit 25D from the restriction on “females with cubs” for black bear. Change “methods” to allow snaring and use of boats. After some discussion, the FAC did not make a recommendation on this proposal. We support the need to harvest more bears from IM moose predation control areas.

Proposal #50 (Carry over) Allow wolf denning as customary and traditional in Unit 19. This proposal was deferred to the Fall meeting to provide the Board with an opportunity to review the methods for predator reduction available after the anti-predator control initiative. It has been the policy of the Board (and Legislature) to encourage the public to take predators where there is a need to reduce their numbers. The FAC originally supported the Board’s deferral of this, and similar proposals. Now the issue is how best to reduce predators. We supported this proposal by the Central Kuskokwim AC as long as it included a reference to “traditional methods”. The FAC reaffirms our previous support if the Board wants to add this “method” to the predator control plans.

FAC Supported our previous comments. “Without objection”

Proposal #51 Allow harvest of bear from a den in Unit 19. The FAC supported this proposal at the previous Board meeting and deferring it to the Fall meeting. Our comments are similar to #50.

FAC Supported our previous comments. “Without objection”

Proposal #52 Allow taking of black bears from dens in Units 21B, 21C, 21D, 24. The FAC previous comments were to adopt “as part of the Koyukuk predator control plan”.

FAC Supported our previous comment, “Without objection.”

Proposal #53 Same comment as #52.

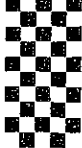
Proposal #54 Allow more opportunity to harvest bears as part of the moose and caribou protection plan in Unit 20E. The FAC previously supported this proposal. We continue to support it because of the need to harvest more bears as part of the ungulate recovery effort. Present, restrictive methods have not resulted in significant increases in harvest.

The FAC voted to continue to support our previous position and recommendation, "Without objection".

Proposal #55 Add regulation options to increase wolf harvest in IM predator management areas. The FAC supported this proposal before it was deferred.

The FAC voted to continue our support, "Without objection".

Proposal #56 Special Hunts for disabled veterans. The FAC supports the concept of additional opportunity for disabled vets but we question the need to establish hunts "for each big game species" even on military and public lands. Seasons and bag limits could be relaxed and species targeted for reduction, like black bears in Unit 16, could be the focus of additional hunts. The FAC has no formal recommendation for the Board.



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COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS

Proposal #5-OPPOSE-This proposal would add an unnecessary and expensive burden on bear baiters.

Proposal #11-OPPOSE-What this proposal does is virtually make the hunt an any bull hunt.

Proposal #13-Support- Largely due to the animal rights activists the wolf populations in many areas have grown out of control & threatening the prey population numbers.

Proposal #16-Support as amended-The proposal should have read-Beaver season will be open to both shooting & trapping from Sept. 1 to June 30. Trapping license required. There are an over abundance of beaver in the Chilkat Valley. The beaver are damming up many of the mainstream spawning streams. Different people have torn down parts of the dams all to no avail as the beaver just rebuild the dams. Due to the expense & the difficulty of accessing the upper valley there is little interest in trapping beaver as the hides are not worth the expense or the trouble trapping imposes. By extending the season for trapping & allowing shooting it might induce more interest.

Proposal #17-Support-This proposal is the preferred solution to the over population of beaver in the Chilkat valley. The advisory committee has submitted proposals in the past on this problem to no avail. The department of fish say the beaver ponds caused by the dams are excellent rearing areas. True!, but if the salmon can't get over the dams to spawn there is nothing to rear. Or if you tear the dam out & the salmon do get into their traditional spawning areas & spawn & the beaver rebuild the dams the fry have no way to get out of the rearing pond to return to the ocean. Due to the heavy cost & difficult accessibility of the upper valley it is almost impossible to stay ahead of the beaver. We cannot stress too much the seriousness of this problem. If something is not done we are putting at risk the future of our salmon runs. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on the study of fish in the Chilkat Valley river system. Are we going to have anything to study in the future?

Proposal #18,19,20-Support-We support these three proposals for the same reasons. It would benefit the trapper & cause no harm to the resource.

Proposal #22-Oppose-We very strongly oppose this proposal. Many of these trails were first established by trappers. Now more & more people are using the trails for recreation and think they should have rights over the trappers. The biggest argument being their dogs are getting into the traps. Have the general populace ever thought that they should take the responsibility for their pets & put them on a leash? Many people think that all trapping should be abolished & proposals like this is one way of doing it.

Proposal #23-Oppose-Our reasoning for opposing is that discoloration in black bears is very common & genes don't play a part in it. A bear with light markings may become darker in the course of a season. Putting the onus on hunters for a bear that has an unusual coloration is not right. A bear in the field could have any form of discoloration due to rain, mud, rubbing against a tree or log.

Proposal #24-Support as amended-We realize there is an abundance of brown bear in unit 1C. The season should be lengthened & hunters should be able to take a bear every year instead of every four years. But, if the season is to be lengthened & hunters are able to harvest a bear every year there should be more permits awarded for out of state hunters also. At this time there is only one tag for out of state hunters.

Proposal #25-Oppose-This is a proposal submitted for personal reasons. There has never been a wounded bear lying on the river bank or hunters using the scope to spot bear. Also this portion of the river has been a traditional hunting area for many years.

Proposal #26-Support-The Dept. Of Game has taken a survey of this area & has determined that there are enough goats in this area to warrant a bow hunt.

Proposals #30-No action recommended

Proposal #31-Support-We have brought this proposal up before to no avail. This last winter was very wolf friendly due to the snow conditions. Cold & freezing conditions put a crust on top of the snow making it easy for the wolves to run on top, whereas the moose would break thru making it harder to escape. Even though we had a very successful bull hunting season hunters in the field saw fewer cows than in previous seasons.

Unfortunately

we will not know the results of this until the Dept. Of Game makes their annual survey later in the winter. We have been told that we need to encourage more wolf hunting or trapping. You cannot force people to hunt or trap. The Chilkat Valley is very unique in its configuration causing it to be not only hard to access the valley but also very

expensive. There is a large number of wolves in the valley that could have a very detrimental effect on our moose herd. Due to the small herd size it would not take a great many moose taken out of the herd so that our herd couldn't maintain it's size. This proposal would allow bear hunters a chance to harvest a wolf. Last year there wasn't any wolves taken & only one taken the year before & three the previous year. These numbers will not keep the wolf pack in check.

Proposal #34-Support as amended-Open season from Nov. 10 to Feb. 30. This will give trappers ample time to trap & still protect lactating females.

Proposal #38-Support-This will give the Dept. Of Game a important management tool & doesn't impose any hardship on hunters. This should be a requirement for all game species in all units in 1-5.

Proposal #40-Oppose-This proposal is just another attempt to try & get bear baiting & hunting eliminated. There are several states in the lower 48 that have suspended bear baiting & they are now butt deep in bears & are having problems because of these ill advised rules.

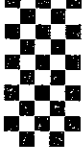
Proposal #44-Oppose-This proposal would just cause more problems than it would solve & would open up the killing of many two tiners.

Proposal #45-Support-would allow spring bear hunters to harvest a wolf & would have a small imprint on pack size.

Proposal #46-Oppose-The groups that wrote this proposal speaks for itself. Fact, wolves are predators & have an effect on prey species. The emotional thought that wolves should have more consideration than prey species & or people is misguided. These groups don't think anything about going to the market & buying meat products that have been killed in a slaughter house but believe that wolves should be protected at all costs.

Proposal #47-Oppose-Until further study. The current opening & closing dates are adequate.

Proposal #48-Support as amended-All full metal jacket bullets should be banned in the taking of big game. Full metal jacket bullets weren't & aren't manufactured for the purpose of hunting big game. Too many animals lost with these bullets.



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MINUTES for OCT.10,2008

Chairman Gary E. Hess called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call was taken with members,
Gary Hess
John Katzeek
Dave Werner
Larry Pierce
Ron Martin
Don Turner, alternate
being present & members,
Don Hess
Dean Risley
Les Katzeek
John Tronrud
being absent.

With members being present it was established that the committee had a quorum.

A motion was made & approved to suspend the reading of the minutes as the Secretary was excused from the meeting & the minutes were not available.

Ryan Scott, representing the Dept. of Game , Randy Bachman, representing the Dept of Fish & Tom Morphet from Chilkat Valley News were present along with guest Don Turner Jr.

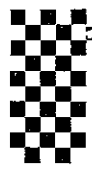
Randy Bachman presented the Fall salmon report & escapement levels.
Ryan Scott along with the Committee went over the proposals that ULCF&GAC made & also the proposals that he & the committee thought were pertinent.

The proposals that were discussed & voted on to support or oppose are listed below. As the chairman was forced into the note taking the discussions are not included in the minutes. All proposals voted on were unanimous with no dissenting opinions or votes either from the committee or guests. The proposals that were voted on are included in the comments to the BOG.

Ryan Scott brought up a couple of proposals that he thought that the Chair should mention when he presents the committee proposals to the BOG. The chair responded that with the fifteen minutes he is allowed there is hardly time to bring up the committee proposals. The chair & Ryan Scott agreed that the discussions are weighted way in the favor of the Dept. Of Game in time allotted.

The next meeting of the ULCF&GAC was set for some time in Dec. When there will be a election of committee members chairperson & vice chairperson.

Motion made & approved to adjourn.



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 8, 2008, 7 – 10 PM, MTA Building, Palmer
Meeting Minutes

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- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call

Ken Barber	present	
Brian Campbell	absent	
Mark Chryson (secretary)	present	
Andy Couch	present	8:45
Stephen Darilek	present	
Bennett Durgeloh	present	(durgelohstruck@mtaonline.net)
Gerrit Dykstra	present	
Ken Federico	excused	
Bill Folsom	present	
Denny Hamann (Chair) --	Excused	
Patrick O'Conner --	Excused	
John Otcheck	present	
Tony Russ	present	
Max Sager	present	
Lonnie Stevens	present	
Troy Vincent	present	(tlcevincent@yahoo.com)
Mark Vingoe	present	(left about 9:00 pm)

Att: Scott
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order)

- Approve minutes
2-20-08 approved

• Calendar of events:

- 1 Board of Game meeting for Southeast Region proposals November 7-11, 2008 in Juneau. The deadline for written comments is October 24, 2008.

Nelchina caribou season now closed

2. Board of Fisheries meeting for Prince William Sound proposals December 1-7, 2008 in Cordova. The comment deadline is November 17, 2008.
3. Advisory Committee Meetings are scheduled for October 22 and November 5 to address proposals for this PWS BOF meeting.
4. Board of Fisheries meeting for Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish proposals January 21-27, 2009 in Petersburg. The comment deadline is January 9, 2009.

5. Board of Fisheries meeting for Southeast and Yakutat Finfish proposals February 17-26, 2009 in Sitka. The comment deadline is February 3, 2009.
6. Board of Game meeting for Southcentral/Southwest Region proposals on February 27-March 9, 2009 in Anchorage. The Proposal Deadline for this meeting is December 5, 2008. The comment deadline is February 13, 2009.
7. Board of Fisheries meeting for Statewide Shellfish proposals March 16-20, 2009 in Anchorage. The comment deadline is March 2, 2009.

▪ Reports and Comments:

1. Recognize guests and/or department staff.

Members of public present

Cliff Judkins BOG
 Dick Vogt
 Wayne Kubat
 Ben Mulligan (Rep Mark Neuman's office)
 Russ Butts
 Rep Carl Gatto
 Tony Kavelok AFFG
 Tim Peltier ADFG
 Randy Rogers ADFG
 Charlie Center
 Carmel Shade - AHTNA
 Brenda Rebne - AHTNA
 Rod Arno - AOC
 Curt Anderson
 Terry Canniff

2. Other announcements and/or agenda items?
 - How tonight's meeting will be handled.
 - Any amendments must be in written form.
 - Verbal comments must be short and to the point.

3. Public Comment.

Crosswind Lake

Curt Anderson- written comments proposal 3
 Charley Center against fisheries proposal 3
 Brenda Rebne - Ahtna comments – This lake was overlooked and this is just house keeping. It was customary and traditional use. Access will continue to get better.
 Kirk Anderson - burbot fishery gone downhill,
 Russ Butts, concerned that it will open Pandora's box to get subsistence priority and it can be used in the future to eliminate sports fisheries.
 Mark Vingoe why do we need to make it subsistence, as you can fish already.
 Carl Gatto is there any waterway in the state that is not customary and traditional use?

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Brenda Rebne - no
Ben Mulligan - is this a way to eliminate sports users?

Will deal with this next meeting.

Rod Arno- fishery proposals will be dealt with next meeting
BOG tonight- 49 AOC supports snaring black bear, proposal 5 opposed, not a conservation issue.
Can be cumbersome especially where access is limited.
Wayne Kubat – thank you for all your time and efforts

ADFG- comments wants GPS to keep baiters away from each other.
Steve Darilek - in predator control should be mandatory, in the regular hunting, shouldn't be mandatory.
Could that get into exclusive use areas?

Brown book proposals

• New Business:

1. ADF&G (FBKS) Wildlife Planner Randy Rodgers on moose management in unit 20.

Moose intensive management presentation (attached)

Presentation on Wood Bison project.

2. Begin working through BOG proposals to prepare written comments.

Randy.rogers@alaska.gov

All motions made by Steve Darilek, Troy Vincent seconded all motions
Brown book BOG proposals

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Proposal 2
Raise wolf limits
Proposal passed 10-0-2

Proposal 5
Support of proposal 5.
Motion passed 11-1

Proposal 10
Stikine moose brow tine
Let South East cover it as we don't have the experience needed to make a decision.

Proposal 34
Shorten wolverine season to increase wolverine population
proposal passed 12-0

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Proposal 35

remove trap markings

in some areas some anti trappers move legal sets to closed areas to get trapper in trouble

Proposal passed 12-0

Tim - this will happen in the future,

Proposal 44

Stikine moose brow tine

Let South East cover it as we don't have the experience needed to make a decision.

Proposal 46

Restrict wolf hunting

Motion failed 0-12

Proposal 49

Proposal passed

12-0

Proposal 50

Proposal passed

8-0-4

Proposal 51

Proposal withdrawn as out of our area

Proposal 54

Bear control has not been successful in this area

Proposal passed 12-0

Proposal 56

Special seasons for disabled vets

Proposal as written is too vague

It will pass regardless of what we do

motion withdrawn

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 9:55
Next meeting October 22, 2008

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A/C COMMENT #

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