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Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes- January 13, 2010  
6PM – ADF&G Conference Room

Call to order, Roll Call – 6:06 pm

1. John Scoblic - Chair
2. Chuck Denny
3. Darell Welk
4. Art Maiorello
5. Steve Lacroix
6. Larry Painter
7. William Johnson
8. Ed Toribio
9. Clay Bezenek
10. Larry MacQuarrie (teleconference)
11. Kate Sullivan (teleconference)

Quorum established.

Others present –  
Clyde Campbell (State Troopers)  
Boyd Porter (ADF&G)  
Don Westlund (public)  
Steve Bethune (ADF&G)  
Djay O'Brian (public)  
Larry Dickerson (USFS)

Amendments to the agenda (none)

John Scoblic polls committee and approves agenda.

Motion to approve past meeting minutes from December 16, 2009 meeting is made and seconded motion passes unanimously.

Reports-

Chairman's report- The chair identifies 5 dates that need to be kept up with for deadlines and upcoming meetings. The chair urges committee to focus tonight's meeting on BOG proposals in order to meet Friday's deadline. The chairman suggests tabling certain agenda items until the next meeting. Federal subsistence issues need to be dealt with. Finally the chairman suggests a joint Saxman/Ketchikan AC meeting to deal with Federal Subsistence issue that need timely attention. Chairman thanks Ed Toribio for serving and welcomes his input as a hunter and recently elected committee member.

Saxman Report- Saxman met yesterday January 12. They discussed BOG proposals 1-12. The chairman reads the Saxman AC vote results. The next Saxman meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup> 6 PM.

Hat Report- Mac and Shannon will work together via email to figure out a way to get hats for the AC committees.

Public Comment-

Don Westlund- Don thinks there are 19 proposals in the upcoming Statewide BOF meeting for the KTN AC to be aware of and take action on; #126 the present that might be made on extending THAs, #175 Blackcod bag limits, #176 Dogfish. He supports the definition of electric reels and rods. Don will pass a list of these proposals he is referencing to the chair for our pleasure.

Unfinished Business-

A motion is made and seconded to table unfinished business agenda items a,c,d,e,f and g. question is called motion carries unanimously.

Federal Subsistence Review (FSR) Update-

Boyd Porter - ADF&G comments that the FSR is a wide open process.

Larry Dickerson – USFS- Craig- there is currently a departmental review in progress and the Feds want to know if Federal Subsistence needs are being met or not. Terry Suminski is in Sitka and he is the Regional Advisor for the RAC system. We are urged to comment on the FSR yet there is not a clear path to follow. Everyone is trying to see at what level of change needs to be made. There is a website that everyone can visit to make a comment on the FSR. Shannon will email John the link to distribute to the committee.

Chair John identifies 3 issues we need to address regarding Federal Subsistence:

- 1) Do we support the letter from ADF&G written to Pat Pourchot?
- 2) We need to vote on Federal Subsistence proposals yea or nea
- 3) Federal Subsistence Review makes comments get/stay involved.

New Business-

Board of Game Proposals for upcoming State Wide Meeting Jan 29 – Feb 1:

**Proposal 1:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (do not adopt). Members of the committee discuss a few issues related to this proposal. 1) Hunter education is not required at this time for rifle hunters so why crossbows? 2) There does not seem to be a need for this type of regulation at this time. 3) Managers don't need this to manage the resource. The question is called motion fails unanimously to **OPPOSE Prop 1**.

**Proposal 2:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion, Boyd Porter gives explanation of prop and state recommendation (do not adopt). This is about better information to the ADF&G managers. This prop wants less reporting. The managers need more reporting so they can manage. This is somewhat new and it is making a positive impact for ADF&G managers. Question is called motion fails unanimously to **OPPOSE Prop 2**.

**Prop 3:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (ADOPT). This is an ADF&G proposal and is considered "housekeeping". The committee agrees this is housekeeping. The question is called motion carries unanimously **SUPPORT Prop 3**.

**Prop 4:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (do not adopt). The department at this time does not feel this is needed. The committee felt if managers do not need this at this time don't force the issue. The question is called the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 4**.

**Prop 5:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (no recommendation).  
The main concern of the committee was 8 is too young and the mass majority of 8 year old would not be able physically or mentally to handle hunting all on there own especially for larger game animals. There was a minority position that this could take away from the very few 8 year olds that are able to handle this type of situation. The question is called and the motion fails (0 in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstained), **OPPOSE Prop 5**.

A motion is made to accept Bud Johnson as the alternate for one of the two Saxman seats back to the very beginning of this meeting. The motion is seconded. Discussion briefly alternates are important to keep the system functional. The question is called and passes unanimously.

**Prop 6:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (ADOPT). The state calls this a "housekeeping" prop. A good example of a huge hunt is described by Boyd and mangers need good information to not exceed limits set for hunts; this prop will help with that. The question is called and the motion carries unanimously **SUPPORT Prop 6**.

**Prop 7:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (take no action). In a nutshell the state has everything in place to accommodate this type of situation already. Further the ADF&G does not have the program in place to permanently file Medical records.

The question is called and the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 7.**

**Prop 8:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (take no action). The committee can see the potential for abuse of the resource if this passes the Board. A question was raised about the need for this potential huge amount of meat harvested and would it be wasted or not. The question is called the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 8.**

**Prop 9:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (do not adopt). The committee recognized the sacrifices of disabled veterans and has great respect for all US servicemen and women. There is great concern for public safety to allow hunters to shoot from a vehicle. The committee recognizes there are proxy hunts allowed as well as ADF&G exemptions and special season already in place. The question is called and the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 9.**

**Prop 10:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (do not adopt). The main issue is the taking of BROWN bear over bait. The committee recognizes this a potentially very unsafe for the public as well as hunters and conditioning brown bears to bait is not a good idea as well as it is not widely accepted politically. The question is called and the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 10.**

**Prop 11:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (amends and adopt). The chairman calls attention that Saxman unanimously supported this (just FYI). This is a department Prop and seen as “Housekeeping” to a large degree. The question is called and the motion passes unanimously **SUPPORT Prop 11.**

**Prop 12:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal and states recommendation (amends and adopt). The committee thinks this is not needed based on the action taken on Prop 11. The question is called and the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE 12 based on action taken on Prop 11.**

**Prop 13:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. The original motioned and seconded pull motion and remake a motion to take no action. This is based on action taken on Prop 11 & 12. The question is called and the motion passed unanimously **TAKE NO ACTION Prop 13.**

**Prop 14:** There is a motion to take no action on moved and seconded. The question is called, the motion passes unanimously **TAKE NO ACTION prop 14.**

In the December 16, 2009 Ketchikan AC meeting a motion was passed to **SUPPORT** the Board of Game meeting cycle to change to a three year cycle with a once a year deadline for call of proposals. The general

ideas was this type of change would be a step in the right direction in order to have better meetings for all parties involved in game issues.

**Prop 50:** There is a motion to support that is seconded. Discussion Boyd Porter gives explanation of proposal. Basically if the public were able to drop proposals at any game meeting to take on Tier I Tier II type issues could create a perpetual dog fight between rural and urban interests as well as bogging down the system for all parties involved in the Board of Game meetings. The question is called and the motion fails unanimously **OPPOSE Prop 50.**

The next meeting date is set as January 19, 2010.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 PM

Minutes from J-D F&G Advisory Committee Meeting  
Alaska Board of Game selected 2010 Proposals  
Friday January 8th 2010.  
Centennial Hall- Hickell Room

- 1: Call to Order: 6:30 by Chair Mike Peterson  
Committee members attending: Bill Bahleda, Jake Carte, Barry Brokken,  
Greg Brown, Ed Haney- Alt, Todd Wicks, Mike Bethers, Jenny Pursell,  
Chris Casey, (Quorum)
- 2: Agenda: Proposals 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,11,16,18,26,28,29,30,38,41,47  
Add proposal # 32,#46 to agenda. No objection
- 3.Election of Officer: Secretary  
No volunteers. Scott Crass of Board Support provided a device  
for audio recording. Written notes from meeting will be  
Transcribed by Mike Peterson
- 4: Announcement of open seat: Commercial Fishing.  
Seat remains open
- 5: Guests: Ryan Scott -S.E. Area Management Biologist  
Lt. Steve Hall- Wildlife Enforcement  
Scott Crass- Board Support.  
Brief discussion on committee members who miss meetings.
- 6: Discussion: BOG changing to annual proposal deadline of May 10th of  
each year.  
SUPPORT-9 OPPOSE-0 ABSTAIN-1  
Discussion: BOG moving to 3-year cycle.  
Scott Crass: Board Support could do better planning. BOG could break  
each year into a regional area of meetings.  
Mike P: more proposals submitted in a 3-year cycle?  
Scott C: does not think so.  
Mike B: would ACR process remain the same?  
Scott C: yes  
Dept: extra year might potentially help proposal process, see if  
proposals work.  
Mike P: Seems staff driven would extra staff in office make a  
difference, lessen the workload?

Scott C: not the person to ask.

Greg B: how long been meeting every 2 years?

Scott C: since State went to two Boards, 1976

Barry B: becoming more uncomfortable with moving to 3 year. Each member of BOG sits in on one meeting. Nothing for the AC to discuss for two years ( SE issues). Conditions can change dramatically.

J.P: AC would be meeting on State wide issues

Ed H: tend to agree that three years is a long time between meetings

Mike P: if the Federal RAC's or Federal Subsistence Board meet annually, 3 years is a long time between State and Federal meetings.

SUPPORT- 0 OPPOSE-10

P#1: Dept- Do not Adopt ( defer to 2012). & P#46- defer to 2012

Bill B: No cross bow Hunter Ed course in Alaska. Proposal asking for something that does not exist.

Todd W: Enforcement Q- Is a hit with a cross bow considered a kill, even if animal not found?

Dept. Enforc: yes.

Barry B: concern with pistol cross bow

Chris C: to Dept- no restrictions currently with scopes, laser lights, on cross bows?

Dept: no

Greg B: concerned that there is no mandated hunter safety course for cross bows, which could result in wounded animals.

PROPOSAL# 1: SUPPORT-0 OPPOSE-9 ABSTAIN-1

PROPOSAL# 46 SUPPORT- 10 OPPOSE- 0

P#2:Dept; Do not adopt

Bill B: would like to see harvest tickets remain intact.

Barry B: harvest tickets are information-gathering tool. Important part of management.

Dept: most important portion of the harvest tkt. is data from unsuccessful hunt,- how long hunting and where- key elements.

Todd W: Are harvest tkts voluntary?

Dept: yes. Harvest tkts also lets us know who is out there hunting, who our constituents were.

SUPPORT- 4 OPPOSE- 6

P# 3: Dept- housekeeping issue. Need to have a harvest report but do not need it with you.

SUPPORT- 10 OPPOSE-0

P#4: Dept- Do not Adopt. The system that is in place works.

Todd W: 1) problem with word "require". 2) Unnecessary cost to the state

Mike P: many surveys sent out?

Dept: in 2006, sent out surveys to 35% (3014) of total hunters. Approx. 65% returned. 20-year history of surveys.

Jenny P: believer in data, this is a statewide proposal.

SUPPORT- 4 OPPOSE-6



P#5: Dept: no recommendation, allocation issue.  
Jenny P: Oppose. 8 year old is in third grade. Safety an issue.  
Bill B: Oppose. Regulations written so 5th grader can comprehend  
Todd W: Kids under 10 can still hunt using an adults harvest ticket.

SUPPORT- 0 OPPOSE- 10

P#6: Dept.- Housekeeping

Mike B: agree that enforcement should be uniform.

SUPPORT- 10 Oppose- 0

P#7: Dept- Take no action. Proposal wants Dept. to come up with system to track disability.

Ed H: If seniors are able to have a permanent license, would it be possible for disabled to have a permanent record of disability?

Greg B: How many affected?

Dept: fairly popular, and system in place fluid, works well. When filling out paper work, disabled person does not have to come to office.

Proxy hunter can with completed paperwork.

Jenny P: if system put in place, would it amount to less work for staff?

Dept: can't really answer, could see that less work might occur.

Ed H: Confidentiality clause might be an issue.

Barry B: Proposal asking Dept. to assume responsibility of proving disability. Dept. not required to maintain medical records.

SUPPORT- 1 OPPOSE- 6 ABSTAIN-3

P#9 Dept- do not adopt

Bill B: would like to add crossbows to language.

Dept: there is a program in place where crossbows can be added to archery only hunts. Application and process handled at headquarters.

Bill B: would be nice if that information were more out there.

SUPPORT- 1 OPPOSE- 9

P#11 Dept- Proposal still in flux within Dept.

P# 11(a) Dept. amendment would substitute "caribou, deer or moose" with GAME ANIMAL.

Mike P: is this a subsistence issue? Will passage infer subsistence?

Dept: no. It gets away from subsistence by removing C&T use. Dept would also identify populations where they do not want permits issued.

[ committee voted on proposal 11 and 11 a (dept. amendment) ]

SUPPORT-8 OPPOSE-) ABSTAIN- 2

For the sake of time, Proposals # 16&18 were dropped from the agenda.

Proposal #26: Dept: Do not adopt.

Barry B.(trapping seat) agrees. Safety for user at issue. Larger animal, alive, could break snare and attack user. Breakaway snares used to trap wolves in moose country. If moose caught, breakaway device allows escape.

G.B: are incidental catches common?

Dept: notes two incidental catches in local area among "hundreds" of trapping days.

J.P: proposal for area where public setting traps for bears. Is their technique of setting snares a problem?

Dept: not comfortable answering question. Training may be necessary when applying for permit. Not sure.

Bill B. Are brown bears part of the equation in this area?

Dept: yes, but not targeted

Barry B: knows trappers in area. Believes they have experience.

SUPPORT- 2 OPPOSE-8

Proposal #28: Dept:- no recommendation, allocation issue.

Barry B: What would proposal achieve?

E.H: another way to limit non-resident hunting.

G.B: if maintaining moose population important why not eliminate non-resident hunting?

M.B: non-resident contribute economically to local area. Does the Dept have any figures to support this?

Dept:: no.

C.C: what was the total harvest and the numbers taken by non-residents?

Dept:: total bull harvest 800, non-resident took 11.

Public: if theory of predator control to allow for more meat for Alaskans, doesn't make sense to allow non-residents to take animals.

J.P: if non-resident wants to shoot ungulate then go to non-predator control area.

E.H: When non-resident hunts, guides might be used, jobs could be at stake. G.B: state spends \$1.2 million on predator control. Why not give some of that \$ to guides that might lose revenue from non-resident hunters?

SUPPORT-3 OPPOSE-6 ABSTAIN-1

Proposal's# 29&30: Dept: (#29) non-resident harvest-no recommendation Allocation issue.(#29) Active predation control- Adopt. #(30) non-resident harvest-no recommendation allocation issue.

Bill B: 65% of hunting license revenue comes from non-residents.

Greg B: what % of above \$ used for predation control?

Bill B: unsure, and wants committee to exercise caution if thinking that non-res. do not contribute.

SUPPORT-3 OPPOSE-5 ABSTAIN-2

Proposal#32: Dept. recommends adopt. New predator control.

J. P: oppose proposal. Predator control cannot be implemented on Federal Land and left over state land small piece of puzzle.

Bill B: few years ago easy to hunt caribou in area. Now many bears and wolves.

Barry B: may be too late to save herd. Reports of wolves and bears killing caribou calves as soon as born.

Greg B: what started herd depletion?

Barry B: natural cycle? Over feeding? Who really knows?

J.P: too late for the state to put \$ into predator control waste of \$.

SUPPORT-6 OPPOSE-2 ABSTAIN-2

Chair: For the sake of time proposals #38,#41,#47 dropped from agenda?

No objection.

Committee set time for next meeting Feb. 9th at 6:30. Location TBA.

Board Support handed out copies of a letter from Commissioner of Fish

& Game to Mr. Pat Pourchot . The letter provided Mr. Pourchot with 10

Recommendations from the State regarding the Federal Subsistence Review. Chair followed up on comments at end of last's night meeting:

( 1-7-10 ) BB: Is it possible to get Forest Service positions on proposals before the Regional Advisory Council meet?

Forest Service: if we have a position on a proposal, we do not give it out before the RAC meeting

Barry B: would really help AC to have the FS positions.(This was supported by several other members of the AC).

Mike P: Will do some checking to see about viability of next time meeting to discuss Federal Wildlife Proposals, doing so after the RAC meeting, when FS positions known, and before the FSB meeting.

Chair informed Committee of his phone conversation with Mr. Robert Larson (S.E. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Coordinator) on 1/08/10. Mr. Larson feels it is very important for State AC to submit information to the RAC's. Mr. Larson explained that the local AC's are a wealth of institutional knowledge and a terrific resource and are invaluable. The RAC's can use that knowledge to deliberate the merits of a proposal when making a recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board.

10: 30-Meeting Adjourned

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ACTIONS OF THE WRANGELL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AT IT'S MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2010

Members Present: Tom Sims Brennon Eagle David Rak  
(12) Janice Churchill Chris Guggenbickler Robert Rooney  
Bill Knecht John Yeager Brian Merritt  
Alan Reeves Mike Bauer Otto Florschutz

The meeting was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Fifteen people attended the meeting and participated in the election of members to the Wrangell AC for 2010. The meeting was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. Eleven people were present to participate in Committee elections, and attend the meeting.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 2009.

The Chairperson opened the meeting for nominations to refill 5 expiring Committee positions. Chris made a motion, second by Brian, to nominate David Rak, Janice Churchill, Robert Rooney, John Yeager, and Bill Knecht as candidates. Brennon made a motion, second by Brian, to nominate Winston J. Davies as a candidate. The nominations for elections were closed by a motion from Brennon, second by Alan, with a slate of six candidates for the five open seats. An election by secret ballot was held with fifteen people present at the meeting voting.

Following is a list of candidates and the vote tally.

2010 CANDIDATES & VOTE TALLY

David Rak	14
Robert Rooney	14
John Yeager	14
Janice Churchill	11
Winston J. Davies	11
Bill Knecht	10

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED.

David Rak, Robert Rooney, John Yeager, Janice Churchill, and Winston J. Davies were elected to three-year terms ending in January 2013. The newly elected members made a quorum so business could be conducted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A motion was made by Brian, second by Alan, to accept the previous officers: Tom Sims, Chair; Brennon Eagle, Vice-Chair; and David Rak, Secretary, for 2010.

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

#### APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Tom Sims appointed Randy Easterly (not present) and Bill Knecht to one-year terms as alternate members of the Wrangell AC for 2010. It was reported by Tom that Bill has a recent deer hunting violation. There were no comments or objections from the Committee members to Bills appointment to the AC.

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Shannon Stone has offered teleconference services for AC meetings, paid by the State.
- The AC is not to use State of Alaska letterhead for correspondence.
- Should the membership area for the Wrangell AC be expanded to include Meyers Chuck and Thoms Place, to include other communities within the Wrangell Borough?
- SSRAA is conducting a site exploration for a new hatchery site. They would prefer a site on a road system with adequate clean water supply (25 cfs). The Earl West/Highbush Creek or Tyee Creek systems were suggested.
- The effective date for limited entry for halibut charter boats is 2/1/2011.
- There are State funds available to hire a student to take notes at the AC meetings.
- The BOF proposes to change from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle.

A motion was made by Brennon, second by Brian to:

Support the Current 2-year BOG Cycle, as it is.      **PASSED**

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Would be OK if SEAK Finfish proposals were not considered the same year as SEAK Game proposals. Three years is too long a time to wait to solve game problems; would prefer a 2-year cycle. The 3-year cycle would provide a greater time between proposals and meetings. More time should result in less last minute business. A 3-year cycle should provide more time for BOG committee work. No matter the cycle, game proposals should be due to the BOG in May, prior to the hunting season. A 2-year cycle would get the BOG members into the smaller communities more frequently than a 3-yr cycle. Either year cycle may work as long as the BOG reviews the AC comments. As it is every six years both the BOG and the BOF proposals for SEAK occur in the same year. A staggered 3-year cycle would eliminate that problem.

#### STATE OF ALASKA GAME PROPOSALS

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee actions on the proposals presented in the Alaska Board of Game Winter 2010 Meeting, Statewide Regulations, Cycle A, Proposal Book. Listed here are the proposals the Wrangell Committee chose to consider during its meeting.

**Proposal #4                      OPPOSED**

Motion to adopt by: Otto            Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 1

Number opposed: 12

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would require deer hunters to submit harvest reports. Questions were asked about the penalty for failure to submit a report, and if failure one year would result in no tags for the following year? How would the harvest report requirement work with the Federal Designated Hunter program? Who would be responsible for the harvest report? It is noted the proposal is not from ADF&G. If the biologists at ADF&G want/require the information harvest reports would provide, the State should sponsor a harvest report proposal. The Wrangell AC would support harvest reports if needed by ADF&G for deer management.

Proposal #5                      NO ACTION

**Proposal #6                      OPPOSED**

Motion to adopt by: Chris            Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would authorize employees as well as peace officers at ADF&G to check hunters. The action would give authority to too many ADF&G personnel, some of who may not be trained, to check hunters. The Wrangell AC believes that only ADF&G employees who are adequately trained and in pay status should exercise the authority to check hunters. This requirement should be included in the proposal. This proposal is substantially more than "housekeeping" as stated in the proposal booklet.

Proposals #7 & 8                      NO ACTION

**Proposal #11                      PASSED**

Motion to adopt by: ~~Brian~~ Bill            Second by: ~~Brennon~~ Chris

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would restrict the big game species taken for certain religious purposes to caribou, deer or moose; eliminating bear, goat and sheep. Action needs to be taken so ADF&G can continue the program of big game harvest for certain religious ceremonies. The program should be administered to limit the number of species taken per year for religious ceremonies, and that the hunter must obtain a letter of authorization from ADF&G prior to harvesting the big game. Big game animals harvest for religious ceremony should be sublegal animals that would not be available to harvest by a sport hunter in the same area.

**Proposal #12                    NO ACTION**

Comments: Big game animals harvest for potlatch should be sublegal animals that would not be available to harvest by a sport hunter in the same area.

**Proposal #23                    OPPOSED**

Motion to adopt by: Otto            Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would restrict guides from obtaining an aerial shooting permit for wolves. The Wrangell AC does not agree with the conflict of interest statement in the proposal, and feels guides should be allowed to obtain a permit wherever it is legal to aerial hunt wolves. Alaska residents should not be discriminated on the basis of their legal employment. This type of discrimination could lead to commercial fishermen being restricted from sport fishing (when it is legal) because they are too successful.

**Proposal #25                    PASSED**

Motion to adopt by: Otto            Second by: Brian

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would prohibit the use of bait or scent near residential areas, including schools. This is a good proposal, based on common sense and should be adopted in regulation.

**Proposals #28, 29 & 30            NO ACTION**

**Proposal #35                    NO ACTION**

Comments: Other qualified persons are currently trained and authorized by ADF&G to seal bears.

**Proposal #36                    OPPOSED**

Motion to adopt by: Bill            Second by: Brian

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would eliminate the sealing requirement for certain furbearers. The AC feels that furbearers should be sealed by ADF&G to ensure the harvest is legal for season and species limit. Sealing is a tool for ADF&G to monitor the harvest of furbearing animals. It makes little sense to eliminate a long term program which has provided years of useful management data. Not sealing hides could result in unnecessary closure of areas to harvest because of unknown population information. Trapping is a commercial activity and the sealing data should be taken by ADF&G and available to the public; similar to commercial fish ticket data.

Proposals #39, 40, 41 & 42

NO ACTION

### **FEDERAL SUBSISTANCE WILDLIFE PROPOSALS**

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee actions on the proposals presented in the Federal Subsistence 2010-2012 Wildlife Proposals. Listed here are the two proposals the Wrangell Committee chose to consider during its meeting.

#### **Federal Proposal #WP10-09**

**OPPOSED**

Motion to adopt by: Brennon

Second by: Brian

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would allow for 5 any bull moose drawing permits in GMU 1B and 5 any bull moose drawing permits in GMU 3. The harvest of an additional 10 bull moose from those GMU's, in addition to change in antler restriction in WP10-10, would allow for too great a harvest of bull moose at this time. For example: In 2009 approx 20 bull moose were harvested from the Stikine River. The addition of 5 more would be a substantial increase of 25%, and would have a serious impact on the herd.

#### **Federal Proposal #WP10-10**

**PASSED**

Motion to adopt by: Chris      Second by: Brian

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would align the Federal regulations with the State regulations for bull moose antler restrictions in GMU 1B and 3. The management and harvest regulations for moose by the Federal Subsistence and State sport hunts need to be the same.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS:**

The schedule of future AC meetings was discussed. . A meeting is planned for Thursday January 21, 2010. The need for additional meetings will be determined after that meeting.

Tom announced that the Wrangell Port Commission has taken the lead on the Wrangell Memorial project. The Memorial would be for Fishermen or Lost at Sea. The Port Commission will hold a workshop on the Memorial project on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 to discuss the project.

The meeting was recessed at about 9:15 PM

DAVID RAK  
Secretary



**Comments on the  
BOARD OF GAME PROPOSAL- JANUARY 2010  
Edna Bay Advisory Committee  
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<b>Proposal #01</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Strongly agree, education requirements will promote more proficient and humane harvesting of wildlife, and less loss. Also limits risk to the public from inexperience.
<b>Proposal #02</b>	0 - in favor. 7 - oppose	Disagree, no more burden to hunters than deer harvest tickets. Harvest tickets are a useful tool for management.
<b>Proposal #03</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, we support Dept of Fish & Game position on this proposal.
<b>Proposal #04</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, management issues are not in question at this time. We feel the current system is adequate.
<b>Proposal #05</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, most members sited safety concerns. A person this young is not generally mature enough to be a responsible hunter.
<b>Proposal #06</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #07</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, having to reconfirm permanent disability creates an unnecessary burden on rural residents.
<b>Proposal #08</b>	No Comment	poorly worded proposal
<b>Proposal #09</b>	3 - in favor 4 - oppose	While the committee respects our veterans, some members site potential for abuse
<b>Proposal #10</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, we support local advisory committee intentions, but are opposed to bear baiting in general.
<b>Proposal #11</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #12</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, it would give Fish & Game management the ability to better keep track of legitimate activities and their impact on the moose population in areas of non-subsistence
<b>Proposal #13</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, removal of the term "customary & traditional" from subsistence harvesting could potentially allow statewide access to all subsistence lands, not just traditional & customary
<b>Proposal #14</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #15</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #16</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, would like to see the permitting process amended to include handicapped individuals and trainers
<b>Proposal #17</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, proposal wording is entirely too broad
<b>Proposal #18</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, we support it for the same reasons sited

**Comments on the  
BOARD OF GAME PROPOSAL- JANUARY 2010  
Edna Bay Advisory Committee  
January 12, 2010**

		by Fish & Game
<b>Proposal #19</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, see need for a permit to keep exotic animals
<b>Proposal #20</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, believe it would be best to keep the permitting process
<b>Proposal #21</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, believe it would be best to keep the permitting process
<b>Proposal #22</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, believe it would be best to keep the permitting process
<b>Proposal #23</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, support permitting for management purposes, but not to the commercialization of predator control
<b>Proposal #24</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, we have concerns about commercialization of predator control and setting a precedent that could open this process to the whole state.
<b>Proposal #25</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, support the department of public safety
<b>Proposal #26</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #27</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, we would prefer to see no bear snaring. However, would like to see it limited to Fish & Game personnel when necessary for predator control
<b>Proposal #28</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, too widely written and unclear
<b>Proposal #29</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, support local advisory committee
<b>Proposal #30</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, too widely written and unclear
<b>Proposal #31</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #34</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #35</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, but would like to see adequate education provided by the State and be limited to rural areas
<b>Proposal #36</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #37</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #38</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, do not support commercial sale of harvested game resources
<b>Proposal #40</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #41</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree in principal, but are concerned with implementation and possibility for abuse.
<b>Proposal #42</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #43</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, allows too much opportunity for abuse as worded
<b>Proposal #44</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #45</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #46</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, there has to be some sort of standards
<b>Proposal #47</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree
<b>Proposal #48</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, support local AC
<b>Proposal #49</b>		No comment
<b>Proposal #50</b>	0 - in favor 7 - oppose	Disagree, would lead to significant scheduling problems
<b>Proposal #51</b>	7 - in favor 0 - oppose	Agree, support ADF&G
<b>Proposal #52</b>		No comment

# Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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## Statewide Game Proposals

These are excerpts of the minutes of two meetings of the Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee held Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2010. While other topics were covered at these meetings, only the discussions related to Proposals in the Statewide Cycle A booklet are included here.

These discussions refer to the following AC members and ADF&G representatives by their initials. Not all people listed were present at both meetings.

### AC members by seat designation:

Tad Fujioka-Trapping -Chairman	Dick Curran- Longline
Tory O'Connell- alternate - Secretary	Karen Johnson - at large
Floyd Tomkins -Conservation	Joel Hanson - Guide
Randy Gluth -Hunting	Erik Bahnsen-Charter (fishing)
Eric Jordan -alternate	Jerry Barber - Hand Troll - Vice Chair
Jack Lorrigan - Subsistence	John Murray - Power Troll
Pete Roddy - Shellfish	Mo Johnson - Seine

### ADF&G representatives:

Phil Mooney and Suzan Bowen

## Summary of votes- full discussion follows

0	Modify schedule to 3 year cycle	Pass:6,4,1
2	Repeal Black Bear Harvest Ticket Requirement	Fails:0,12,1
3	Clarify license inspection requirements	Pass:11,0,2
4	Require hunters to submit harvest tickets for deer	Fail:0,13,0
5	Issue big game harvest tickets for 8 yr and older	Fail: 2,10,1
6	Clarify the types of harvest reporting allowed	Pass:11,2,0
7	Modify proxy hunting authorization process	Pass: 9,3,1
9	Provide special provisions for disabled veterans	Fail: 1,11,1
10	Provide a special permit to disabled for taking brown bear with the use of bait	Fail: 0,12,1
11/11a	Modify the permit req. for taking game for religious	Passed as Amended to 11a and to include "clan leader" in section (d) (1): 13,0,0
23	Disallow guides and ass. Guides from aerial permits for taking wolves	Pass:6,1,4
24	Modify number of bait stations may reg unit 16	Pass:6,2,2
25	Prohibit the use of bait or scent lures near business...	Pass:9,0,1

29	Eliminate nonresident hunting in predator control areas	Pass:11,0,0
35	Change current sealing requirements	Fail: 0,11,0
36	Change sealing requirements	Fail: 0,11,0
38	Allow sale of black bear gall bladders	Fail:0,10,1
39	Allow sale of bear hides	Fail:0,11,0
40	Allow sale of big game trophy	Fail: 0,10,1
41	Modify def of edible meat under the salvage requirement	Fails: 1, 11, 1
42	Modify the salvage requirements	Fails: 0,12,1
43	Modify the salvage requirement for big game	Fails: 0,13,0
46	Create a regulatory definition for crossbow	Pass:10,0,1
47	Remove snowy owl from unclassif. Game list	Fail: 0,9,2

**Proposal 0 – change to a 3 year cycle from a 2 year cycle**

EJ – MTA move to a 3 year cycle

JH 2<sup>nd</sup>

EJ – Vote against it – We should go to an every year cycle. The world is moving too fast to go to a 3 year cycle. I know it makes for a lot of work for staff but I won't support this.

RG – I agree with EJ – I am new to this process but I think there is a lot that we don't understand and there is rapid change in resources these days.

JH – I appreciate this discussion because I hadn't thought of it in those terms. My inclination is to support it because there are provisions like Agenda Change Requests that allow for consideration of species at risk. One of the things that used to get the BOF bogged down was that there were proposals that had to be considered every year. It would take up a huge amount of time. There is benefit in letting things cool off. Most issues that take up a lot of time are allocative in nature, not resource conservation issues. Contention increases if these sorts of proposals come up repeatedly without breaks in between.

PR – I think going to one year cycle on BOF would be too difficult – It would be a full time job to be a board member. I do think that the 3 year cycle has its problems because they are pretty capricious on what they accept on ACRs. Often times the issues that we think are important they don't consider and things that we don't think are that important they want to take up.

FT – Does anyone know what Ben Grussendorf thinks? He is about to step down.

JB – I haven't had any problem with the 2 year cycle. I would go for a 3 year cycle as opposed to a one year cycle. Limited budgets are an issue and I don't think it will hurt the cycle.

JH ?

6, 4,1

## **2 Repeal Black Bear Harvest Ticket Requirement –**

EJ MTA

TO 2nd

EJ - the committee should go on record to oppose eliminating harvest tickets

GB – I agree

RG - there was a time when they weren't required. In some areas of the state black bears are a nuisance. I see no reason that a hunter in those areas shouldn't be allowed to harvest a bear if they have the opportunity if they brought in the hide into the office for sealing. Phil, any abuses?

PM – we don't have black bear in Unit 4 but the guides offer split hunts. In SE there has been a huge change in non resident pressure in black bears. Without a harvest ticket they are able to just come up from Prince Rupert and it has really increased pressure on the population.

SB - what you will see in the interior is that they are proposing to require a harvest ticket but not to seal the bear – this is less of a burden for hunters.

JH – harvest tickets are statewide only? Can you have a district requirement of harvest tickets?

SB – yes you can we already mix and match between districts

JH – it would do away with a tool that is important in some areas, can not support

JL ?

0, 13, 1

## **3 Clarify license inspection requirements**

EJ MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

SB – part of this Dept proposal would require some units to have sealing requirements but not all.

EJ – this is a good example of what not to do in writing a proposal. A proposal should address only one issue at a time. This ought to be three separate proposals.

EJ?

12, 0, 2

## **4 Require hunters to submit harvest tickets for deer**

RG MTA

GB 2nd

PM – 35% of registration card are selected for further information on harvest – a questionnaire. We get 62-71% that are returned. This is instead of having every hunter turn in a harvest report. Dept feels this is a credible sampling program. This proposal would cost more money and create more work for minimal gain.

FT – why are harvest reports required for other species?

PM – lower bag limit, high "value" registration permits for brown bear. We also do a survey of trappers for furbearers. don't want to put an attribute on them but most animals that have a non resident appeal have a higher bar for reporting.

FT – data collection may not be what this guy is getting at

RG – brought it up to stamp a no on it – they have a good deer program here.

JL – agrees

TF – Do you have any concerns that folks might not remember well enough to fill out your survey accurately since they don't receive it until several months after their hunting. If a hunter received a survey card at the same time that they picked up their deer tickets, they could write down each hunt went it was fresh in their mind.

PM – this has come up with trappers – very true with a protracted season this is a lot to remember- but the good news from my point of view I average 200 – 300 reports that come into me directly because of peoples interest. We have 4000 hunters for deer so this is a substantial increase in cost. I don't feel like I'm missing data. I would always take better data but I don't think this is where to spend the money.

JM ?

0,14

## **5 Issue big game harvest tickets for 8 yr and older**

EJ MTA

GB 2nd

GB – not much in favor of, too young.

JL – I know a couple families that let their kids shoot their deer at 8 and 9. My son's peers have already taken deer. I'm fine with 10

JM – Are deer considered big game? SB – yes

RG – at 8 or 9 they can pull the trigger but they really can't "hunt". But I don't' think we should increase the harvest of deer here just to entertain young hunters.

PM – there is a break in ages on comprehensive on testing

FT – sounds as if there is an issue of who owns the bag limit – why is this important.

TO – this would allow an increase in bag limits and I don't think this is a good idea

EJ ?

2, 10, 1

## **6 Clarify the types of harvest reporting allowed**

JM MTA

GB 2nd

JB – cleans up the language so we should adopt.

EJ- another example of trying to put more than one issue into a single proposal.

TO – is this about technicians not having badges?

PM – the regs were too specific about components needed for hunting

FT – concrete here – at Redoubt can the weir technicians are limited to photographing ak numbers on boats no they can ask to see licenses? PM no they are FS and this is only for game

RG – so any ADF&G employee can ask for your identification?

EJ ?

11, 2, 0

## **7 Modify proxy hunting authorization process**

TO MTA

GB 2<sup>nd</sup>

TO – why do they have to reapply every year

PM – we are not allowed to store this information every year. We have no means to go around that. So the Dept wants to take no action.

RG - does a person that is disabled have to show up in the office?

PM – no they don't have to be there, they just need a copy of the form.

JL – can the person sign a waiver of the confidentiality requirement? PM – no but they can have a copy of the form made, but they will still need to submit one every year.

EJ ?

9, 3, 1

## **9 Provide special provisions for disabled veterans**

JL MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

PM – we are already meeting the need of disabled veterans; this proposal is too broad.

FT – how do you distinguish between combat disabled versus disabled veterans?

SB – other regs are for disabled veterans, not specifically combat disabled

TO ?

1, 11, 1

## **10 Provide a special permit to disabled for taking brown bear with the use of bait**

RG mta

JH 2<sup>nd</sup>

RG – foolish to create special regulations when there are plenty of game opportunity without baiting brown bear for a special circumstance. This passes the limit of what is reasonable consideration to give to a disabled hunter.

JB – if this was for a species for edible meat I might view it differently

? JK

0,13,0

## **11 Modify the permit req. for taking game for religious**

JL MTA

GB 2<sup>nd</sup>

PM – rewrite language to make the Board's intent clear as there has been some legal judgments that don't allow the taking of big game unless there is a CNT finding. That conflicts with the constitution.

JL – paragraph 1 under d. should include "clan leader" because we don't have tribal chiefs in Southeast.

Motion to amend: add Clan Leader for Southeast Tribal Structures

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13, 0, 0

EJ – I think what Jack was suggesting was to amend 11a (Department amendment) Substitute 11a for 11 with Jack's amendment. JH 2<sup>nd</sup>

EJ?

13, 0 substitute 11A for 11

Proposal 11A as amended by Jack

13, 0

### **23 Disallow guides and ass. Guides from aerial permits for taking wolves –**

TO mta

DC 2<sup>nd</sup>

TO: consistent with what we have done with charter captains

JB – I agree with Tory but I don't care if we vote or skip this one.

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6,1,4

### **24 Modify number of bait stations reg unit 16 -**

JL mta, GB 2<sup>nd</sup>

RG – I don't have a problem with hunting with bait and we have a predator problem in this area, I would support the Dept on this

FT – is there a sunset clause if there is an overharvest? SB – sunset clause every 5 years

MJ – wasting time on this it is Cook Inlet

?

6,2,2

### **25 Prohibit the use of bait or scent lures near business**

EJ MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

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9,0,1

### **28-30 Eliminate nonresident hunting in predator control area**

RG MTA prop 28 – three year sunset before they can change it. Ungulates are down, nonresidents getting a lot of game. Predator control areas are expensive to maintain.

EJ 2<sup>nd</sup> – I support this. The idea that somebody would fly to Alaska on a jet that burns lots of hydrocarbons, run around in small planes that burn more carbon to get an animal that we spend a lot of money on a predator control program so that local people can have something to eat is ridiculous.

DC – if things are bad enough that you have shoot wolves from airplanes you shouldn't be providing for a nonresident opportunity.

RG – this proposal locks them into three years before ADF&G can change the status I don't know if that is necessary.

TO – I agree with no nonresident hunting in predator control area

MJ – why are we voting on this. None of the predator control areas are in our local area?

EJ -getting late, move to table



RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

10,0,0 to table

General discussion resumed at next meeting. After lengthy discussion of the three proposals and their differences, we agreed that we did not fully understand the subtle variations between them, but we strongly agreed with the primary concept. The elimination of non-resident harvest should occur before the costly last-resort tool of predator control. We chose to vote on Proposal 29 in order to show support for the work of our fellow Advisory Committee.

PR – mta 29

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

EJ: ?

12, 0, 0

2nd

No action on 28 or 30 because the theme is the same as 29; BOG is to understand our strong support for the general concept behind all three proposals.

### **35 sealing requirements**

JB MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

JB - there is no quality control and I think the agency needs this data.

RG – I agree, ADF&G bases all their management on hide information.

TO ?

0, 11, 0

### **36 sealing requirement**

JB - MTA

RG – 2nd

JH?- It's the same as 35.

0, 11, 0

### **38 allow the sale of black bear gallbladders**

PR MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

PR – I'm sure there is some of this trade going on already – legitimizing it will just increase pressure on black bear population and then brown bear population. It is a very bad idea. Next they will be selling bear paws. It is not supposed to be a commercial harvest.

RG – I agree. They want to have skins, skulls, gall bladders. It lends itself to abuse. Black bear are consumed and they shouldn't be subject to commercial trade of opportunity.

JB?

0, 10, 1

TF – I saw some philosophical problems with wasting of a valuable resource when other parts of the animal are not allowed to be wasted. Perhaps we are being blind to the values of cultures.

### **39 Allow the sale or barter of tanned bear hides**

JB MTA

PR 2<sup>nd</sup>

JB – I don't like this one because this includes brown bears and that would increase pressure - you can shoot it to eat and/or keep the hide but to sell hides increases pressure on population.

FT – bear hides can be donated , commerce doesn't need to be considered, so this increases the pressure on the populations (increases corrupting influences).

0,10,1

### **40 Allow the sale or barter of big game trophies**

PR – MTA

JB – 2<sup>nd</sup>

PR – same as the above.

JL?

0,10,1

### **Proposal 41. Modify definition of salvageable meat under the salvage requirements.**

Phil Mooney (ADF&G): Pt Hope slaughter was part of the issue. Language allowed 15 days to process but it didn't say what was to happen after the 15 days. Assistant Attny General didn't allow prosecution. Sue Bowan (ADF&G) – there are actually 3 regs – salvage, edible meat, and time.

Randy Gluth – is there an issue on edible meat and wasting disease? Phil Mooney – not an issue on edible meat for deer.

Phil Mooney – thinks intent on books is fine right now; hunters in Sitka could find someone to salvage meat instead of dumping it if for some reason they were unable to salvage the meat themselves. Disease is not a big issue in SE at all.

Jack Lorrigan – other states allow hunters to report meat that had wasting disease so they don't run into salvage violations. The hunter gets a replacement tag. This isn't as much an issue in a 4 or 6 deer a year hunt, but could be an issue in areas of one bag limit for moose etc

Tad Fujioka – do you think the intent on the books is not what is really stated in regulations (ie Atty General ruling)?

Phil Mooney – never can tell what will happen in court but our feeling is the definition is fine and if we try and fix loop holes might break something that doesn't need fixing. Regulations aren't going to fix the few unethical hunters.

GB MTA JL 2<sup>nd</sup>

1, 11, 1

Motion fails

#### **42 Modify the salvage requirements**

EJ MTA, RG 2nd

It is not clear if the Board would have the authority to regulate what happens to meat once its processed (personal private property) so the Dept has no recommendation.

? EJ

0, 12, 1

Motion fails

#### **43 Salvage**

JL MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

JL – This goes against everything that we stand for. This allows target practice.

JM – what are the rules for edible black bear – SB – this is very complicated but it is spelled out in detail in the regs.

EJ – I grew up with the motto if you shot it you ate it – I don't support this proposal

JL – they should have been more specific if there was an issue with a particular hunt

JH ?

0,13, 0

#### **46 – What is a crossbow.**

PR MTA

RG 2<sup>nd</sup>

PR- it should be defined. If you are going to prohibit the use you should know what that entails.

FT – ADF&G recommends deferring this

JB?

10,0,1

#### **47 – Remove snowy owl from game listing**

PR – MTA

JL 2<sup>nd</sup>

PR – for time immemorial snowy owl has been part of the diet of the Eskimo population. No need to change that.

JL – the treaty allows for harvest

0,9,2

developing Fish & Game Advisory Committees. Be sure to send out resolutions and speak to your legislators about equitable funding for meetings and representation.

#### Board of Game proposals

Proposal 35:

Action: Support 11-0

Revisit the ANS for moose in GMU 18, 19, and 21

Comments: Amy Marsh of Subsistence Division provided a report on ANS for moose in GMU 18. Low water affects the number of moose seen. The current number does not accurately reflect the amount that is needed for people, particularly in years of low salmon returns like this past summer. Emmonak alone harvested 135 moose in 2008. That is just one community in Unit 18. The opportunity to get moose more locally, the opportunity to harvest and the need to limit other users in order to meet our needs is important considerations. If people are coming on tribal land, it is important to get some compensation. As the planes fly over, they are driving the moose further away, making local harvest more difficult. One of the most important tools you have when you go hunting is your paper and pen. If you don't recognize them, go up to them find out who they are, why are they there and why are they trespassing on our tribal lands? Wildlife enforcement needs to be sensitive to the fact people are camping waiting for the moose to come and even their planes are landing, driving the moose away. We are only given a few days to hunt and don't need the harassment. Moose populations seem to be rising. If this year is like last year, we'll have lots of snow and difficulty in harvest. Prefer that sport hunters work with Native Corporations. The proposal needs a lot of thought. GMU 18 is a very large area. Perhaps dividing up the ANS below Mountain Village having one number, above Mountain Village another number, letting the Kuskokwim figure out their own number. 80 – 100 moose is just a "cup of soup". I see lots of moose experts that couldn't even become a guide, but would be much better guides than the ones I see on TV. Bigger bull moose around Marshall are further back. If we eliminate those younger bull calves, we'll have nothing but females who won't produce any calves. Changes on the moose hunting harvest need to be made. It took almost 13 days to get a moose and most he saw was young bulls with their Momma's. Nothing is easy that you want – it takes effort. Young bulls are easier to catch because they are not educated yet. It's sad to hear about opening up young bull season.

The next meeting of the Lower Yukon Fish & Game Advisory Committee will be via teleconference on October 19 at 10 am in order to prepare comments for the Board of Game proposals. Hopefully, the proposal books will be available at that time. Agenda will also include discussion on the draft letter to send NPFMC, who is willing and available to attend the upcoming board meetings and where and when we will hold the next LYAC meeting.

If you'd like to contact Gene Sandone, he can be reached at 631-6033. He has offered his assistance to the people here.

## **1/4/10 Middle Nenana River AC Meeting Minutes**

We looked over the state wide proposals and we made comments on several of them. The proposal numbers and comments are as follows.

#5 Harvest tickets and reports.

Vote to adopt= 0, apposed =9, abstain-0

Comments: we felt the age limit was low enough now.

#8 Taking game by proxy.

Vote to adopt =0, opposed=8, abstain=1

Comments: we like the way it is written in the rule book now.

#12 Permit to take game for cultural purposes.

Vote to adopt=9, opposed=0, abstain=0

Comments: we feel the animals for this permit should be taken from the substance areas.

#14 Create a new regulation regarding traditional potlatch.

Vote to adopt=0, opposed=9, abstain=0

Comments: we do not feel this proposal is a good idea.

#15-#22 Permit for possessing live game.

Vote to adopt=0, opposed=9, abstain=0

Comments: we would like to see permits for these animals stay in place.

#23 permit for taking wolves using aircraft.

Vote to adopt=1, opposed=8, abstain=0

Comments: we think that allowing Alaskan residents to take wolves under the permit is a good thing.

#25 permit fro hunting black bear with use of bait or sent lures.

Vote to adopt=8, opposed=0, abstained=1

Comments : we feel this proposal would help make it safer for all members of the public.

#26- #30 control of predation by bears.

Vote to adopt=0, opposed=8, abstain=1

Comments: these proposals are to restrictive.

#38 permit for selling skins, skulls and trophies.

Vote to adopt=0, opposed=9, abstain=0

Comments: we feel this will have an increase in the poaching of bears.

#40 purchase and sale of game.

Vote to adopt=9, opposed=0, abstain=0

Comments: we feel if you legally took the animal you should be able to sell the trophy.

#43 salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.

Vote to adopt=0, opposed=9, abstain=0

Comments: we feel this would promote want and waste of game.

#49 permit for using radio telemetry equipment.

Vote to adopt=9, opposed=0, abstain=0

Comments: we feel this would help the population to report the infected animals.

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Subject: Arctic Advisory Committee Comments for Statewide Proposals

Dear Mr. Crass:

The Arctic Advisory Committee (AAC) met on January 14, 2010 in Barrow, Alaska. A quorum was present including members: Enoch Oktollik (Chairman, Wainwright), Thomas Nukapigak (Vice Chairman, Point Lay), Charles Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass), William Hopson (At-Large), Ben Itta (Barrow), James Aiken, Sr., (Atqasuk), Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut), and Charlie Nageak (Kaktovik).

### **Proposal 47**

The Arctic AC voted on Proposal 47 which would remove snowy owls from the unclassified game definition. They unanimously **opposed** Proposal 47. They did not think that snowy owls were being overharvested. A low number are harvested annually for food, particularly when elders request it. The use may be low, but it is an important customary practice.

### **Proposal 41**

The AAC is providing comments on Proposal 41. As stated in the statewide proposal booklet, this proposal originally applied only to Units 23 and 26A and was deferred from the November 2009 Board of Game meeting. During the November 2009 meeting it was the Board of Game who amended the proposal so that the changes would be applied statewide. The Boards Support Section retained the Arctic Advisory Committee's name on Proposal 41, so it appears that they are the group that is proposing it. The Arctic AC **DID NOT** submit this proposal and they strongly **OPPOSE** Proposal 41. The Arctic AC

is offended that their name was not removed. The Arctic AC does not believe it would have been appropriate, reasonable, or respectful of them to submit this type of proposal statewide. They do not claim to know how other Alaskans hunt. The Boards Support Section should not have made this assumption. In an attempt to rectify this situation, the Arctic AC requested the Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Game to remove this proposal from the Winter 2010 meeting but they were informed that once the proposal is published in the book of regulatory proposals it becomes a Board proposal and that they can act on it any way they choose.

Thank you for considering our recommendations and comments on these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Pederson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Michael Pederson, Executive Manager  
Arctic Advisory Committee



**Tibbles, Kristy R (DFG)**

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**From:** aaron bloomquist [bloomya@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 8:23 PM  
**To:** Tibbles, Kristy R (DFG)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer Zone Proposal 58

Ms Tibbles,

The Anchorage AC voted 12-2-1 Tuesday January 12 to withdraw support and ask the board withdraw consideration for Proposal 58, originally submitted by us.

Thanks,

Aaron Bloomquist  
Chair Anchorage AC

bcc- Anchorage AC, Sherry Wright, Cliff Judkins- Chair BOG, Ted Spraker- Vice Chair BOG.

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Members Present	Members Excused	Members Unexcused
Bruce Morgan	Phil Lincoln	Danny Lewis
Dave Sealy	Art Nelson	Chad Moore (resigned)
Joel Doner	Don Fredrick	Paul Tony
Jlm Stubbs	James Stegall	
Aaron Bloomquist	Kevin Sparrowgrove	
Wade Willis		
Liza Sims		
Mike McCrary		
Zach Stubbs		

### Public Attendance:

Rick Steiner  
Vic Van Ballenberghe  
Sharon Lowe  
Bobbe Reilly  
Val Glooshenko  
Tara Walker  
Steve Perrins  
Paul Joslin  
Yolanda Delacruz  
Mary Vavrik  
Lyneette Moreno-Hinz  
Kim Fitzgerald

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### Committee Actions:

Votes (For – Against - Abstain)

#### Proposals for spring Interior Region Board of Game meeting

1. Renew and Expand Denali Wolf Buffer Zone (6-3)
  - Renew existing Stamped Trail Buffer Zone and expand the buffer zone to include all of stampede trail to the Parks Highway and to include an additional 10 mile buffer zone corridor along east side of Parks Hwy;
  - Restrict trap size and eliminate coyote trapping to reduce by catch of wolves.
2. Restrict Nonresident Hunting Opportunity in the Upper Yukon Tanana Predator Control Area (UYTPCA) (8-1)
  - No nonresident hunting allowed when big game populations below minimum population or management goals.

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3. Change Moose Hunting Season GMU 12 (Final Vote w/ Amendments (7-2)  
*(Proposal withdrawn at December 10 meeting at request of Aaron Bloomquist)*
  - Amendment # 1 – Remove nonresident language (7-2)
  - Amendment #2 – Include nonresident language for only lands in the Tetlin Indian Reservation (Tetlin Village Council lands or Tetlin River Drainage) (8-1)
4. Open a Moose Hunting Season GMU 26C (ANWR)
  - One Bull w/ 4 or more brow tines by registration permit Sept. 5 – Nov. 30
5. Letter to the Alaska Legislature, Governor Parnell and ADF&G
  - Request for improved timeline for management reports and department comments on proposals to the AC's. Comments regarding request to support 3 year BOG cycle Suggestion to change regulatory year to Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Request to support rural AC's funding 0 in particular – funding a rural AC coordinator.

### AC Committee Discussion

on proposals to submit BOG

#### Proposal 1 – Denali Buffer Zone (6-3)

**For:**

- 10 years of harvest data clearly demonstrate where buffer zone needs to be to be located to be effective at reducing the majority of the Denali wolf harvest;
- Calls for expanding the buffer zone in the future will not be necessary;
- Economic value of wolves to the tourism industry is significant – worldwide reputation. The majority of visitors to Alaska come to see wildlife, in particular, wolves;
- Denali National Park is important to Alaska residents that enjoy seeing wolves and taking visiting relatives / friends to see wildlife;
- One of the only locations in Alaska where you have a reasonably good chance of seeing a wolf. Denali NP provides unique opportunity to view wolves by the public, in particular, physically challenged individuals.
- No reasonable alternative for viewing wild wolves exists;
- Denali wolves are important for scientific research – longest studied wolf packs in the world;
- Current Denali wolf population is at a low of 60 wolves park wide – historical average is 70 – 120 wolves;
- Prey populations are stable in the park;
- NPS is concerned about human harvest;
- Denali Caribou have a much larger buffer zone to protect them;
- Four trappers currently harvesting wolves in stampede area are recreational trappers ;
- Four trappers are negatively impacting Denali wolf population. Harvest rates for wolves in the Stampede have increased significantly in the last few years. Up to 18 wolves per season are being harvested;
- Current stampede trail trappers have other options for trapping locations;

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### *Denali Buffer Zone Discussion Continued*

#### **For:**

- Wade commented that wages paid to tourism industry directly support families that buy hunting licenses, tags, weapons and ammunition. Taxes paid by the tourism industry go directly into the general fund which also pays for management of our states wildlife.

#### **Against:**

- Proposal restricts opportunity to resident trappers;
- Trappers have very little accessible land and the Stampede trail area is one of the areas with good access;
- Calls for the expansion of wolf buffer zone will never end;
- No proof the wolf harvest in the Stampede area is negatively impacting Denali wolves;
- No proof eliminating Stampede wolf harvest would result in an increased viewing opportunity for park visitors;
- Denali wolves may be dispersing due to lack of prey in the park;
- There are wolves in the proposed buffer zone that are not of park origin;
- Aaron Bloomquist commented:
  - There are hundreds, if not thousands of hunters that use the area and would love to have a chance to take a wolf. Not just the 3 or 4 trappers stated by the proposer;
  - There are better places in other national parks in Alaska for biologists to study truly natural wolf packs. The Denali wolves are greatly human habituated and far from natural. There are vast areas in the Brooks range (Gates of the Arctic) and Wrangell- St Elias where wolves are not influenced by humans (hunters or viewers);
  - Denali is the size of the Kenai peninsula and provides a huge amount of refugia for the packs;
  - The wolves are assets of the State (trust property, owned by the people) not assets of the Park as stated by the proposer;
  - Haber's biology also shows that the area may be the best wolf trapping and hunting areas on the road system making it very valuable to sportsmen;
  - Wolf populations rebound extremely fast, the take of 10-20 from 13 packs in winter will be replaced in spring before any tourist or viewer notices a shortage. Most wolf litters are 2-8 pups 13 packs x 5 pups per pack = 65 new wolves if available spring prey will allow their survival;
  - Hunter/Trappers pay for the majority of wildlife management. Views pay virtually zero. Wade's assertion that wildlife are managed with general fund monies is simply not true although it was not worth arguing at the time. The vast majority of Wildlife Division's funding comes from hunting and trapping license sales;
  - Wolves have been taken in this area forever and the amount of wolves seen by park visitors has not declined;

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### Proposal 2 - Restrict Nonresident Hunting Opportunity in the UYTPCA (8-1)

- Resident harvest demand for moose and caribou populations in the UYTPCA clearly exceed available harvest surplus;
- Moose and caribou populations in the UYTPCA are below the minimum population management objectives. Nonresident harvest should not be allowed when the game populations are at this stage of the recovery attempt;
- FCH harvest goal exceeded every year since 2006;
- Nonresidents should not be allowed to hunt in a predator control area – a region where the state is aggressively trying to increase prey populations;
- Nonresident harvest is nonessential harvest – primarily trophy hunting;
- Nonresident harvest levels for moose and caribou is significant – equaling or exceeding local resident harvest;
- Nonresident harvest success rates are significantly higher than resident harvest success rates due to support from the guiding industry;
- In 2009 – Fortymile Caribou Herd (FCH) harvest goal met in just 24 hours. Harvest goal exceeded by 30% before closure of season by emergency order;
- FCH subsistence harvest is being negatively impacted by overharvest in state hunt;
- Aaron Bloomquist stated that the proposal would take away incentive guides to conduct predator control. Most predator control is being conducted by a few individual guides. We should not remove the opportunity for guided hunting in predator control areas unless we fall below the ANS. Guides mostly utilize areas away from highly crowded resident hunting;

### Proposal 3 - Change Moose Hunting Season GMU 12 (Final Vote w/ Amendments) (7-2)

- Removed at the request of Aaron Bloomquist at the following meeting (12-10-09)
- Cited Tetlin Village Councils objection to the proposal including potential conflicts with moose management plan funding opportunities.

### Proposal 4 - Open a Moose Hunting Season GMU 26C (ANWR)

- Aaron – tried to get moose management data from refuge for years and can't get it;
- Let the BOG deliberate the merits of this proposal if they get management data;
- Submitting the proposal may encourage the collection and/or dissemination of management data.

### Discussion regarding HB 227

- Intent of the legislation is to focus on human consumption of game;
- Liberalizes the use of predator control;
- Time sensitive – Governor reviewing proposal;
- Several members concerned;
- Approved as topic at next meeting.

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### Discussion regarding DNR Guide Concessions Proposal

- Proposed comment period too short;
- The DNR is holding a public meeting in Arkansas;
- DNR met with guide industry for two years yet proposes to give the public just six weeks to comment;
- No alternatives in the DNR proposal.

### Public Testimony:

#### Vic Van Ballenburgh

- First Buffer Zone approved in 1992 and was 600 square miles – approximately the same size as this proposal. The intent of this buffer zone was to protect Denali wolves from predator control being conducted bordering the park. The buffer zone was never enacted and was revoked by the BOG after two months;
- In 2000 a 29 square mile stampede trail buffer zone was established;
- In 2001 the buffer zone was expanded to 90 square miles;
- In 2002 a proposal was submitted to expand buffer zone east of parks highway. The proposal was amended to along the parks highway. Following BOG cut the eastern buffer by one half;
- Currently NPS data indicates 17 – 30% wolf Denali wolf mortality due to human harvest;
- Highest Denali wolf harvest to date in the Stampede area occurred in 2008 (sealing records);
- The current buffer zone is too small;
- Denali Wolves are important for tourists – 19% of visitors see wolves in the park;
- Wolf viewing opportunity in the park is being diminished;
- Denali wolf harvest is negatively impacted important research – not only on wolves but prey species as well;
- Buffer zone boundaries can be negotiated by the BOG;
- Population average is 70-120 wolves in the park. Current average is at the minimum level;
- Stampede trail wolf harvest rate is increasing;
- He will never be back or support an expansion of the buffer zone beyond what is being proposed in this proposal.

#### Bobbe Reily

- Is a biologist;
- Denali wolves are a valuable resource to the tourism industry;
- Denali wolves are the longest studied wolves in the world – 80 years of data. Current trapping negatively impacts one of the most important scientific studies of wolves in the world;
- 450,000 tourists come to Denali to see wildlife;
- She has traveled extensively – no other options exist for seeing wolves;
- Wolves, like musk ox, are iconic species of Alaska;
- Denali wolves are very important for local economy;

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- Trapping rates are increasing in the Stampede trail area;
- Does not support the intent of HB 227 to liberalize or promote predator control;
- Does not support proposed Haul Road legislation.
  - Does not want another Denali Hwy;
  - Will increase biological degradation
  - Will increase user group conflicts
  - Will negatively impact traditional migration of moose and caribou in the area;
- Supports the proposal to end nonresident hunting in UYTPCA.

### Sharon Lowe

- Supports the buffer zone proposal;
- Enjoys traveling and is testifying in support of tourism;
- Alaska is a unique travel destination;
- She visited Denali and spent a week there. She never saw a wolf;
- It is important to have regions of the state set aside for wolves;
- No other options for seeing a wolf.

### Val Glooschenko

- Is a biologist and supports wolf buffer zone and all comments made in support of proposal;
- Having the ability to see wolves in the wild is very important to her;
- Wolves with snares around their necks have been a bad image for Alaska. Does not promote an image of responsible stewardship;
- Denali Park is the only place to see wolves in Alaska for her and for tourists;
- Does not support the proposed Haul Road legislation.
  - Haul Road is pristine region;
  - Traveling the Haul Road is like a safari trip;
  - Proposed regulations are too liberal;
  - This region should retain its special use designation
- Opposes HB 227 due to predator control language.

### Tera Walker

- Teacher in Denali National Park;
- Denali wolves have "rock star" status;
- 450,000 tourists come to Denali to see wildlife;
- Denali wolves have become habituated to humans making them easier to trap;
- She has never seen a wolf anywhere else in Alaska except in Denali National Park.

### Steve Parins

- Federal Subsistence Review is very serious;
  - Lacks broad representation;
  - Proposes to give Native Alaskan's right to management game;

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- Is a commercial big game guide;
- Family business – owns a lodge in Rainy Pass;
- Wants to pass the tradition of guiding on to kids;
- Guides is an area of roughly 800 square miles;
  - Use to have it to himself
  - Now has up to 40 guides in the region;
- 90 million acres in Alaska are closed to nonresident hunting;
- Monetary contribution from nonresident hunting is staggering;
- Resident big game tag fees are ridiculously low and need to be increased;
- He could not eat all the game that he could legally harvest;
- Denali Wolf Issue:
  - Is seeing habituated wolves around his lodge;
  - Fears for his livestock and children;
  - Got to within 30 yards of one wolf;
  - Loves wolves but does not like habituated wolves;
  - Hunting wolves removes habituated wolves;
  - It's important that the "mystique" of wolves does not increase;
  - His area being decimated by wolves – not guides;
  - He is seeing more and more wolves;
  - Predator control brings back game;
  - Denali National Park may turn into another Yellowstone NP if this buffer zone proposal is supported. Big game populations in Yellowstone being devastated by wolves;
  - Does not support buffer zone proposal.

Paul Joslin

- Biologist;
- It's important to find compromise and common ground regarding the buffer zone issue;
- There are very few locations that humans get the opportunity to see wolves;
- 2 – 3 packs account for nearly 20,000 sightings;
- The portion of the Denali road that is legal to drive focus on just one pack – the Toklat pack which is heavily harvested in the Stampede area;
- Denali National Park is too unique to risk with wolf harvest in stampede area;
- The Denali Caribou Herd enjoys 17,000 square miles of protection on state lands;
- What is so hard about protecting Denali wolves?
- Former famous ADF&G commissioner supported a buffer zone;
- Approving a buffer zone will garner public respect for the BOG.

Yolanda Delacruz

- There should be no commercial hunting of wildlife;
- Killing wolves only to support hunters;
- Supports all of Bobbe Reilly's comments;
- Denali wolves are unique;
- Wolves take guides profits so they kill them;
- There is never going to be enough moose for every hunter in the world;



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- Politicians are too blame for all of this;
- HB 227
  - Does not support the intent of the bill to liberalize the use of predator control;
- Nonresident hunting in UYTPCA
  - Does not support any nonresident hunting in any predator control area;
  - If only subsistence harvest allowed there would be no need for predator control
  - BOG is composed of members with close ties to commercial hunting special interest;
- We need to manage wildlife for all Alaskan's – including those that do not hunt.

### Mary Vaverik

- Supports Denali Buffer Zone and all comments made so far in support of the proposal;
- If you live in the wilderness then you need to coexist with it, not kill it just because it can be seen;
- Haul Road Proposal
  - The region is very beautiful and pristine and deserves protection for the benefit of all;
  - The oil industry has been enough of a negative impact – we do not need more;
- Does not support HB 227 – promotes exclusive use.

### Lynette Morino Hinz

- Supports the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone;
- She is a cab driver and notes every tourist she drives is here to see wildlife;
- She has a Native perspective of respect for the wolf. Never heard of wolf control in her culture;
- Native Alaskan's want more of all animals;
- Native Alaskan's fish and hunt;
- Native's that attended the March 2009 BOG meeting in support of predator control were paid to attend;
- Traditional use of wildlife includes respect for all animals – never did they kill just to kill;
- Wolf is important to Native culture as a subsistence animal;
- She supports management for the long term protection of the wolves in Alaska;

### Kim Fitzgerald

- She is a hunter – killed her first caribou at age 13;
- Supports the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone;
- Economic factors support buffer zone
- Worked extensively as a cook for commercial hunting guides
  - She thought the guides felt "entitled" to the game;
  - Amazed at the success rate of clients;
  - Clients and guides were very disrespectful of the wildlife;
  - She witnessed significant wasting of game meat;
  - She quit mid season on her last year to work for guides due to what she saw;
  - Too many guides are nonresidents;
- Too much poaching of game is occurring in Alaska;

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Rick Steiner

- Professor at University of Alaska;
  - Crabber in the 1970's;
  - Lived in Cordova 15 years;
- Supports the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone;
- Wolves of Denali follow migrating caribou that overwinter in the Stampede area;
- National Park Service have stated they are very concerned about human harvest in the stampede area;
- Denali wolves are very important to all Alaskan's and the tourism industry;
- Political boundaries are not effective ecological boundaries in some cases;
- Denali NP is 95,000 square miles;
- Existing buffer is only 90 square miles;
- Proposed buffer would only be 550 square miles which is approximately the same size as the original buffer zone proposed in 1992;
- There are 13 packs in Denali NP. Up to 12 of those packs can be found in the Stampede area on occasion;
- The latest harvest in the stampede area was 18 – a significant increase;
- If harvest includes alpha wolves the packs integrity is destroyed;
- Scientific study of Denali wolves is very important;

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Next scheduled meeting December 29  
Election meeting January 5

Members Present	Members Excused	Members Unexcused
Bruce Morgan Dave Sealy Joel Doner Jim Stubbs Aaron Bloomquist Wade Willis Liza Sims Mike McCrary Zach Stubbs Kevin Sparrowgrove	Don Fredrick James Stegall Phil Lincoln	Danny Lewis Paul Tony Art Nelson

### Public Attendance:

Dan Montgomery  
Terry Miracle  
Greg Roczicka (Orutsararmiut Native Council)  
John Frost (Alaska Bow Hunters)

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### Committee Actions:

Votes (For – Against - Abstain)

1. Holitna Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Reserve – Letter of Support
2. Letter to ADF&G Requesting Legislative Funding Requests (2007 to present)
3. Recall Vote to Renounce Support for GMU 12 and GMU 26C Proposals Passed at December 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
4. Agenda Change Request for Statewide BOG Meeting – Statewide Black Bear Baiting

### AC Committee Discussion

#### Holitna Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Reserve

- AC voted to not support the original draft letter to not support the intent of HB 227
- Vote (10 – 0)
  - Comment by Aaron Bloomquist (Anchorage AC Chair) – What I like about the concept is that it basically enshrines intensive management in statute in an area which will keep a future “Knowles” type administration from ignoring intensive management. What I don’t like about it is I think the rest of those “bread basket” areas should be in this bill;

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- Mike McCrary noted that this is a perfect example of how the process should work – informed decisions due to good involvement by those interested in the topic;
- **Motion to draft a letter of support (Jim Stubbs proposed, Mike seconded)**
- **Vote (7-2-1);**
  - Keep it simple;
  - Mike wants brown bear “must be guided rule” included in letter as a management tool not being used;
  - Jim Stubbs– you should not attach extra “baggage” to the bill. Let it stand on its own;
  - Greg Rockzicka – Liberalizing brown bear regulations results in “big” bears being killed which increased the bear population;
  - Considering a support letter language. It is not time sensitive – to be discussed at Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting;
- **Motion to insert removal of “must be guided” requirements in any potential letter of support (Mike proposed, unsure who seconded it)**
- **Vote (2-7-1)**
  - Jim Stubbs / Bruce Morgan – do not like attaching anything to the bill. Suggests Mike should draft an independent letter on the issue;
  - Greg Roczicka stated he would be talking to the attorney general to see how to go about that the best way;
  - Aaron – if this goes through not as many guides would be hired and predator control is dependent on guides. 90% of wolf control is conducted by guides. Bear control probably about 50% is conducted by guides. This is just another little cut to the guys actually doing the intensive management work on the ground;
  - Mike states we are encouraging nonresidents to kill moose. Aaron responds that Mike should consider amending his proposal to require “must be guided” for moose and caribou;
  - Joel – another option would be to allow same day airborne (SDA) with unlimited bag limit;
  - Aaron – knows for sure that intensive management areas and trophy brown bear management areas are not mutually exclusive;

### **Request for Details Regarding Legislative Funding Request made by ADF&G - Letter**

#### **Vote (7-2-1):**

- The request was part of a previous letter but was removed at the request of Aaron. He felt the request should be a single request and the AC agreed to draft a separate letter;
- Wade – prior to our considering supporting the department request to go to a 3 year BOG cycle we should find out if the department has requested funds to support the BOG process and the current 2 year BOG cycle. Funding roadblocks need to be identified. If it's an appointed commissioner of the ADF&G, or the legislature, or another bottleneck we need to be sure that problem is being addressed first;
- Wade – my intent with this letter is to find out if the commissioner of the ADF&G is trying to get the funding the department needs or catering to the administration that appointed him;
- The Board of Fish is a 3 year cycle;
- Previous requests for funding details by the Anchorage AC have been ignored by the department;

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- Aaron - Consider a letter suggesting more funding for the department but not asking for specifics. We should be constructive, not confrontational;
- Many committee members feel the draft as written is not confrontational. It is a specific information request;
- Wade - if you are not specific they can dodge the question. I have seen it happen many times;
- Typo in the letter noted and will be removed prior to sending;

### **ACR request for the statewide BOG meeting regarding the black bear baiting proposal to allow commercial guides to register and manage client's bait stations**

#### **Vote (10-0);**

- Aaron thought he was clear that it would be a "new" regulation;
- Kristy Tibbles [*executive director BOG*] determined it did not meet the call for proposal requests;
- Cliff Judkins and Kristy Tibbles emailed Aaron suggesting an ACR;
- Only way to get it into the statewide book is by an ACR;
- Mike - I never would have supported this proposal but now that it has been passed by the AC I'll support the ACR;
- The committee has already approved the proposal so an ACR is appropriate;

### **Aarons Request to Withdraw the GMU 12 Moose Proposal for the Interior BOG Meeting**

#### **Vote (9-1)**

- Aaron got a call from Jeff Burwell, the commercial guide in the area, and he had received a call from the Tetlin Village Council requesting that both Aaron's and Jeff's proposals be withdrawn;
- Aaron thinks it may risk federal funding for Tetlin moose management plan if season is extended;
- Aaron noted he had "edited" the proposal when he submitted it to the BOG. He edited the language to Tetlin drainage citing "that's the way the department does it";
- Wade - stated that in the future he will never support any proposal based on Aarons word that the "local" area residents support it. From now on he'll need to see that support documented;
- The Tetlin area is unique in that they had a "reservation" status pre ANILCA;

### **Motion to rescind the GMU 26C proposal for the Interior BOG Meeting (Mike proposed, Wade seconded)**

#### **Vote (1-9)**

- Mike - contacted ANWR and they said the region cannot support the proposed moose harvest;
- Mike - did not get the biology he asked for either;
- Aaron - tried two years ago to get the Feds to come up with the data and they didn't;
- If asking for the moose data won't get it maybe this proposal will;
- Aaron - it would be such a small harvest it is not a priority for the feds;
- Mike - has flown the country extensively and does not think there are enough moose. Another operator, Dirk (coyote air), also told Mike there is not enough moose in the area. Everybody says no except Aaron;
- Wade - As previously noted, in the future I will not vote to support any proposal with no supporting data to warrant the proposal. Having said that, this proposal has been voted on and

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approved so I will not be removing my former vote of approval. In the future I will leave it to the local AC to make such a request;

### Update on Big Game Commercial Services Board Meeting (BGCSB):

- Wade attended the meeting and offered his impression of the meetings events;
  - The BGCSB is a dysfunctional and a very ineffective board in his opinion. The chairman consistently apologized for mismanagement for what he termed issues that "slipped through the cracks";
  - Guides complained the most about other guides, not unguided hunters;
  - Part 135 regulations were clarified at the meeting by the FAA;
  - The BGCSB admitted issuing illegal "4<sup>th</sup>" Guide Use Area (GUA) authorizations. Regardless, the BGCSB is not revoking several of these 4<sup>th</sup> GUA's citing the guides have already sold hunts in these areas. It would be too hard on the guides / clients if they were revoked now. They propose to allow them to continue up to 5 years when the federal concession permits are renewed for each specific guide;
  - BGCSB has issued guide licenses to morally corrupt individuals. Wade noted one commercial guide has been charged with multiple assaults on women and resisting arrest yet he is still licensed. That particular guide is now causing significant conflicts with other guides;
  - The DNR is moving ahead with its guide concessions proposal and all the members of the AC and public should go to the DNR website <http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/gcp/> for details;

### Discussion and action on the Noatak Controlled Use Area

- Limits the number of air taxi operators and the number of clients those operators can take into the Noatak to hunt based on historical use;
- Aaron – it appears this is a decision that has already been made.
- Mike – it's not over as far as I'm concerned;
- Wade – noted that the Noatak Superintendent, George Helfrich, stated that he is requesting comments on the issue. He said nothing is set in stone yet;
  - [george\\_helfrich@nps.gov](mailto:george_helfrich@nps.gov)
  - (907) 442-8301
- Aaron – we could also consider addressing the decisions of the Board of Game (regarding the Noatak "no fly" zone – sic);
- Protecting "subsistence" harvest is a priority mandate of the ANILCA parks;
- Air taxi's primarily fly residents to hunting locations;
- The rule was approved without public participation via an ANILCA 810 ruling;
- The Northwest Arctic Borough was allowed to comment on the proposal prior to the final ruling but the public was not given that opportunity;
- Locals have long complained about non local hunting in the area;
- NPS 810 ruling found no impact on harvest but a positive finding for impacting favorite time and location for subsistence users harvesting game;
- This is a precedence setting decision regarding the use of an 810 analysis;
- The decision applies to the entire park, not just the Noatak River where the problem exists;
- The decision also affects all other hunters such as moose, wolf or bear hunters. The problem is for caribou hunting only;

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- Other forms of access are still legal – even if you are caribou hunting;
- The state BOG reinstated the 2 caribou bag limit for nonresidents for the explicit reason of attracting more nonresident hunters for the commercial guiding industry;
- Native Alaskan's can hunt Northwest Arctic Borough and village corporation lands that are closed to everybody else;
- Residents are being concentrated onto federal and state lands in the area;
- Non local harvest in the Noatak is only 500 caribou compared with up to 10,000 caribou harvested region wide for subsistence;
- Mike - If there is going to be a restriction on access *all* users should go to a draw permit system;
- Aaron – bag limits should not be a tool to address hunting pressure problems, only biological issues are appropriate for bag limit restrictions [*concerning 1 caribou bag limit – sic*];
- Wade – concerned the policy will spread to other areas of the state;
- Further discussion on the issue scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Potential letter to ADF&G ANILCA personnel and the NPS. Mike is scheduled with rough draft;

### Other Discussion:

- Aaron noted that our letter regarding the 3 year BOG cycle has yet to be sent to the legislature. Wade agreed to help Aaron find the POM's system for contacting the legislature. It was subsequently found that the POM's system is only available during session. Aaron compiled the individual email addresses of the legislature and submitted the letter, bcc'ing the committee;
- Wade noted that he had attended the Mat/Su AC meeting and Tony Kavalok had in his possession a PowerPoint for GMU 16 for a regional meeting of the department. Wade suggested Aaron contact Tony and requests a copy of the PowerPoint;
- Joel – unexcused absences? Aaron – we have two members for sure that are over the limit, Paul Tony and Dan Lewis. Aaron will call or send a letter asking for Tony's resignation or his participation. We need members to show up to the meetings. Dan's term expires this January so no need to contact him but Tony's expires in a year. Aaron noted Art is not excused for this meeting. Strong support for Art's participation on the committee by many members. *No objections to Aaron sending letter to Tony*;
- Mike - What about the Unit 23 working group? Aaron – I've lost track of it and seem to have been dropped from the email chain. Our rep to the committee is not attending.
- Bruce Morgan – concerned members may be representing the organization at public events. Wants some clarification.
  - Aaron – has no proof members have abused this issue, just allegations;
  - Aaron – it's perfectly acceptable to state you are a member of the committee and you are representing yourself;
  - Wade – when at the Nome meeting I represented myself and Cliff Judkins announced it that way;

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### Public Testimony:

Greg Roczicka

- The purpose of the Holitna reserve is to elevate the whole concept of intensive management;
  - Right now we have administrative support for predator control but in the future we may not so we want to try to put something in place to protect predator control;
  - In the future we may have administrations that bow to the public will of people that generally do not have a "meat and potatoes" priority;
  - The Holitna reserve defines the "bread basket" area where predator control gets the most bang for the buck;
  - The language is specifically drafted for other areas like the Copper River, Kenai Peninsula, etc... ;
  - In GMU 20E for instance. I spoke with Pat Valkenberg and he said that this [*refuge status sic*] is just what we need for 20E;
  - The intent is to essentially turn the burden of proof around on organizations that want to stop predator management by stopping predator control on a technicality or lack of scientific proof which forces the ADF&G to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to justify what they have as the best science available. Let these groups prove that it does not work;
  - This [*predator control*] is what is supposed to happen on all state lands;
- The regulatory language may be changed a bit from the RC 14 language presented at the Nome BOG meeting;
  - Possible Change 1: DNR is not happy with ADF&G being put on equal footing regarding resource development activity. DNR is very uncomfortable with that regarding getting into a turf war between those two. Right now DNR only has to consult ADF&G, not listen;
  - Possible Change 2 : Section E – Changing "oil and gas" to nonrenewable resources;
- The proposed regulations does not:
  - stop resource development – simply gives the ADF&G lead agency status or equal footing with DNR;
  - override existing game management authority;
  - restrict any existing access methods;
  - supports all uses – not just local Native subsistence uses;
- We specifically went after a reserve rather than a refuge. A refuge has potential baggage. In the future people might claim that a refuge should be a refuge for the animals and we should not hunt there. I have seen that in other areas like Palmer Hay Flats with no firearm requests;
  - Did not want to get tied into the marine refuge debate being proposed to stop the Pebble Mine project. They are parallel but two separate issues;
- This is a Hunting, Fishing and Trapping reserve – specifically for that purpose to create for future generations;
- Sponsored only by Rep. Herron at this time but the bill has been in the "works" for a long time;
- [*The Holitna River Basin sic*] used to be the most productive area in North American continent up to the ballot initiative of 1996 [*ending aerial predator control - sic*]



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- Moose populations started to decline quickly since then [1996 sic] to the point the area now is closed to moose hunting;
- Predator control has been conducted for last three or four years and we are starting to see recovery but nothing much at this point;
- I was unaware that the BOG did not approve a letter of support in Nome. The board has supported this bill and concept in the past;
- Cliff Judkin's stated they [Board of Game sic] would take care of it at the statewide meeting in Anchorage;
- I have had very positive response in the current administration for the concept, at least up to the deputy commissioner level [ADF&G sic]
- The refuge is a majority state lands with 50 – 60 Native allotments;
- TKC [Village Corp. sic] has closed their lands for non native hunting for a long time, since 1992 – about 15 – 20 miles of river corridor is closed;
- Not aware of any commercial guiding contracts for Native lands in the refuge area;
- The intent of the refuge is for the benefit of all users, not just the local Native subsistence residents;
- We have a bear and wolf problem – especially on the Stony River;

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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**FILE COPY**

Date: 12/10/09

To: Denby Lloyd - Commissioner ADF&G; Doug Larson - Director  
ADF&G Division of Wildlife; House and Senate Finance Committee's

Re: **ADF&G Legislative Funding Request**

Commissioner Denby Lloyd,

The Anchorage Fish and Game Citizen Advisory Committee is being asked to consider supporting a three year Board of Game cycle. The request is being proposed by the ADF&G.

As we consider this request we are interested in knowing if the department has formally requested additional funding to meet the departments staffing requirements for the current two year BOG cycle?

We request the Commissioner provide details regarding any budget requests since 2007 made by the department to the legislature that specifically address reducing excessive staff requirements to meet the current two year BOG cycle.

We consider the public's participation in wildlife management in Alaska as a unique opportunity as well as an important foundation of our states culture. Promoting adequate funding to support the departments mandates to participate in the Board of Game process is an essential responsibility of our elected officials.

We look forward to working cooperatively with the department and legislature to improve the Board of Game process.

Thank you for considering our request,

Aaron Bloomquist  
Anchorage AC Chair (Vote Record: 7 Yes; 2 No; 1 Abstain)

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Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

**SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR**

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Board of Game;

*Jan 11, 2010*

The Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to add an AAC to our proposal-12 in the current Statewide Regulations, Cycle A proposal book. We listed 5AAC 92.034 for this proposal, and would like to add 5AAC 92.019. We feel both of these codes need clarification and stricter guidelines and would like to apply our proposal to both.

Thank you.

Tony Russ  
Chair, MVFGAC



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
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Glen	Holt	resigned December 3
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  - Approved with One deletion
  - Motion by BF and seconded by SD
  - Passed 14-0
- Reports and Comments:
  - Recognize guests and ADF&G staff: Tony Kavelok
  - Law Enforcement
  - Legislative Representatives Ben Mulligan
  - Group Representatives Rod Arno, Wayne Kubat, Dan Montgomery, Wade Willis, Mike McCrary
  - Other announcements and/or agenda items?
  - Public testimony

Wade Willis,

Anchorage AC also asked for timely input from F&G and they opposed the 3 year cycle. HB227 was delivered to governor and ADFG advised "no recommendation" already but will be held with no public scrutiny. Management of game on native lands briefing will be made public.

*Attn: Scott  
AC comments  
BOG statewide*

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Rod Arno

Only 24% of the state is open and not already in a special use area. All special use areas have restrictions on them

Mike McCarey

HB 227 was introduced last April has no sponsor and no scheduled hearings.

Noatak issue – its more of a very special interest exerting their powers. Non local residents are being limited by federal land managers. Federally qualified residents can kick us out of the areas. Favorite times/ location conflicts.

Tony Kavelok

There are moose and fish resources in the area but they may want to “protect moose and fish habitat” from pebble and gas drilling.

Wayne Kubat

Attended AK Professional Hunters Assoc meetings on game concession areas, lots there to make everyone mad or happy

Good and bad points in this concession proposal. 100 points on it. Does not address transporter problem

It will be a limiting process

Mel Grove

Have a lot of reservations if I was a guide or it would make things very expensive for non residents, last night’s meeting was an info meeting. They want comments on it.

It will come down to who writes it best as who will get the concession contract.

Dan Montgomery,

There is no trail or road building projects, they want to be conservation oriented

These are just proposals

Discussion on this will come further down the road. Next meeting

Tony Kavelok

Moose numbers

See attached

16A numbers are questionable. Didn’t have enough money to count 16B north

We know the population is low

- Old Business:
  - Proposed changes to BOG meeting cycle.
  - Discussion on Guide Concession Area; write a letter expressing our opinion?
  - Student representative letter to schools; pass on to government teachers
- New Business:
  - Statewide BOG proposals; votes and comments

All Motions to Approve by Andy Couch, seconded by Bill Folsom

Proposal 11

Potlatch hunting, written by subsistence part of ADFG

Comments:

Written vaguely, what about the individual?

If we took off the cow permits what would happen to herd – grow and may be above the carrying capacity of the area.

This allows harvest statewide in any unit, regardless of subsistence area, any sex, unless there is a conservation concern for the benefit of a select few.

Can we limit the harvest to one every few years to prevent abuse.

There is NO negative effect? Come on now this is false information. Anyone who doesn't not participate in native funeral rights will suffer.

If there is an over harvest there will be issues

Motion fails

0-15-0

Proposal 13 and 14 taken together

Proposal 13 wants to open it up statewide and proposal 14 wants to have AHTNA oversight.

Both proposals failed 0-15-0

Comments

The comments that no one will suffer is erroneous, this is another step for another special issue for special areas which will lead to a free for all, and forget everyone else.

Does it say we want to legalize what we already are doing?

Proposal 12

There are fewer animals are available for the average hunter, more hunters leads to less animals per hunter.

Changing the definition of subsistence does not solve the problem.

The way the law is written any person can utilize the potlatch.

Requestors refuse road kills which are deemed not acceptable to be used for their ceremony

Requestors won't travel to 13 which is a subsistence area to harvest a potlatch moose

Motion is approved 15-0-0

Comments

Changing the definition of subsistence does not solve the problem.

What brought this proposal is abuse of the potlatch regulations.

Edible meat proposals

Proposal 41

You don't have to document anything

Motion fails 0-15-0

Comments:

No one in the committee has ever shot any diseased.

Please see DPS comments from the Nome meetings. No one spoke in favour of this in Nome

Proposal 42

Would be hard to monitor

If passed this could eliminate the wildlife recovery source of food. Example the raptor rehabilitation projects.

Pete Zablonski, former trooper from Barrow, There is more wanton waste on the north slope then we can fathom. This is an overreaction reaction to the North Slope slaughter of the caribou.

Motion fails 0-14-0

Comments:

This is a good concept but we don't believe this is practical

Proposal 43

This will allow wanton waste

Motion fails 0-15-0

Comments:

This is ridiculous! Alaska's wildlife is too valuable to be treated as garbage

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Tony Kavelok

510 bears taken

89 bears snared, 8 brownies 5 released, 3 euthanized, (1 killed due to injury, 2 were killed prior to permission to euthanize)

Bill Folsom wants to write a letter regarding the permits on unit 13

Andy Couch seconds the letter

Where are these "hard to reach areas" now they are on the road system.

We have lots of 3 brow tines and few if any 4 brow tine animals.

Motion to write a letter approved

Residents have priority in harvesting which is in statute.

Motion to approve letter to Denby Lloyd (attached)

Bill Folsom proposes and seconded by Andy Couch

Motion to send approved 15-0-0

Proposal cycle annual deadline of may 10 for the next season and it will be discussed at the meeting for a 3 year cycle. In front of book, not as a proposal.

We will write a letter.

Division of Board support is the driving force.

This may be advantageous in order to get the data we ask for.

We don't want to wait 3 years to fix things.

The deadline statewide is very good.

If they move the regulatory year from june to January may help things as well.

Andy Couch moves to support the 3 year cycle.

No second

Kenny Barber doesn't make any difference. This is a way to eliminate the Advisory Committees

Bill Folsom moves to table

Steve Darilek seconds  
Motion to table passes 9-6-0

Motion to approve letter for student reps to be written by Tony Russ to the local High Schools  
Elections Jan 13 Wasilla High

Proposals to allow motorized access in woodriver/yenert controlled use areas fell through the cracks and  
was not submitted.

We hope to have books by next Wednesday.

- Next meetings - Dec. 16, 23 at MTA.



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TO: ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

DEAR SIR/MADAM

WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH THE MOOSE DRAWING PERMITS FOR UNIT 13 FOR 09

1/ WHEN DRAWING PERMITS WERE FIRST ISSUED IN 2008 SOME OF US DID NOT KNOW IT WAS TO BE YEARLY WITHOUT ANY FURTHER INPUT. THE TOTAL HARVEST FOR 08 WAS ( 850) MOOSE WITH (550) AS SPIKE FORK/ 4 BROW TINES /50" AND( 300) AS ANY BULL. SOME WERE TAKEN BY NON RESIDENTS. ORIGINALLY WHEN THE SPIKE FORK/ 3 BROW TINES AND THEN 4 BROW TINES 50" RULE WAS PUT INTO PLACE IT WAS TO LAST UNTIL THERE WAS A HARVESTABLE QUANTITIES OF MOOSE (??) AND AT THAT TIME RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE REDUCED; i.e. FROM 4 TO 3 BROW TINES ETC. WHY HAS THIS NOT BEEN DONE INSTEAD OF DRAWING PERMITS?

2/ THE NUMBER OF NON RESIDENT PERMITS FOR 09 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO EXPANDED OVER 08 FROM 10 TO 25 AND ALL OF THESE WILL COME OUT OF THE MOST ROAD ACCESSIBLE AREAS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF 13 IN ALL SUB UNITS. NON RESIDENTS WILL BE COMPETING WITH RESIDENT HUNTERS FOR THE VERY FEW 4 BROW TINE / 50" BULLS IN THESE AREAS. EXCEPT FOR THE MOST REMOTE CENTER OF UNIT 13 WE DO NOT SEE MANY 4 BROW TINE / 50" BULLS. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY HUNTERS AND F&G TROOPERS THAT FLY THESE AREAS. BUT THERE ARE MANY 3 BROW TINE BULLS, YET THERE IS NO LOWERING OF RESTRICTIONS BUT RATHER THE ISSUING OF MORE PERMITS. WHY????? ALSO - ARE WE ELIMINATING MOST OF OUR LARGE BULLS FROM THIS POPULATION WITH THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS?

IN SUMMEARY: ALL DRAWING PERMITS FOR UNIT 13 SHOULD BE ABANDONED AS THEY NOW STAND AND THE 4 BROW TINE 50" RESTRICTION LOWERED FOR RESIDENTS,AT LEAST AS A TRIAL FOR ONE YEAR. ALL NON RESIDENTS PERMITS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE AREAS WHERE ANY BULL PERMITS ARE GIVEN IN THE MOST REMOTE AREAS OF UNIT 13 AND KEEP THE 4 BROW TINE / 50" RESTRICTION FOR NON RESIDENTS.

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
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- Approve last meeting's minutes.  
Without dissent
- Reports and Comments:
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  - Law Enforcement None.
  - Legislative Representatives Ben Mulligan
  - Group Representatives Dane Crowley SFW, Dan Montgomery,
  - Other announcements and/or agenda items?
  - Public testimony :  
Anch Meeting:  
535 voted, most voted and left 19 people on the ballot. Took about 1.5 hours to get ballots and thru line. No anti hunters got voted in.  
46 valley people showed up, didn't not sway the election.  
Lists were passed out by SFW and Mudflatters

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AC Comments  
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Susitna Forestry Guidelines forestry plan put on hold and all meetings suspended. Right now 5 overlapping plans. Move to create a Susitna state forest.

- Old Business:
  - HB 227: position letter? Still waiting on updates.
  - Statewide BOG proposals; votes and comments

Proposals for acceptance made by Andy Couch and seconded by Garret Dykstra

(Proposal listed in numerical order as per ADFG request not chronologically taken in numerical order)

Proposal 6  
ADFG housekeeping  
Dept - Adopt

Motion passes 14-0

Proposal 7  
proxy hunting  
Dept TNA (Take No Action)  
Not a big deal

Motion fails 0-5-9

Proposal too vague and may be unnecessary.

Proposal 8  
Expand proxy hunting.

Makes no sense, worded badly, why does the proxy have to be older?  
This is legislative  
Dept TNA

Motion fails 0-14-0

Proposal 9  
Disabled combat veterans

Not really clear on what they want. They want everything hard to vote without being specific.  
Disabled vets can get special permits as is  
Dept DNA (Do Not Adopt)

Motion fails 0-13-1

Proposal 23  
Wolf predator control

Dept- DNA

Motion fails 0-14-0

Proposal 24

Black bear bait or scent lures Predator control area unit 16 only

Dept Adopt

Would rather see it expanded state wide. Why limit it to only 16?

Amended to cross out "unit 16" and make this proposal statewide in predation control areas.  
Guessippe Rossi and seconded by Andy Couch

Amendment passed 14-0

Amended motion passed 13-1-0

Minority comment, guides got enough areas as is

Proposal 25

Permit baits and scent lures, to 1 mile.

Business and school

What are "other developments?"

Could this mean a trail?

The regulations are growing too much.

Too vague, doesn't define other developments.

Aren't we trying to get bears away from people?

Only thing we can support is just the school.

Motion fails 0-14-0

Proposal 26

Cable snare usage

See 27

Dept DNA

Why use a breakaway when a brown bear may charge you? Only snared 8 brownies

Motion fails 0-14-0

Proposal 27 Cable snares

A number of people out there snaring were not SFH guys.

Dept DNA (Do Not Adopt)

Motion fails 0-14-0

**Proposal 31**

Helicopter usage dates for predator control area.

Dept Adopt

Why use a helicopter to set camp if you cant use it to clean up after?

Motion passes 14-0-0

**Proposal 34**

Establish new intensive area in 15A

It's on federal land

Dept Adopt

Motion passes 14-0

**Proposal 35**

Allow other people in outlying areas to do sealing. Compliance would be an issue.

There is already a temp sealing process in place

Motion fails 0-14-0

**Proposal 36**

Sealing other furbearers

Only way dept gets info on sealing

Dept DNA

In remote areas sealing is not required as is.

Motion fails 0-14-0

**Proposal 38**

Gall bladder sales

Dept DNA

Illegal in all states and Canada

Result of black marketers and the potential for black marketers.

Motion fails 0-11-3

**Proposal 39**

Sale of tanned bear hides

Dept DNA focused on bear/grizzly and proposal does all bears.

There is no market for hides

What's the problem if you have to seal or tag them?

Motion passes 13-0-1

Proposal 40

Trophy big game sale

If there is no problem in the other states why not allow it here?

Dept DNA

Am not opposed to selling what you have

There will be black marketeering regardless of what happens.

Dall sheep and brown bears are limited to Alaska and a few places other.

Motion passes 11-2-1

Proposal 44

Boundary changes

Dept Amend and adopt.

Take no action 14-0

Proposal 45

Boundary Changes 14/16

Dept Adopt

Fixes boundary descriptions

Motion passes 14-0

Proposal 46

Crossbows

Definition and minimums, we have other weapons standards

Dept says out of cycle

Motion passed 13-0-1

Proposal 47

Snowy owl harvest

Averages 11 a year

Dept DNA

No problems

Motion fails 0-14-0

Proposal 48

Full curl rams definition

Its used already as is

Just another way to define a full curl.

Motion passes 14-0

Am in favour of anything that will help hunters out even if it is a minimal help.

Proposal 49

Radio telemetry

Dept TNA

Only feds use radio collars on wolves.

Make the feds do more work, if they have the funds to do this they can report.

Motion passes 13-1-0

Minority 2 much bureaucratic red tape

Proposal 50

Agenda change

Dept DNA

Motion Fails 1-13-0

Proposal 51

Trapping seasons, house keeping

Should it say end of February?

Amend proposal to say end of February instead of 29

Amendment passes 9-2-3

Motion passed 13-1-0

The advisory committee should not need to deal with this every year, why not make it march 1<sup>st</sup> instead?

Proposal 52

Reduce limits to 2/4 for sea ducks

Dept Amend and adopt. No evidence that sea ducks are over harvested.

Most of the ducks are harvested for trophies.

The writer was opposed to hunters in general at the BOG meeting when she spoke.

Motion fails 4-8-2

Minority comment:

KB This is my last meeting and Nancy swears as good I do and can say to her Nancy I did vote for one of your proposals!

Upcoming meetings: January 13<sup>th</sup> election meeting at Wasilla High School Theatre

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- Old Business:
  - Greg Roczicka – HB 227: purpose and new revision?  
 Tries to turn around intensive management plans to make law suit people prove their case not have the state defend their position. Holitna is a "bread basket area" Refuge name was changed to "reserve" BOG has given its blessing to this idea, as did the BOF. But everyone was waiting on this.



Woody Salmon had no interest in this area until after Herron was elected. Was not something to block pebble mine.

It is managed for its fish and wildlife benefits. Coal bed methane development denied twice and natural gas exploration has been approved.

Will this prohibit activities? No make things difficult, more scrutiny will be needed.

This is in unit 19A and 19B not where pebble was planned to influence.

This area is open to entire state residents' use. Area residents opted out of tier2.

Why was sport replaced with personal use? This will say "other human consumptive uses"

Goal is to get population up for everyone's use.

Populations crashed after 96 ballot initiative.

Former success rates were 100% on local residents, 50% on residents, 30% trophy

They need to make sure it doesn't get hijacked into the "pebble" debates.

How can fish be intensively managed? It is more habitat related for sustained management. No king commercial fishery and is the only river system in the state that has a consistent good returns. There is a sockeye spawn subspecies that is an actual in river spawn not river spawn.

Old time resident when asked how they handled predator control in historical past. He said "the only thing you can do when there are too many wolves is to prepare for starvation"

We should wait to talk to the legislators rather then vote now.

If we got concerns we want to know so we can fix it. We want to save our fish and wildlife harvest.

Lou Bradley What does the word reserve mean? How will reserve status change? It is to get rid of the lawsuits. How would management change if this was for example the Knik?

Plats for disposal by DNR will continue

Will it make it easier to get money for management? This will help get most bang for the buck!

Fish side said how can we not support it?

This is how it is supposed to be on all state lands but it's not the way things are.

Local villages were main sponsors.

Could it be used by anti development people to deter economic development? We have to make sure we word it correctly.

We have to make sure that it's not just lip service like the feds are doing on subsistence.

We would like to have more time to discuss it. Placed on agenda for Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

Our letters – SAC needs to be to commissioner, not a BOG proposal book

New Licenses – statutory, needs to be legislative not BOG. They only deal with only under 16 licenses. NOT in the book.

Bait station out of cycle and had Anchorage AC name.

Bills Letter:

Toby (Glennallen ADFG) hasn't decided how many permits would be given out.

They haven't lowered the restrictions like they promised.

Wants letter to be sent to Toby and BOG.

Motion made by Bill Folsom and seconded by Andy Couch

Numbers of permits were increased this year. We are competing for legal bulls which are few and far between.

Motion passed 10-1-2

Student representative letter to schools; pass on to government teachers

- o Statewide BOG proposals; votes and comments

Motion to accept proposals by Ken Barber and seconded by Andy Couch

Proposals taken up at this meeting are in numerical order as per BOG request not actual order that they were taken up at the meeting

Proposal 1  
Crossbows hunter education

If we require hunter education for one weapon we should do it for all  
Can be used in archery season under discretion of the dept.

Motion fails 5-7-1

Min comment should be allowed in archery hunts

Prop 2

Dept – do not adopt  
Motion fails 1-11-1

Minority comment we don't like biopoliticians

Proposal 3  
Dept thinks there is a problem

Motion passes 13-0

Proposal 4  
Why shouldn't deer be reported too?  
BOG has always opposed it.  
Deer are a valuable resource and dept should get the info  
If it is such a good idea for bears, moose etc why not deer.

Motion passes 11-2-0

Proposal 5  
Lower age hunters on their own tag  
Dad or mom complains not the kid!

Motion fails 0-13-0

Prop 12 up for reconsideration  
We need to add AAC 92.019 as regulation number affected.

Motion passed 13-0

Proposal 28  
Eliminate non resident hunters  
Areas there are non residents not going into

Motion fails 0-12-1

Proposal 29  
Eliminate non resident hunters  
Perhaps change to residents - any bull in certain areas. Or any moose  
Should limit that on a per area wise not just to all predator control areas.  
Residents still have priority

Motion fails 0-13-0

Proposal 30  
See comments for 29  
Its more restrictive then and is least likely to be effective.

Motion fails 0-13-0

Proposal 32

Herd below objectives. Federal lands in area causes predator management problems. There are only about 2000 animals in area.

Proposal was written so we can go onto federal lands.

By the time that the caribou gets off federal lands calf count is less the 10 per 100.

How do we make the feds comply? Good question.

Population size of the herd is "too small"

We want to increase harvest objectives not necessarily the population size.

Hunting practices didn't influence the decline?

10 caribou per sq miles is a range limit that was not sustainable.

Dept wants max sustained yield so herd doesn't over utilize the range.

Motion passed 13-0

Motion to accept 33  
Comment see prop 32

Motion passed 13-0

Proposal 15-22  
No win enforcement problem on all these issues.

Motion to table and take no action Tony Russ and Ken Federico  
Motion passed 9-2 -2

Proposal 37

Hard to tell what they are trying to do.  
He wants a removable seal no permanent seal

Motion fails 0-11-2

Next meeting January 6 here MTA building 7:00 pm unless we hear differently

Anchorage Advisory Committee election on January 5 2009 6:30 Old Boniface mall (school district building)

Meeting adjourns 9:55 pm

Upcoming meetings: January 13<sup>th</sup> is our election meeting at Wasilla High School Theatre; 7-10 p.m.

**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2009**

Members Present: Keith Gain, Walt Sonen, Michael Opheim, Robert Purpura, Warren Brown

Members Absent Excused: Tim P. Dillon, Bryan Chartier, Dave Chartier, Alvin Swick, Herman Moonin, Paul Chissus

Public Present: Jere Murray, Sandy Murray, Nancy Hillstrand, Tim Dillon (CM), Mike Miller, Matt Gallien.

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The meeting began at the Community Room at 7:15 pm

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Elections were held with the following results: Robert Purpura, Walt Sonen, Bryan Chartier, and Dave Chartier for three year seats; Mike Miller for a two year seat; Matt Gallien and Keith Gain for one year alternate seats. **BOARDS MANCHORAGE**

Officer Elections were held with the following results: Keith Gain for Chair  
Robert Purpura for Vice Chair  
Paul Chissus for Secretary

Discussion of a non-voting student representative – Paul Chissus was nominated to talk to the students about this opportunity and if there is interest among the students, they can nominate and elect a representative for them.

**Public Testimony:**

Jere Murray – Brought Prop 41 that will be discussed at the Statewide BOG meeting to the attention of the AC concerning salvage of edible meat. It is a tricky issue. Caribou herds across North America are generally declining with only two herds increasing. Once the herd exceeds its carrying capacity they crash.

The Seldovia AC can take this up prior to the January 15<sup>th</sup> comment deadline.

Nancy Hillstrand testified about the sea duck proposal 52. She has been putting this type of proposal in to the Board since 1985 and with her extensive travel in Kachemak Bay she has noticed a decline in the number of birds out on the water. In 1995, the halibut charter businesses began increasing revenues by adding sea duck hunting. In Sadie Cove, she has witnessed the decline of the birds and the operations taking 100 birds per day. They have completely wiped out Sadie Cove, where she used to wake to the sound of the sea ducks and go to sleep to their sounds. A friend told her about his experience harvesting the birds, but realized the impact they were having. People have been doing combo packages, with deer / sea duck and bear / sea duck packages. Sea ducks are an extremely different animal than land ducks. The Labrador duck is now extinct. The spectacle and stellar eiders are in serious decline (95%). The long tail duck is declined by 70%. Scoter and common eiders are down 50%. They wait till they are 2-3 years old

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before reproducing. It has been difficult because no one is listening to what she is seeing occur before her very eyes. The charter operators can decide in one year to increase their revenue, offering "cast and blast" packages where you can do both fishing and hunting. She has lots of information – surveys from Canada showing the declining trends, which is all they really have to compare. It is up to us to do something to help the birds. The Advisory Committees are stewards of our resources. Otherwise, there will be more animals on the endangered species act. When the ADF&G managers do surveys, they are not species specific. When they say golden eye – is it ferris or common golden eye? We don't know. Wintering grounds for these birds is very different. Perhaps with her own personal involvement in the declines of crab and shrimp in the Bay – they have learned a lesson and don't want to repeat that mistake with these other resources. People will continue to exploit the resource, as revenues in other areas decrease.

Harvest data is not species specific and more biology of these birds is needed. A management plan for Kachmak Bay is warranted. How many birds are needed for trophy hunting? Is shotgun the best weapon for harvest? She asked the Seldovia AC for their input. The birds have great site fidelity, unless they find that it is not safe, similar to rock fish. There are migrant birds and there are resident birds. She is more concerned about the resident birds. We don't even know what the exploitation rate is. What is the sustainable mortality rate on these birds?

Sea Duck Joint Venture Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 (December 2008) A North American Waterfowl Management Plan Conservation Partnership (ADF&G is a partner in this and Seldovia AC asked for a copy of the report).

Jere Murray – He ate quite a few scoters in the past and has also witnessed the declines over the years. He also doesn't hear the birds like he used to. There are a few harlequin, but he hates to think of an Alaska that is like much of the Lower 48. Nancy is not anti-hunting, but is genuinely concerned about the population. Some ideas of reducing the harvest could include a daily harvest limit, bag limit from eight to two and no one is even considering the problem by species. Jere also spoke about site fidelity with ptarmigan. There used to be lots of ptarmigan on the bluffs. They used to be in Caribou Hills. These birds are faithful to the place where they were born.

*BOF*  
**Statewide finfish proposals comments:**

**Proposal 165**

Action: Support 7 - 0

Comments: There are not escapement goals on all the waters throughout the state. An erosion is occurring with the personal use fishery and it's gaining an upper hand over sport, subsistence and commercial. While there are no qualms against personal use fishery, they are allowed to fish regardless of what else is happening in other fisheries. The current management of this fishery is allowing the personal use to take precedence over commercial fishing. The numbers that are allowed for dipnetting (a family of six could harvest 90 fish) to a member of the public that participated in this fishery, felt were very liberal. That would be a difficult number of fish to process, so in fact he never actually took that many fish. Dipnetting began as a way to prevent over-escapement and

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moving back toward that original concept would be acceptable. The concept of subsistence, commercial and sport are acceptable. Considering that every citizen of the state of Alaska has the right to harvest fish in this fishery is also a concern. A lower bag limit seems reasonable. People have observed waste, it is completely unregulated. The dipnet fishery when it began took about 50,000 fish. It is now estimated to take 500,000 between the Kasilof and the Kenai River and with state managing for maximum escapement and maximum returns, they have further devalued the commercial fishery. They are essentially harvesting what the commercial fishery used to.

Proposal 178 - 179

Action:

Emergency Order Authority

Comments: May be addressed at a subsequent meeting. 178 seems pretty straightforward. 179 is very complicated.

### BOG Statewide game proposals comments

Proposal 41

Action:

Comments: May be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Proposal 52

Action: Opposed 0-7

Comments: Concern of blaming hunters as the primary responsible party is of concern. The proposal seems to be directed at one person. We have seen a decline in birds. Now that we don't have the eagle's being fed. Eagles also have preyed on ducks. There used to be a lot more murre around. Their demise did not come from over-hunting. There was some discussion about the oil spill in PWS and that the harlequin is the only species that is still having trouble re-habitating. We, as an AC have witnessed declines and it behooves us to take action, where appropriate. We have some good waterfowl biologists in Alaska. One of the lead biologists hunts in the area. Birds have wings and they move. One of the members here is the only guide that takes sea ducks. He believes the proposal is aimed directly at him. There is agreement to keep an eye on this issue.

King salmon stocking program has been a total failure in Seldovia and the committee would prefer they put it back in the harbor. The mortality rate has increased, rather than decreased.

Motion to plant the king salmon smolt in the harbor. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a waste of the resource. There is a cost associated with this program. It is believed that Seldovia has been getting a grant to cover costs associated with this program. There may be a bit more cost with planting the smolt in the harbor, but good returns is the goal. A motion by this committee may spur conversations with those who manage this fishery. Buck will write a letter which can be forwarded to the Homer AC, and CIAA. Smolt mortality getting into the tide water has been pretty high. The timing of release has not been with high waters,

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causing many of the smolt released to get eaten by the birds as it lays on the shoreline. There were a couple of years that the smolt was reduced substantially. We will discuss this further with ADF&G. Motion approved to send the letter.

Mike Miller expressed concern about the endangered species designation for belugas in Cook Inlet. It may be over-reaching effort of "save the animal" type groups that don't really know what they are talking about. Comments should be addressed to NOAA.

Motion to support Seldovia city sport fishing stairway wishlist project. 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

BoF → A suggestion that one page in the beginning of the Board of Fisheries proposal books be devoted to a glossary of abbreviations was made. There are many proposals that include abbreviations that even long time fishermen aren't sure about. This would be helpful.

The Seldovia AC will hold its next meeting Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Community Building to prepare comments on fishing and hunting issues. A letter to the Board of Game regarding Proposal 52, and the Beluga endangered species designation will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009**

Members Present: Keith Gain, Robert Purpura, Bryan Chartier, Walt Sonen, Mike Miller and Dave Chartier was in attendance via phone hook up.

Members Absent or Excused: Tim Dillon, Matt Gallien, Alvin Swick, Herman Moonin, Michael Opheim, and Warren Brown

Public Present: Tim Dillon (City Manager)

The meeting began at the Community Room at 7:15 pm

Public Testimony: None

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**Statewide game proposals comments**

Letters from Warren Brown concerning Proposal 52 that are to be submitted to the Board of Game were read and approved. The Seldovia AC voted unanimously (0-7) to oppose Prop 52 at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; letters will be forwarded to the necessary agencies.

BoF.

**Statewide finfish proposals comments:**

Proposal 175 Action: Support 6-0  
Comments: Walt Sonen shared the same concerns as the Sitka AC with declining stocks that it would be prudent to establish bag limits for this valuable resource.

Proposal 176 Action: Support 6-0  
Comments: There is definitely an abundance of spiny dogfish.

Proposal 184 Action: Support 6-0  
Comments: Robert Purpura said he worked as a chef at a hunting & fishing lodge for ten years and during that time he witnessed fishermen from all over the world with these felt sole shoes sometimes coming directly from abroad to our streams. The odds of contamination from outside should be taken seriously.

Proposal 188 Action: Support 6-0  
Comments: Simplify regulations as much as possible to make them consistent between the different agencies managing the fisheries.

Proposal 190 Action: Opposed 0-6  
Comments: The retention of halibut by crewmembers on charter boats has been an issue in the past and has very little support by most people outside the charter business. Abuse of this practice has been widely documented in the past.

Bryan Chartier presented a letter to the Seldovia AC requesting support in resolving an issue with a set net site located in the Seldovia sub district of lower Cook Inlet. He has

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been notified by the DNR that this site may be over the line an undetermined amount of feet and will have to be moved. He state's that the site is currently leased from the State and has been for over 25 years (ADL 225421). The site in question has been fished for over 45 years counting the two previous owners (Mike Balough & Tony Marten). During all these years this site has been active no question ever arose that would lead him or anyone else to believe that they were out of compliance with ADF&G regulations. During a disputed with a disgruntle up land owner over moorage access this issue came to the forefront even though it had no bearing on the up landowner's problem. Bryan also stated that he and his father, Dave Chartier, have made substantial investments in salmon and halibut relying heavily on their set net sites' ability to produce enough revenue to make payments on outstanding obligations.

Comments: The Seldovia AC board voted unanimously (6-0) to petition the BOF to make whatever adjustment to the line off Point Naskowhak that will allow the Chartier's to continue to fish a site that they have historically leased & fished for over 25 years. Keith Gain states that we are not asking for anything new but to allow the status quo to prevail and that a favorable decision will impact no one. Walt Sonen pointed out the shore fishery plat's long lats are recorded in minutes and seconds while the commercial fishing regulations are recorded in decimals of minutes only. Robert Purpura stated that he knows of another situation in lower Cook Inlet where the regulatory marker set by ADF&G was incorrect by over 1800 feet leading him to wonder what interactions the different agencies have with one another (BOF, ADF&G Homer, Fish & Wildlife enforcement and the DNR). Keith Gain has requested that we find out from Sherry Wright (ADF&G) what the procedure is for petitioning the BOF to take up areas out of cycle in order to try to resolve the issue before next season.

Mike Miller obtained more information off the Internet about the endangered species designation for belugas in Cook Inlet but due to the length of the document (258 pages) more time will be needed to write our comments to NOAA. Other member of the AC board are concerned with how all this will pan out with commercial fishing in Cook Inlet. It does not appear to the Seldovia AC board that the species are prone to interaction with either the drift fleet or the set net fishery. All present agreed that the species are stressed and something needs to be done.

Another letter was read taking up the matter of the King salmon smolt release program location that was discussed at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting requesting a change back to releasing smolt in the Seldovia harbor instead of at the dam site; letter will be forwarded to the necessary agencies

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Alaska Board of Game  
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re: proposal 52

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Att: Scott Grass  
BOG Statewide  
AC Comment

Dear Board of Game Members,

The Seldovia fish and game advisory committee held a meeting on 12/08/09 and among other things, discussed proposal 52 , reducing the resident and non-resident sea duck limit to 2 a day/4 in possession. The general consensus was that there is no biological justification to support the proposal. The Seldovia AC listened to the proposal writer, who was in attendance, and discussed her proposal at length. The board feels that this is one persons opinion, and not the opinion or recommendation of a waterfowl biologist.

The fact that the head waterfowl biologist in the state wrote a paper on the subject and refuted all claims supporting the proposal ( last years prop. 117) and any reduction in bag limits, made more sense than one persons opinion. Are individuals going to start managing wildlife or are we going to let the wildlife managers do their job?

The proposal will hurt the local guide and his family. It will also hurt the town as his clients rent rooms, eat out and spend money at the other establishments.

But the real crux of the matter is that the resource is not in any danger, with over 30,000 sea ducks wintering in Kachemak Bay, any very little pressure from hunters.

The committee concluded, unanimously, to vote against proposal 52. With so little pressure on the sea ducks from hunters, guided or otherwise, resident and non-resident, it makes no sense to lower the bag limits again. ( the bag limits were reduced ~~to~~ 8 years ago).

Warren Brown for Seldovia AC

## Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

Kawerak New Board Room, Nome

Approved minutes, 5 pages

Roy Ashenfelter, Charles Lean, Adem Boeckman, Robert Madden, Jr., Daniel Stang, Charlie Saccheus, Tom Gray, Jack Fagerstrom, William Jones by phone from Shishmaref.

DFG: Jim Menard, Scott Kent, Letty Hughes, Peter Bente, Susan Bucknell, Brendon Scanlon, Sports Fish-online from Fairbanks.

Members of the Public (MOP): Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Tim Smith, Ken Hughes III from Teller, Laureli Kineen of KNOM Radio, Loretta Bullard (later).

Chairman Ashenfelter called the meeting to order about 2:00 p.m.

Two items were added to the agenda: Review of BOG actions, and BOF Proposal 116, Area M bycatch.

Letty Hughes reviewed actions of the Board of Game at the Nome meeting. Tom Gray said the committee has to make sure their **previous comments on edible meat and salvage requirements get to the statewide BOG. \* see below**

Adem wondered why the board opened the brown bear season year round for Barrow but wouldn't extend 22C by a month. He said our AC represents about 100 years of game use in this area and some members are frustrated at not being heard.

There was more discussion of BOG issues. Adem said that trophy destruction takes gas money away from subsistence users. He suggested if they're concerned with bears in 22C, why not set a quota based on harvest over the last ten years.

There was discussion that the statewide meeting is the right meeting for a letter to the board about the resident hunting license requirements.

**\*Comments on edible meat by Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee** Tuesday, October 27, 3:00 pm, 2009, Kawerak New Board Room, Nome:

**Proposal 34 from Fall BOG Fails 0/11** Mike moved and Chuck seconded Mike Q. asked Magdanz to introduce this one. Jim said that under this proposal, meat from diseased animals would not be defined as "edible meat" if reported to the department within 48 hours. One problem is that changing a definition belongs at a statewide BOG meeting, not a regional meeting. Jim noted that the 48 hour provision was an amendment being discussed by the department.

Mike Q. said currently you have to choose before you pull the trigger. Tim said this makes every hunter a pathologist. Brian Miller said DPS opposes this; to prosecute a wanton waste case requires showing intent and this proposal would make enforcement very difficult.

Nate asked about reporting inedible meat now? Magdanz said currently you have to salvage it. Charlie Lean said when he used to work at DFG, and people would bring flawed meat, the department would say okay, because they showed their intent. Charlie said this proposal was not specific enough.

Jim Magdanz told of photos from Kotzebue of a caribou shoulder with an enormous abscess inside which wasn't obvious to the hunter when he shot it. Mike Wade told of getting bad caribou that looked to be healthy when he shot it. He packed it out, but his wife wouldn't eat it.

Saxman Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2009  
05:00 PM ADF&G Conference Room

5:45 – Meeting called to order by Charles Denny

Roll Call:

1. Lloyd Gossman
2. Clay Slanaker
3. William Johnson
4. John Scoblic

Other persons present: Steve Bethune – ADF&G/Craig, Greg Garcia – AWT Ketchikan, Jeremy Baum - AWT Ketchikan, Boyd Porter ADF&G – Ketchikan, and Shannon Stone – ADF&G via Teleconference.

Quorum Established

- I. Chair Denny called for items to be added to Meeting Agenda – None added.
  - A. Agenda approved
  - B. Chair Denny called for items to be set for next Meeting - None presented.
  - C. Last meeting minutes of December 17, presented for approval. Lloyd Gossman made motion to approve – John Scoblic seconded and motion carries unanimous.
- II. Charles Denny Gave Chairman’s report starting with discussion of time frame for Federal Subsistence Meeting. This meeting will be held in Ketchikan March 16-18. Chair Denny will attend.
- III. Agenda item - Unfinished Business.
  - A. Boyd Porter handed out copies of State of Alaska Letter to US Department of the interior. It contains the State Comments and Recommendations being supported for the Federal Review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program in Alaska. Saxman’s current subsistence status was discussed and it was noted that the timeline for Federal Review comments was extended from December 31, 2009 to January 14, 2010.

Clay Slanaker commented this period was to short and Shannon Stone said comments will be accepted late by the review board. Members of the committee would review and then a Saxman AC meeting was scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at present location.

Clay made motion to table until that meeting, William Johnson seconded motion which was carried with unanimous consent. Shannon going to ask Lucy to get meeting minutes and will do notifications for meeting. Charles Denny will post signs for meeting.

B. Board of Game Proposed changes to meeting cycle and proposal deadline were discussed after Boyd Porter presentation. Boyd noted the meeting were to be held on a 3 year cycle instead of current annual meetings. He also discussed “Annual” proposal deadlines which he likes..

Comments: John Scoblic - liked idea as it would be similar to current BOF cycle and proposal scheduling. He said it would make for universal cycle scheduling process with BOG and BOF having off set years to prevent meeting conflicts.

Clay Slanaker - commented he liked idea as currently participating in the process becomes overwhelming.

Lloyd Gossman - commented on danger of waiting 3 years to correct possible bad decisions that could have negative impacts.

Both Boyd and Shannon presented additional information relative to proposed changes.

John Scoblic made motion to support both current Cycle and proposal deadline changes with second by Clay Slanaker. Discussion followed with clay noting there are less allocative problems with BOG and process was not as political. He noted participation in processes would be more time affective. Lloyd noted he would support as there are less commercial interests in BOG issues. Questions was called and motion carried with unanimous support for both Cycle and proposal deadline changes.

#### IV. Agenda item – New Business

A. Board of Game Statewide Proposals with Deadline January 15<sup>th</sup>. Boyd Porter presented proposals.

##### Proposal 1 - Support – Requiring hunter education for using crossbows.

Clay made a motion in support of proposal with John Scoblic seconding

##### Discussion Summary:

Lloyd asked if hunter education would be available. Boyd said yes as he currently provides similar education for Bow and Arrow. John asked about number of users. Jeremy responded with his history of little contact with Cross bow users. Clay made comment that this change in regulations would not be a big factor for resource.

No further discussion. Question was called. Motion was carried with unanimous support.

##### Proposal 2 –Opposed - Repeal of black bear harvest ticket requirement.

John Scoblic made a Motion in support of the Proposal with William seconding.

##### Discussion Summary:

Boyd gave department reasons for supporting data gathering. Jeremy of AWT also expressed support from his perspective for anything to improve data. John Scoblic

supported departmental perspective as they had to manage process . William said this could be put in place and changed later with few problems after a review period. Clay Slanaker commented how the Black bear hunts were a money maker and anything to improve hunt process should be supported. He noted a repeal of this would lessen the information and clarified that a vote to support would lesson data gathering. The question was called on the motion.

Motion was opposed unanimously.

Proposal 3 – Support - Housekeeping to update reporting requirements, clarify possession of moose, sheep and black bear harvest reports and uncouple black bear harvest report/ticket requirement from black bear sealing.

Lloyd Gossman made motion to support with John Scoblic seconding.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd presented as housekeeping item. John Scoblic made comments in support because it does provide housekeeping by ADF&G. No further comments. Question called. Motion carried with unanimous support.

Proposal 4 – Opposed - Require hunters to submit harvest reports for deer.

Clay Slanaker made a motion to support with John Scoblic second.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd presented this issue and finished by saying his department was undecided on this issue. Charles asked about incidental kill such as road kills. Boyd said they were not counted. Clay Slanaker asked how the general deer populations are statewide. He noted this might indicate if current reporting process was working. Boyd noted that deer populations were low in some areas like Kodiak because of heavy snows and that deer populations were cyclical and varied over periods of time. Clay note he would be against this motion as it may be unproductive and burdensome. No further discussion. Question called.

Motion was opposed unanimously.

Proposal 5 – Opposed - Lower the age for youth hunters to receive big game harvest tickets.

Boyd presented proposal and Lloyd made a motion to Support with Clay Slanaker seconding.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd explained the young person would still have to hunt under adult supervision until 16 then could hunt on his own. Clay and John were against because age level in proposal was to young. It was noted 8 year olds were difficult to educate. John stated he would oppose due to maturity and physical issues faced by that young of a hunter. Jeremy said this could allow an 8 year old to hunt alone. No further discussion. Question Called. Motion was opposed unanimously.



Proposal 6 –Opposed - Housekeeping to clarify what must be presented for inspection upon request by a department employee or peace officer of the State. Boyd presented as housekeeping. John Scoblic made a motion to support proposal with Lloyd Seconding.

Discussion Summary:

John said he would support this as a housekeeping issue. Clay Slanaker then said this is more “Big Brother” government intrusion. He would be against this motion as he doesn’t see any benefit. John said he liked idea of proof of legality. Boyd said this helps Department in areas where there is cross over of areas of game management. Clay reiterated his position and said it is equal to an invasion of privacy. Jeremy asked why as this would stretch out staff and make for more affective management. Clay said this was an extension of power and not housekeeping. John Scoblic noted he would not support this proposal. Discussion also focused on how to identify employees in the field as enforcement and potential for conflict. Both issues raised concerns with AC members. The question was called. No further discussion.

The Motion was opposed unanimously

7:30 pm - GROUP TOOK A 5 MINUTE RECESS – Back in session at 7:35 pm

Proposal 7 – Opposed but would support with amended language (see discussion summary and following motion)- Modify the proxy authorization wording and requirements. John Scoblic made a motion to support with Lloyd Gossman seconding.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd presented the proposal and noted changes. Jeremy explained their currently was a lack of system for maintaining this proposal on an annual basis. Clay suggested changing language but after further explanation by Boyd, Clay said he wouldn’t support. Clay said opening for proxy hunts by people who have died could exist. Clay suggested confirming disability every 5 years.

John Scoblic made a motion to amend his original support motion to include language that will require Permanent Disability be confirmed every 5 years. Clay seconded Motion. No further discussion.

**Question called on Motion to support with amended language including 5-year requirement for confirming permanent disability.  
Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

Question called on Motion to support original proposal.  
The motion was Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 8 – Opposed - Expand proxy hunt to include immediate family members. Boyd explained proposal. John Scoblic made a motion to support with Clay Slanaker seconding.

Discussion Summary:

Clay Slanaker, John, and William all expressed there was too much room for abuse of the proxy hunt process should this be put into place. It was noted that a family can only eat so much before an animal is wasted. Families should only harvest what they can use. Lloyd said we should manage the game in a conservative manner and the potential for a family taking more than they can use shouldn't be put out there. The Question was called and there was no further discussion.

The motion was Opposed unanimously

Proposal 9 – No Action - Proposed regulation changes for disabled and combat Veterans. Boyd gave review of this proposal and said his Department felt it was pretty “undefined”. John Scoblic made a motion to Support with Lloyd Seconding.

Discussion Summary:

John thought the same as the Department and that the change was pretty undefined. The numbers of permits was discussed and it appears only 3 to 5 per year. Clay also felt the language needed clarifying and questioned need for action. John Scoblic then changed his original motion with approval from Lloyd who had seconded to recommend that the committee take no action on this proposal. It was felt we shouldn't disallow because of the Veteran's but didn't like allowing as the language was undefined. The Question was called with no further discussion being given.

The motion to take no action on this proposal carried with unanimous consent.

Proposal 10 – Opposed - Was missing from the documents presented but given verbally by Boyd Porter. The Proposal was for exemptions for methods and means and would allow brown bear to be taken over bait. Clay made a motion to support and John Scoblic seconded.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd said the department was against hunting of brown bears over bait. There is too much that can go wrong and especially with disabled hunters trying to take this large of an animal. Everyone agreed this did not need to be changed and the question was called. No further discussion.

The motion to support was Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 11 – Support - Defined the process for taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies. John Scoblic made a motion to support with second by Clay Slanaker.

Discussion Summary:

Boyd Porter reviewed this proposal noting that this could make it easier to obtain a Potlatch Permit. He also pointed out that this is limited to Deer, Moose, and Caribou. He also pointed out that he only gets about 5 requests per year. Both William Johnson and Charles Denny felt there would be no problem with this proposal. William noted we don't have Caribou in Southeast and few Moose in our area. The Question was called. No further discussion.

The motion to support carried with unanimous consent.

Proposal 12 – No Action - Modify the requirements for taking Potlatch Moose. John Scoblic made a motion to support with Lloyd seconding.

Discussion Summary:

After Boyd's explanation the group felt no action was necessary because of Proposal 11. John modified his Motion to take no action on this proposal with Lloyd as second agreeing to the change of Motion. The Question was called with no further discussion. The motion to take no action on this proposal carried with unanimous consent.

- B. The time frame for the State Board of Game was given as January 29 to February 1<sup>st</sup>. After some discussion it was decided Clay Slanaker would go to Anchorage BOG meeting on behalf of the Saxman AC.

William made a motion to send Clay to the Anchorage meeting with John Scoblic seconding. The question was Called with no discussion. The Motion to carried with unanimous consent.

- C. The next meeting of the Saxman AC is to be held Tuesday January 19, 2010 at the ADF&G meeting room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes taken by Lloyd Gossman (Vice Chair)

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*Minutes from Meeting*

Denali Advisory Board  
December 30, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Jason Rucker at 7:05PM

Attached sign in sheet. Quorum

Marty Caress reinstated to advisory board  
Jason Rucker and Vernon Carlson resigned from advisory board  
Elections:

President - Marty Caress - 12/12  
Secretary - Ray Atkins - 12/12  
Board Members - Caleb Holum, Don Holum, Jeff Burney, Jedd Harms, Marie Gore  
12/12

Jeff Burney talked about late season in the monument for moose, by snowmachine for resident of area only - proposal presented by Park Service - unanimously rejected

Buffer Zone proposal - unanimously rejected any extension of buffer zone reinstatement.

Winter Proposal Book

Proposal 5 - lowering age for youth hunter - Vote NO unanimously

Proposal 6 - Vote: Yes unanimously

Proposal 14 - potlatch animals - Eleanor Dementi - animals taken in Ahtna Units 11, 12, 13 and 20 be confined to those that live in those Units. Vote: Yes 5 --- Abstain 2

Proposal 23, 24, 26, 30 - salvage - keep the same, no change

Proposal 41, 42, 43 - Vote: NO unanimously

Proposal 48 - field judging rams & sealing procedures for dall sheep - Disagree with straight line judging and see the need for employing a State biologist to deal with sheep. Judging of sheep should not to be done by inexperienced State officials.

Proposal - Trapping

Change Unit 13 wolverine season to match Unit 20A wolverine season which is Nov 1 - Feb 28

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*Att: Scott  
BOG Steeward  
AC Comments -*

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Mary Gore Cantwell  
Bruce M. Gore "

Harold Mowery Cantwell  
Jason Rucker "

Don Holm Cantwell  
Carl Hill Cantwell

TRP. RALF HISSAM  
Ray Atkins

Vernon Carlson Cantwell

Jeff Burns Cantwell  
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Penal Advisory

**Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Comments**  
**Board of Game Statewide Meeting**  
**Winter, 2010**

**Proposal: Deadline & Meeting Cycle Changes**

**(A)The Stony Holitna Advisory Committee(SHAC) SUPPORTS the annual proposal deadline** without regard to a cycle change.

The annual deadline, along with enough funding to hire more personnel for support would allow fish & wildlife biologists to deal with management, research, and habitat, rather than preparing for meetings, and often justifying already proven biological methods. Most other problems could be solved or minimized, along with the retention of the 2-year cycle – with increased funding.

**Positives with an annual proposal deadline**

- The limited time that the ADF&G has to prepare its recommendation, comments, and proposal books.(An old problem)
- The limited time the ACs and public have to meet, review, and consider those comments.
- The full value of staff recommendations is lost when ACs and public only read and consider them for a few minutes at an AC meeting, or at the BOG/BOF meeting.

**(B)SHAC SUPPORTS the meeting cycle change**, only because it will much improve some issues that exist with the 2-year cycle.

**The core problem with the 2-year cycle is of course, lack of funding.** Due to progressive decreases in funding over the years, and little prospect for funding increase in the foreseeable future, SHAC views the 3-year cycle as a workable alternative and improvement over the 2-year cycle.

**if that were not the case, the annual proposal deadline would solve some of the problems.**

**Positives with a 3-year cycle –**

- Elimination of any overlaps between BOF and BOG meetings.
- Increased focus that ADF&G, BOF, and BOG would be able to give to each region.
- Increased focus and participation by the ACs and the rest of the public at both Regional and Statewide BOF & BOG meetings.
- Decreased deferrals of proposals to future meetings.

As is discussed in the 'talking points' and 'questions and answers' – most potential problems with a the 3-year cycle can be addressed through the use of agenda change requests, board generated proposals, emergency petitions, and placeholder proposals. The manner in which the boards deal with these mechanisms would require some changes and flexibility. **For example, approval of agenda change requests would have to be liberalized generally, but probably limited to some fields of inquiry, along with a deadline for them. Some of these would be more appropriate for a statewide rather than a regional meeting. If approved, the public would need to be notified in a timely manner.**

**Proposal 2 –SUPPORT – at least in Intensive Management Areas**

Harvest ticket requirements are difficult to meet, particularly off the road system. Black bears are often targets of opportunity, rather than the specific object of a hunt. In IM areas, thinning of both black and brown bears contribute significantly to increases in prey species.

**Proposals 15, 16, 17, 19, 20,21, 22 – OPPOSE –**

SHAC sees no negatives in requiring a permit for any of these species. SHAC sees only positives when considering the health and welfare of indigenous species, other domestic species, and humans.

**Proposal 18 – SUPPORT**—SHAC supports this proposal for the reasons given within the proposal.

**Proposal 23 –OPPOSE ABSOLUTELY –**

- Guides and Assistant Guides are at the top of the list of those who own airplanes, are proficient in their operation.
- They are among those who are the most familiar with particular areas and animal movement and habits.
- Their participation has become controversial mainly due to the misinformation and disinformation continually spawn by the likes of the person who made this proposal.
- Without their participation, these programs would become largely ineffective, as the proposer well knows.
- The “profit based” incentive mentioned is absurd, one considers the cost of fuel and maintenance, along with the low sales price of wolf hides.
- The fact that the guiding industry stands to benefit from increased ungulate populations right along with all other consumer user groups is silly. Why shouldn't they? This is also not the case in GMU 19A, where there is no non-resident moose or caribou hunting.
- Putting more of a workload on ADF&G personnel and financial resources at a time like this is unrealistic.

**Proposal 26 - OPPOSE**

- Point #1 has some merit
- Point #2 is overly restrictive and this could lead to other problems like damaged black and brown bears that could be dangerous to the public welfare.

**Proposal 27 – OPPOSE –**

This is worse than proposal 26.

- A snare works the same for anyone, provided it's set correctly
- When and why will the legislature provide more financial aid to ADF&G?

**Proposals 28, 29, & 30 – OPPOSE –**

Predator control programs and elimination of non-resident hunting are tools used to reach management goals for population and harvest. There are areas where prey populations are sufficient to provide for general hunts, but higher population goals are desirable and are possible. This often exists where good habitat exists.

**Proposal 32 – SUPPORT –** This predation control plan is desirable and necessary.

**Proposal 35 – SUPPORT –** This is a good proposal, but will not be needed if/when the sealing requirement for bears is dropped in lieu of the use of harvest tickets.

**Proposal 36 – OPPOSE – Suggest BOG generate its own proposal –**

Rather than eliminate the sealing requirement for some species, SHAC proposes that trappers, (and possibly hunters), have the option of sealing any required specie . This would be a very sensible action, especially in remote areas, as referred to in some of the wording in both proposal 35 and 36.

SHAC believes that beaver should not require sealing.

**Proposal 39 – SUPPORT –**

This proposal is a cost effective method that encourages an increase in bear harvest by residents, contributing to the increase in prey species.

**Proposal 42 – OPPOSE –**

The proposer's example use of using salmon fillets as fertilizer as constituting waste is common sense.

The definition of "waste" as it is stated in the proposal as being the result of an 'action' or 'inaction' is far too broad and vague- especially the 'inaction' part.

**Proposal 44 – SUPPORT –**

This proposal has been discussed for several years in the 'old' Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee meetings, and would be a good thing. People will have much more identifiable markers for boundaries of these GMUs.



Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee Meeting

Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

by teleconference

Draft Minutes, 2 pages

By phone from Buckland: Percy Ballot, Eunice Hadley and Delbert Thomas, Sr.

By phone from Selawik: George Sheldon and pretty soon, Clyde Ramoth

Kotzebue DFG staff: Charlotte Westing, Susan Bucknell

By phone from Fairbanks DFG: Brendon Scanlon

Charlotte reviewed the pilot orientation being drafted, and asked for information to include from their region. Percy said we don't want wasted meat. Hunters should give it away, if they don't want it, but keep it in edible condition. Or dry it.

Good idea to send maps out to the IRAs for communities to identify areas of concern. For Buckland it's where they can boat to. They can't get further up the river by boat late in the fall, so it's mostly closer above the village that's an area of concern. And below the village.

BOG Statewide Proposals

35 and 36 - No action

Percy said we just take bears for meat or if they're terrorizing a camp.

(Clyde arrived at this point.)

38 Fails 0/5 Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eunice

Percy wondered if village IRAs would be eligible as non-profits to receive funds, but didn't want to open up sales of gall bladders - if it's legalized there might be more wanton waste. Clyde agreed, we don't want to make any excuse for anyone to cut out gallbladders.

39 and 40 Failed 0/5 Moved by Clyde, seconded by George

People asked about making crafts; Charlotte said it's already legal to sell things you make, just not trophies.

41 Passes as amended 5/0

Charlotte said that now only bloodshot meat can be left as inedible. Proposal 43 seeks to include diseased meat. Other ACs are concerned about that being used as an excuse for wasting meat. She reviewed the amendments of the Kotzebue AC:

-disease means transmissible to humans

-leave only diseased parts, bring in the rest

-apply only for caribou, only in Units 23 and 26A

-require hunter to report to DPS within 48 hours

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-no trophy salvage if meat is left

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eunice, to pass with those amendments.

42 No action

43 Failed 0/5 Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eunice

Percy said it's clear to oppose this one.

47 Fails 0/5 Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eunice

Charlotte introduced the proposal. Clyde asked if owls are taken for food or for cultural use? Percy said some of their elders used to eat them, not too many left that do that. He asked if owl populations are okay. If there's no problem, committee wants to leave this the same, keep owls available for the few who use them.

Board of Fisheries Proposal 68 Passed as amended, to apply sport fish bag limits. Brendon Scanlon reviewed the proposal. He said that in northern Norton Sound a free permit is required and sport fish bag limits apply, but not on the Kuskokwim. Proposal 68 would include the Selawik, Buckland, Kobuk and Noatak rivers, and be open to all Alaska residents.

Brendon said the department is neutral, but would recommend daily sport fish bag limits. Clyde said on the Selawik 95% of us rod and reel sometimes, but it's food for the table and the freezer, it's not sport fishing. He'd worry about the numbers of fish taken, and about waste that could attract black bears. He could support as long as we have law enforcement so there's not problems. Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eunice

Percy asked for clarity on the non-resident bag limit for caribou. Charlotte said it went from one to two, and some ACs are drafting a letter to the BOG to express their concerns about that.

Percy said caribou are dwindling, we should write a letter also. Discussed that it was Proposal 26 passed at the November BOG meeting. Percy said he'll discuss it with the IRA and will draft a letter for Ron to sign, or the whole committee to sign. Something simple, others can add to it. Clyde will get with Percy with additions.

Next meeting, election of officers.

Percy thanked everybody for working to keep the resources healthy.

# STATE OF ALASKA

## Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee

**SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR**

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January 5, 2010  
Minutes

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Copper Basing Fish and Game Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:10 p.m. at the Tazlina Community Hall in Tazlina, Alaska.

### **Roll Call:**

Don Horrell, Chair	Roy S Ewan
Chuck McMahan, Vice Chair	Loren Bell
Karen Linnell, Secretary	Nick Jackson
Nathan Woodcock	Mike Roscovius
Dave Sarafin	Dave Bruss
Jim Odin	Bruce Dickerson
Mel Matthews	Fred Williams (Absent)
Jim Fimple (Absent)	

### **Others Present:**

Alysia White	Elmer Marshall
Robert Fithian	Barbara Cellarius, NPS
Bob Toby, ADF&G	Becky Schwanke, ADF&G
Jon Simeon, ADF&G	Gloria Stickwan, Ahtna
Ken Johns, Ahtna	Mark Sommerville, ADF&G

A quorum is established.

For the record: Notice of Meeting was on the radio and posted at the Glennallen, Gakona and Copper Center Post Offices.

### **Elections:**

Don Horrell announced that the following terms have expired and are up for re-election:

Loren Bell, Tazlina  
Dave Bruss, Chitina  
Roy S Ewan, Gakona  
Bruce Dickerson, Tolsona  
Jim Fimple, Alternate  
Nathan Woodcock, Alternate

Bruce Dickerson moved to open nominations. Loren Bell seconded.

Chuck McMahan nominated Dave Bruss for Chitina and asked for unanimous consent. Seconded by Loren Bell. No opposition.

Bruce nominated Roy S Ewan and asked for unanimous consent. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. No opposition.

Bruce nominated Loren Bell and asked for unanimous consent. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. No opposition.

Jim Oden nominated Bruce Dickerson for Tolsona and asked for unanimous consent. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. No opposition.

Bruce nominated Jim Fimple for alternate asking unanimous consent. Seconded by Chuck McMahan. No opposition.

Copper Center

Karen Linnell nominated Alysia White. Seconded by Chuck McMahan

Chuck McMahan nominated Nathan Woodcock. Second Mike Roscovius

Nathan Woodcock is the new Copper Center representative, Alysia White is the Alternate.

### **Election of Officers.**

Don Horrell nominated Chuck McMahan for Chair.

Mike Roscovius moved to close nominations. Seconded by Nick Jackson, motion carried.

Chuck nominated Mel Mathews for Vice Chair. Seconded by Mike Roscovius.

Jim Oden moved to close nominations. Seconded by Nick Jackson, motion carried

Loren Bell nominated Karen Linnell, seconded by Don Horrell.

Mike Roscovius moved to close nominations. Seconded by Nick Jackson, motion carried.

### **ADF&G Staff Report**

Bob Tobey reported that the wolf count is decreasing and therefore the moose count is rising. The bull to cow ratio is in good shape. Unit 13 is under the intensive management; which the objective is to manage the area to increase the Moose & Caribou for human consumption.

Estimating that the 2009 moose harvest is around 850 moose; inclusive of the Ahtna Community Harvest, the drawing hunts, the general hunt, and the non-resident drawing hunt. Expect to see in an increase in drawing permits.

If they continue to see a rise in the population...they may be recommending a drawing cow hunt for 2011. This is an allocation issue, and may be an adjustment in the allocation. These drawing hunts will be in a very remote area. Want to limit the moose density in specific areas. Harvests are up; may allocate more this year, bulls only.

Chuck asked about the objective to 1050 to 2000. Is that to meet the harvest objectives? Bob said that we are reaching near maximum of sustainable resources. Habitat will not support an over abundance of moose population.

Questions regarding relaxing Moose hunt requirements. Three brow tines, anybulls? There are too many hunters and population can be decimated in one year. This would be run similar to the Caribou hunt; when the objective level is met, the permit cow hunt will be implemented, when numbers drop, the permit hunts will be closed.

How will the cow hunt affect the wolf control? What if the BOG decides to stop wolf control? If that happens, the cow hunt will be stopped. It takes about 3 years for the Wolf population to recover after the wolf control is stopped.

There was a question as to when the counts were done. Wolf counts are done in the spring after trapping. Moose populations are counted right after the rut in the fall.

Board of Game, Bob Fithian doesn't see that the BOG will pull away from those active management programs.

Caribou: Population is at 34,000 we're about 1,000 below our objective. We closed the cow hunt of caribou; we're not sure why were not getting those numbers. Caribou is getting stressed in the winter. With the fires of 2004, it has changed the caribou migration. They are stressed over loss of habitat. We're looking at investigating why the numbers are not rising.

Questions on Federal Management and how they manage; if the state recommends a harvestable amount, the BLM usually follows it. Bob has heard that there has been an allocation for BLM for studies.

Bears: 154 taken in 2008-09, 13A research done. Not all bears are moose killers. We have a very productive bear population. As many are harvested, the count returns.

Mat-Su is involved in reorganizing breaking up region II, basically pull Anchorage and Kenai and make it one region, 13, 14B, A, 16, 17 and make Region IV. Intensive Management rural areas can be in a like area; suggesting that Region II, population centers; Region IV, rural areas (predator control).

### **Federal Proposals in Unit 11/13**

Don Horrell introduced Barbara Cellarius from the Wrangell St-Elias Natational Park. She brought a few federal proposals up for review to the committee's attention. Although the comment period has past, we can send comments into Barb Cellarius and she will forward on to the South Central RAC.

Federal Proposal 27, Federal harvest of caribou limit is 2 per person; this proposes a change to 1 caribou per person. Justification: to allow harvest to spread throughout the communities.

Mike Roscovius moved to support Proposal 27, seconded by Bruce Dickerson.

Discussion: With Tier I, you are not eligible for 4 more years. A lot of people depend on caribou, are not putting in for Tier I and are depending on Federal hunt to get their caribou. One per person; may be putting the cart before the horse; we should wait to see what types of land status changes will occur before we make any changes. The Rural/Non-Rural status is reviewed every 10 years, the Federal Board will be revisiting the Rural Non-Rural Use and C&T in the next couple of years. Motion carried with a vote of 7 to 5 in favor of proposal.

Discussion on how communities get C&T determinations. Any changes will have to go through the proposal process. Until land status has been finalized, there isn't a whole lot that we can look at today.

The Subsistence Resource Commission is being reviewed by Secretary of Interior; composition is set in ANILCA, 3 by the Governor, 3 by Secretary of Interior, and 3 by the Regional Advisory Councils.

Federal Proposal 28 proposes that Federal Moose in 13B is set to 1 per person be changed to 1 per household and lengthens the season to Aug 20 to 9/30. Current dates are August 1 – Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Mike Roscovius moved to support Proposal 28 seconded by Chuck McMahan. State is opposed to this changing of dates. Mike Roscovius moves to amend the season from August 1 to September 20th, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion to amend carries with 11 for and 1 against. Amended motion passes 12 to 0.

Federal Proposals 29 and 30 are regarding brown and black bear. Federal program uses C&T as to who can hunt where. These two proposals add 2 sections of road, South of Sanford River, Tok Cutoff Road, and Nabesna road to C&T determination. Justification: They live just across the watershed divide and fall in the Upper Tanana and Upper Copper River region.

Chuck moves to support Proposal 29 and 30 seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion fails with 2 for and 10 against.

Federal Proposal 34, Wolverine trapping proposal proposes to undo a change made a couple of years ago that ties Wolverine and Lynx trapping dates. Right now, if there is a change in Lynx trapping dates, it would change wolverine trapping dates. Nov 10-Feb 28 for wolverine. No action taken.

Federal Prop 90 is similar to the bear proposals, C&T Proposal for people who live on Tok Cutoff Road and do not have for Caribou. Chuck moves to support proposal 90, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion fails with 0 for and 12 against.

### **State Proposals**

Proposal 2- Repeal the need to obtain a harvest ticket, prior to harvesting of black bear. State is trying to obtain harvest data. They have no population data to base any arguments on in the court.

Mike Roscovius moved to adopt Proposal 2, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion failed 0 to 12.

Proposal 5- lower the age for harvest ticket from 10 to 8. Right now, they have to take a hunter education class. Mike Roscovius moved to adopt proposal 5, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion failed 0 to 12.

Comments: Most youth at 8 years do not have the maturity or capability of passing that hunter education course.

Proposal 11-Fish and Game Proposal; removes C&T Use, changed big game to Caribou, Deer and Moose, request letter of authorization prior to taking of any animal.

Mike Roscovius moved to adopt proposal 11, seconded Nick Jackson. Motion carries 12 to 0.

Comments: This clearly defines allowable game and requires an authorization prior to the taking of an animal. It may aid in reducing abuse or miscommunication.

Chuck McMahan moved to adopt proposal 12, seconded by Nick Jackson. Motion fails 0 to 12.

Comments: This is not a subsistence food gathering, it is a religious ceremony and people should be able to practice and harvest their meat for religious ceremony where they live and practice those religious ceremonies.

Chuck McMahan moved to adopt Proposal 14, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion withdrawn; no action taken.

Comments: Support use of Potlatch hunt. Needs to be more closely monitored and permits written. Need to have this proposal more clearly written or defined. Does this affect others that come into the area, they should have to follow these same regulations. Caucusing with BOG and other AC's may be a good place to work some of this out.

Nick Jackson excused at 9:06 PM  
Alysia White is sitting in.

Bruce Dickerson moved to adopt Proposal 23, seconded by Mel Matthews. Motion fails 0 to 12.

Comments: This harvest that should be left to professionals for safety issues, it should be people that are well versed in the area and terrain regardless of employment. People that are given permits are closely monitored. This is discriminatory against rural residents.

Roy S Ewan moved to adopt Proposal 25, seconded by Mike Roscovius. Bear baiting within a 1/2 mile of a school. Motion failed 0 to 12.

Comments: This would of passed if it said just said schools or businesses; it's too restrictive.

Bruce Dickerson moved to adopt Proposal 28, seconded by Mike Roscovius. Elimination of Non-resident hunters. Motion failed 0 to 12.

Comments: Lack of impact on the resource and good economic impact on local economy.

Proposal 29 and 30: No action, see Proposal 28.

Chuck moved to adopt Proposal 35, seconded by Bruce Dickerson. Motion failed 0 to 12

Comments: Leaves too much room for abuse. Not an issue, if trapper gets word out that he can't make it out for another month, he reports his take and brings hides in for tagging as soon as he can.

Proposal 36; see Proposal 35.

Proposal 37-- No action.

Proposal 38 -- No action.

Proposal 39 – No action.

Proposal 40 – No action

Bruce Dickerson moved to adopt Proposal 41, seconded by Mike Roscovius Motion fails 0 to 12.

Comments: Allows hunter to determine that meat is inedible. This encourages abuse and wanton waste. There are already regulations in place to take care of inedible meat.

Loren Bell moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Linnell  
Secretary



Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010

Members Present: David Martin, Steve Vanek, Teague Vanek, John McCombs, Doug Blossom, Clyde Clucas, Mike Schuster, Max Fjelstad, Gary Dieman, Richard Mondor

Members Absent Excused: Jeff Berger, Terry Hepner

Meeting began at 7: pm.

Public Present: Greg Encelewski (SC RAC), Janet Clucas, Mark Clucas, Nancy Hilstrand

ADF&G Present: Sherry Wright

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. Update on correspondence was given.

Announcements of upcoming deadlines were made.

A response from Doug Vincent Lang regarding removing the Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear from the Species of Special Concern list.

Nominations were as follows: Doug Blossom, Teague Vanek, Max Fjelstad, Greg Encelewski, Richard Mondor

Doug Blossom moved nominations cease. John McCombs 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Elections were held with the following results: Doug Blossom, Teague Vanek and Max Fjelstad were elected for three years. Greg Encelewski and Richard Mondor were elected for one year alternate seats.

### **Board of Game Statewide Proposal comments**

Discussion of Board of Game cycle changes proposed. Concern of the game cycles lack of ability to address concerns. The petition and agenda change request are still avenues to address these concerns. It would mean a much longer time before we can have effective input.

There is support for one proposal book per year, but keep the two year cycle. The deadline May 10 was acceptable.

Doug Blossom moved to accept part A (one book) and not part B (three year cycle).  
Mike Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup>. 11-0 Support

Proposal 1            Action Taken: 0-11 Opposed

Comment: In hunter education, a cross bow is treated essentially like a rifle. They can be used in the general hunting season. Only if you are hunting in the archery only hunt, are you required to fulfill the educational requirement.

Proposal 2            Action Taken: No action

Comment Based on Prop 3

Proposal 3            Action Taken: Support 11-0

Comment This is a housekeeping proposal. We agree with simplifying and clarifying the reporting requirements.

Proposal 4            Action Taken: 5-6 Opposed

Comment: If this is the only data the department will get. If the data is needed that's fine, but another burden on the hunter is not needed. Better records are good to have in times of poor productivity in the populations, allowing studies to be ongoing. If the department had put this proposal in, there would have been additional support. This will just be more cost. For many years this was not deemed necessary.

Proposal 5            Action Taken: 0 – 11 Opposed

Comment This is just putting another tag into a family. Ten is young enough and they should be with a family member that young anyhow. It's fine the way it is.

Proposal 6            Action Taken: 0-11 Opposed

Amend: add a requirement to show Fish & Game employee identification in lieu of an enforcement badge.    Vote on the amendment 8 – 3 Support

Amendment may lead to approval.

Comment: There is a concern that this would put a lot of untrained people in positions of authority and may create more confusion than good. Employees should have some training so they know what they are doing and for safety for themselves. There is a safety concern of an untrained individual's potential reaction (or over-reaction) and a concern of abuse. There is a recognized need for increased enforcement.

Proposal 7            Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: It makes sense to recognize a permanent disability as permanent.

Proposal 8            Action Taken: No action

Comment: Proxy is under Title 16.

Proposal 9            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: There are other opportunities to get permits.

Proposal 10           Action Taken: 0-11 Opposed

Comment: Brown bear baiting is currently only done in predator control areas.

Proposal 11a           Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Amend: as amended by the department to read "game" and requirement of a permit

Comment: This will help clean up abuse of this regulation and is not anticipated to increase harvest. A permit will be required prior to harvest. A

Proposal 13 Action Taken: No action

Comment: Based on Proposal 11 action

Proposal 15-17, 19-22 Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: Do not support the expansion of foreign species into Alaska, especially snakes and monkeys. These animals can bring in diseases and displace the natural species.

Proposal 18 Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: Agree with the department.

Proposal 23 Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: Why not? Telling a bunch of people they can't participate in this program has nothing to do with guiding. It is discriminatory.

Proposal 24 Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: This liberalizes the ability to harvest predators and they agree with the department.

Proposal 25 Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: Good to alleviate bad press. It is an appropriate clarification with the intent of the law and they agree with the department.

Proposal 26 Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: If the objective is to take out predators, it should be allowed. Would rather that brown bears were added to the harvest.

Proposal 27 Action Taken: 0 -11 Oppose

Comment: Anyone should be able to be trained and authorized by the department to use snares.

Proposal 28 Action Taken: 0 – 11 Oppose

Comment: The goal of the state needs to be to continue predator control permanently and allow for the determination of the allowable amounts available for harvest. This would create one more hurdle for the state to create a predator control area and should be done area by area.

Proposal 29 Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: This adds restrictions to the existing regulations and is similar to Prop 28.

Proposal 30 Action Taken: 0 – 11 Oppose

Comment: Same comments as Prop 28.

Proposal 31            Action Taken: 0-11 Opposed  
Comment: Use of the words “may do” makes it difficult to support. If there is a problem with helicopters, it can be addressed at that time. Eliminating the people who are actively eliminating predators is counter-intuitive to the program. There may also be people fishing at this time, so all helicopters may not be for this program. This should have been two separate proposals, rather than two issues combined as one.

Proposal 32            Action Taken: 11-0 Support  
Comment: This will create predator control and we support it and the department.

Proposal 33            Action Taken: 11-0  
Comment: Scientific analysis of the carrying capacity has shown a lower number is needed.

Proposal 34            Action Taken: 11-0 Support  
Amend: Action items need to be added as follows: Include methods and techniques used in Unit 16 for predator control, reclassify black bears as furbearers, need more access on federal lands for bear baiting and predator control. Justifications for having predator control includes eliminating the forked horn moose harvest for two years in 15A, increase the bear harvest bag limit to 5, elimination of non-resident hunting for a two year period, consider hiring professional hunters and trappers on federal land, as done in Lower 48 and see that it is accelerated, writing a letter to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Andy Lorenger is the new refuge manager) requesting cooperation, open up more bear baiting whether black bear or brown, issue 50 brown bear permits for Unit 15. Predator management should also be extended to units 15 B and 15C using the above techniques..  
Comment: Moose have not met their population objective in the last 10 of 11 years. State land is very limited in this area. Cooperation between land managers will be needed if any improvement in moose populations is to be expected in 15A.

Proposal 35            Action Taken: 0 -11 Oppose  
Comment: Support the ability of the department to gather information.

Proposal 36            Action Taken: 0 – 11 Oppose  
Comment: Same reasons as Proposal 35

Proposal 37            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose  
Comment Same reasons as Proposal 35

Proposal 38            Action Taken: 11-0 Supported as amended  
Amend: Eliminate the non-profit organization  
Comment: Part of the objectives stated for 15A is controlling predators. By reclassifying black bears as furbearers any part of the animal can be sold including the gall-bladder. Alaska has one of the easiest laws regarding gifting a gall bladder. If you can give someone a gall-bladder, then why not be able to sell it?

Proposal 39            Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: Proposals that will increase the harvest of bears is a good thing at this time.

Proposal 40            Action Taken: 6-5 Support

Comment: A trophy is a dollar investment that in times of economic hardships a person should be allowed to recover the cost. It is not believed this would increase harvest because there is a bag limit. Five were opposed to selling mounts.

Proposal 41            Action Taken: 0-11 Opposed

Comment: Disease is not defined. There have been instances of meat that is not appealing, but is still edible. Agree with the department.

Proposal 42            Action Taken: 0 -11 Opposed

Comment: Waste is already defined.

Proposal 43            Action Taken: 0 – 11 Opposed

Comment: Agree with the department.

Proposal 46            Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: Crossbows need a definition

Proposal 47            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: Agree with the department

Proposal 48            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: This creates a loophole in the regulation based on what position you hold the skull.

Proposal 49            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: This is currently the standard operating practice. Support department position.

Proposal 50            Action Taken: 0-11 Oppose

Comment: This may do away with public participation if it is out of cycle and out of the area being dealt with at the time. Issues should be brought up using the established BoG process on the regular 2 year cycle.

Proposal 51            Action Taken: 11-0 Support

Comment: This is a housekeeping proposal.

Proposal 52            Action Taken: 10-1 Support

Comment: The proponent attended the meeting. She has been putting in proposals on sea ducks since 1982. There is no agency of the state that gathers information on the sea ducks specifically. 5 years of surveys have been compiled for Kachemak Bay, which is a critical habitat area. The hopes of a management plan so the 15 species can be separately studied and managed is the goal. Sea ducks are a sporting harvest or for trophy, they are not a food animal. There have been several reports put out by several interest groups

noting the decline. If your limit is two birds, it's unlikely a person would have the incentive to run a guided operation. This is a conservative measure to reduce the harvest until it can be studied.

Committee approved to send the chair or his designee to the Statewide BOG meeting. Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of February at 7 pm at Ninilchik School to prepare comments on BOF Statewide proposals. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.

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6:32PM

Present; Crawford, Shadura II, Brandt, Vandevere, Mandurano, Corr, Bernecker, Payne, Bucy, Ermold, Darby, Joseph, Maher, and Foust. Darch and Eggemeyer present not voting. Absent Tappan, Carmichael, and Dykema.

Guests; Jeff Seelinger ADF&G, Ted Spraker BOG, and Nancy Hillstrand.

### **Board of Game Statewide Proposal comments**

Shadura II moved to adopt proposal 3, Corr seconded. Housekeeping, unanimous consent 14/0/0.

Ermold moved to adopt proposal 5, Maher seconded. Pro; if a child that young is able to pass the Hunter education class than they should be able to participate. Objection: Just another avenue to put a moose in the freezer. 1/13/0 motion failed.

Shadura II moved to adopt proposal 6, Corr seconded. Corr moved to amend the proposal to include an employee of Department **of Fish & Game** or a peace officer **after presenting official credentials**, Vandevere seconded. Unanimous consent on the amendment. 14/0/0. Unanimous consent on proposal 6 as amended. 14/0/0

Shadura II moved to adopt proposal 18, Corr seconded. 13/1/0. Objection; the right to have a pet.

Corr moved to adopt proposal 22, Brandt seconded. 1/12/1, pro; recognized as domestic animal and people should be allowed to choose their pets. Objection: concern about behavior of exotic pets and diseases that could be brought into the State.  
Maher moved to adopt proposal 24, Corr seconded. 13/0/1, abstention; not enough knowledge.

Crawford moved to adopt proposal 23, Maher seconded. Maher made an amendment and withdrew before finishing. Unanimous consent. Someone's occupation should not disallow them in participating in legal activities. The AC supports the idea that aerial shooting of wolves is an important part of intensive predator management and should not be limited to specific persons.

Seelinger spoke to proposal 34 submitted by ADF&G, he gave pertinent history and data regarding the intent.

Brandt moved to adopt proposal 34, Vandevere seconded. Discussion within the committee to see that ADF&G is supported on this proposal. Comments are attached in a letter to Board Supports.

Crawford moved to adopt proposal 38, Corr seconded. 0/14/0

Nancy Hillstrand is the composer of proposal 52, she gave pertinent history and data regarding the intent.

Corr moved to adopt proposal 39, Maher seconded. 11/2/1, pro; allows for use of hides, Objection; harvested animals should be fully utilized.

Brandt moved to adopt proposal 52, Vandevere seconded. Crawford made an amendment to the proposal; change to 6 seaducks per day 12 in possession, 1 of which can be common eider, 2 schoter, 2 golden eye, 2 long tail, 2 harlequin, Shadura II seconded. Maher made an amendment to the amendment to up the limit to 4 golden eye, 4 longtail and 4 harlequin with bag limit to be 6 per day 12 in possession, Corr seconded. Shadura II called the question on the amendment to the amendment. 1/9/4, Motion failed. Corr made an amendment to the amendment to change the bag limit to 10 per day, Maher seconded. Vandevere called the question on the amendment to the amendment. 5/9/0, motion failed. Maher made and amendment to the amendment to change the bag limit to 8, Corr seconded. 6/8/0 Motion failed. Shadura II called the question on the amendment, 12/0/2. Abstention; bag limit to restrictive. Crawford asked for unanimous consent to adopt proposal 52 as amended, seeing no objection adoption passes with unanimous consent with recommendations for a management plan and studies.

Chair Crawford requested to travel to Anchorage for the Board of Game meeting to represent the AC. No objection from the committee. Shadura II requested to travel to Anchorage for the Statewide Board of Fish in March, to be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday February 10, 2010, Statewide Board of Fish proposals. Place to be announced.

Brandt moved to adjourn, Corr seconded. Meeting adjourned 11:00PM



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Present; Crawford, Shadura II, Brandt, Tappan, Hardy, Bernecker, Payne, Dykema, Carmichael. Absent; Vandevere, Hunt, Mandurano, Bucy, Beard, Lucking, Burnett

Tappan moved to support proposal 41, Brandt Seconded. 0/9/1. Abstention: traditional customary cultural values should be taken into consideration.

Hardy moved to support proposal 51, Corr Seconded. 8/1/1. Objection: creates confusion, consistency should be the main issue.

Look at proposal 52 for next meeting, Nancy Hillstrand to speak to this proposal.

Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned.

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Board Members,

The Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee (K/SF&GAC) gives its full support to the development and implementation of an intensive management plan to increase the moose population in Unit 15A. We recommend the population and harvest objectives as outlined in **Proposal 34 – 5 AAC 92.125. Predation Control Areas Implementation Plans**, and recognize that two means are necessary to achieve those objectives; intensive predator management measures and continued habitat enhancement projects.

The AC recognizes that issues related to limited access, restrictions on means and methods and differences in State and Federal regulations within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR) area are not consistent with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) objectives. We support the notion of liberalizing any of the restrictive measures on State lands that would further the objectives of this proposal and encourage similar, if not identical measures to be taken on in the KNWR, since 80% of Unit 15A is located there. We understand that a positive and cooperative working relationship is necessary at both the State and local levels. We believe that this is necessary to achieve a goal that all vested parties will benefit from.

The K/SF&GAC highly encourages you to make any necessary adjustments in policy or regulation to further achieve the objectives of this proposal. We recognize the needs for an intensive and timely coordinated predator management plan and for habitat enhancement as an effort to increase and sustain the moose population in 15A.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this proposal and the K/SF&GAC would be willing to assist in further recommendations if so desired.

Respectfully,

Mike Crawford, Chair  
Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Upper Kobuk and Noatak/Kivalina AC Joint teleconference meeting  
Thursday, January 14th, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
Draft minutes, 2 pages

Upper Kobuk AC: Marvin Joe Cleveland and Frank Downey in Ambler; Glenn Douglas and Warren Douglas in Shungnak. (Long distance phone service down for Kobuk, so Elmer and Alex excused.) Louie Commack called in later.

Noatak/Kivalina AC: Janet Mills, Eli Mitchell, Melford Booth, Enoch Mitchell in Noatak. Joe Swan from Kivalina, joined by Enoch Adams, Jr. and Reppie Barr.

DFG staff: Susan Bucknell, James Magdanz, Jim Dau, and Charlotte Westing in Kotzebue; Jim Menard by phone from Nome.

Department of Public Safety: Eric Lorring

## **Fisheries**

### **BOF Proposal 68 Carried unanimously**

Jim Magdanz explained the proposal.

Frank Downey said he strongly supports it because on the upper Kobuk they consider rod and reel as a subsistence method. They don't do catch-and-release, people are fishing for food to eat fresh or dry or put in the freezer. Every fish is used. Prices are so high for fuel, it's efficient to fish from the bank. Many people don't have boats to set nets anyway, and the price of nets is high too.

Glenn Douglas said he agrees 100 per cent, they do the same thing in Shungnak.

Reppie Barr said in summer Kivalina people take home a lot of fish with rod and reel. A lot of people don't have boats.

Eli Mitchell said we strongly support this also. Particularly since Noatak doesn't get barge service, everything is flown in and the price of fuel and everything is very high.

Frank Downey said they rod and reel in the spring for sheefish when it's too warm to hang the sheefish to dry. Hardly for grayling at all, and later on they use nets for salmon and whitefish.

Jim Menard explained that the department is neutral. Rod and reel is legal in northern Norton Sound, with sport fish bag limits. If it becomes legal subsistence gear, all Alaska residents will qualify. It works well in northern Norton Sound. Southern Norton Sound put in a proposal similar to this one, but excepting Unalakleet River. The department would expect sport fish bag limits to apply if the board passes this.

Joe Swan said rod and reel is easier for him; it takes a lot of people to seine. He finds it hard to believe you can be penalized for using rod and reel for subsistence. His daughter was cited for that.

Joe said in June you can't really use nets because there's 24-hour daylight, the river is crystal clear, (unless it rains) and fish don't hit the nets.

Frank Downey will travel to the BOF meeting for Upper Kobuk, and Noatak/Kivalina will select someone.

### **Wildlife**

Jim Dau discussed the pilot orientation. Frank Downey said it would be better to sit down together with a map to discuss it.

Frank said it's pretty hard to hunt up river when a small plane is starting to circle and scaring your game away.

Discussion of sending out maps to communities to specify areas of concern. Maps will go to the IRAs in villages.

There was discussion of what activities are legal on the Wulik and Kivalina Rivers, and about controlled use areas.

Enoch Mitchell said that with the low bull count, he's concerned about the 2 caribou limit for nonresidents. Jim Dau said there was no problem with the bull/cow ratio last time they counted but a lot of people have mentioned that, so they'll look next fall.

Joe Swan asked about Kivalina getting a permit to get a muskox for Thanksgiving, and Charlotte said there is no potluck provision for muskox.

### **Proposal 41 No action**

Jim said there's a hole in the regulations re sick animals. He's been in the region 20 years and always heard that people were taught to leave a sick animal. But that can get you cited.

Enoch asked about rabies in caribou. Jim said there's been a couple documented cases, in reindeer or caribou. It's not legal to cull a sick animal.

Eric Lorring encouraged people to bring in meat, just cut out any bad parts. Jim agreed, and to let F&G or Eric know; he's really like to see a sample, or take a picture, let them know.

### **Proposal 47 No action**

There was some discussion of snowy owl population and subsistence use.

Jim Dau reminded people he wants caribou jaws, and he can donate gas to Search and Rescue or a culture camp, for example, in exchange.

Joe asked for Reppie Barr and Enoch Adams, Jr. to be added to the committee.

Kotzebue Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers.

Draft minutes

Meeting called to order approximately 7:15 p.m.

Quorum established with Pete Schaeffer, Pierre Lonewolf, Alex Whiting, Victor Karmun and Allen Upicksoun. Excused: John Goodwin travelling to a meeting, Mike Kramer at Red Dog.

DFG staff: Charlotte Westing, Jim Dau, Jim Magdanz, Susan Bucknell.

Brandon Scanlon by phone from Fairbanks, Jim Menard by phone from Nome.

Brandon Saito, USFWS, Tom Okleasik, Northwest Arctic Borough and Cyrus Harris, Maniilaq Traditional Foods Program.

Fisheries

Proposal 68 Carries 5/0

Jim Magdanz reviewed the department comments. Jim Menard described the situation in Norton Sound, with the northern area having adopted rod and reel for subsistence a few years back, and southern Norton Sound proposing it this year, but excluding the Unalakleet drainage.

Alex said that people do use rod and reel for subsistence and it should be legal.

Pete asked why Unalakleet would want to opt out. Menard said there's a lodge and a lot of sport fishing traffic flying in.

Alex said people who fly in to fish would have a sportfish license anyway; remove the administrative hassle for people local people by recognizing the fishery for what it is.

Menard said the concern was that people would load up, so sport fish bag limits were applied.

Alex said applying sport fish bag limits for a subsistence fishery is a concession by the people who are fishing as a subsistence activity, but acceptable to counter the risk of people abusing the opportunity.

Tom Okleasik said that Unalakleet River has a really big king salmon run, that was probably the concern down there.

## Wildlife

Jim Dau asked for specific ideas for the pilot orientation. He said it will be primarily through the Internet, but has to be in printable form also.

Alex suggested Jim draft a skeleton document to circulate for people to fill in suggestions. Pierre said he will email Jim his suggestions.

Alex asked about what kind of requirements the park service or the Selawik Refuge have. Brandon Saito said 2,000 feet is suggested over the refuge.

Pierre mentioned one time he and Victor counted six planes in an hour at 500 feet or less, from where they were hunting.

Allen said the commercial limit is 500 feet. Eric Lorring said it's a 500 foot bubble in all directions.

Tom Okleasik said he'd like the orientation to include the borough permitting regs. Also the North Slope Borough permitting regs, as part of Unit 23 is in the North Slope Borough. Many of the complaints the borough gets are about

people operating in areas they're not supposed to be in. He said they had reports of same day airborne caribou taken on the Dall Creek airstrip. There was discussion of hunting on, from or across a landing strip; Eric Lorrington said that sounds citable.

People discussed the size of numbers of aircraft. Alex said putting big numbers on aircraft, and getting the pilot orientation, can be a good thing for a pilot to show goodwill and avoid blame if other planes are causing problems. More discussion. Jim will circulate a draft pilot orientation by March, and get something online by August, maybe even July, for sheep hunting season. Eric Lorrington said we need better maps to show the complex land ownership.

Charlotte Westing reviewed wildlife proposals.

Proposal 35 and 36 Failed 0/5

Charlotte said the tooth data really helps the department monitor the bear population. Alex said it's not a burden for those leaving the region to go to F&G for sealing. Pierre agreed.

Proposal 38 Failed 0/5

Slippery slope...

Proposal 39 Failed 0/5

Proposal 40 Failed 0/5

Proposal 41 Passed as amended, 5/0

There was much discussion. Alex said he supports the concept of the department addressing the issue of diseased meat, to clarify the definition of edible meat since everybody knows that occasionally diseased meat occurs and nobody eats it.

Tom Okleasik said the borough is very concerned, and totally opposes 41 unless it's amended. He said if meat is left because of disease, antlers must be left also.

Alex said the definition of edible meat should reflect reality and what people would actually eat.

Jim Dau reviewed four department ideas to amend the proposal:

Alex said that sounded like a good definition, he would support those amendments. Tom said he's still very concerned about the trophy aspect, not addressed in the department amendment.

Amended to include four points from the department comments;

- disease means transmissible to people
- only leave diseased parts, bring in the rest
- apply only to caribou, and only in 23 and 26A
- hunter is required to report to DPS within 48 hours
- and also that antlers can't be taken if the meat is left (this was included as an amendment in response to the NWAB's concern that trophy hunters would abuse this in order to not salvage meat from the field).

Proposal 42      No Action

Proposal 43      Fails 0/5



Proposal 47      Fails 0/5

### Proposed BOG schedule changes

People discussed using emergency closures and agenda change requests, if the BOG goes to a three-year cycle. Pete said that he was disappointed the BOG raised the non-resident bag limit before the results of last summer's caribou count was available. Pete said every advisory committee in this region opposed the change in the bag limit. The one-caribou limit was working well to reduce user conflict. It would have been good to see if the herd is declining or stable or what, before making any change. The feeling in some areas of the region is that the herd was very spread out, and didn't go to the usual places.

Action item: Committee moved to draft a letter to the Alaska Board of Game about these concerns.

Next meeting: For advisory committee elections, and to discuss the NPS caribou collaring project. Probably mid-March.

Charlotte brought up a hunter education project, using interested people in the community to address care of meat, hunter ethics, firearm safety, water safety, hypothermia and first aid. They want to have six stations, rotate eighth graders through them, April 15th at the high school. There will be a meeting soon to line out teachers for each group, then the groups can work out the details for their presentations.

Adjourn about 9:15pm

Members Present: Billy Coulliette, Dr James Givens, George Heim, John Pearson, Karl Romig, Bob Overman, Kyle Kolodziejski, Robert Gibson, Gerald Neis

Members Absent Excused: Mike Adams, Colin Lowe, Erik Fish

Public Present: Joel Norris, Ed Holsten

ADF&G Staff Present: Sherry Wright

Meeting began at 6:01 pm with approval of the agenda and minutes of previous meeting.

Election Nominees were as follows: Colin Lowe, Bob Overman, Billy Coulliette, Erick Fish, Kyle Kolodziejski, Gerald Neis, John Pearson, Ed Holsten

Motion was made to approve all the nominees for membership by James Givens. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerald Neis. Motion carried.

Election results were as follows: Billy Coulliette, Gerald Neis, Bob Overman and John Pearson were elected for three year seats, Kyle Kolodziejski, Colin Lowe and Ed Holstein were elected for two year seats, and Erik Fish was elected as a one year alternate.

**Board of Game Statewide proposal comments**

Board cycle – There was general agreement with the annual proposal deadline and the three year cycle.

Proposal 1

Action Taken 0-10 Oppose

Comments: Don't deem this is necessary. If arrows were identified it could be traced if a wounded animal was in the field.

Proposal 2

Action Taken 9 -2 Support

Comments: Support because black bear harvest ticket just started to be required recently. It's just one more thing people have to be aware of. Agree that this may impact incidental harvest in an area that is looking to reduce predators. Bears still need to be sealed. This is just another layer of bureaucracy. Opposition felt it gives better information and management control.

Proposal 3

Action Taken 10-0 Support

Comments: Agree this is housekeeping.

Proposal 4

Action Taken 9-1 Support as amended

Amend: Use sample surveys for all species for which harvest tickets are given and eliminate the harvest report based on department rationale for deer

9-1 on the amendment (opposing vote on the amendment felt it would create inconsistency in management statistics compared to other species and loss of management tool).

Comments: This is just one more thing department will have to do and cover the cost. If you are going to take data, might as well take data on everything.

Proposal 5 Action Taken 10-0 Support

Comments: Children have different levels of maturity. This would allow another harvest ticket (potentially) for the home. They would still need to pass a hunter ed class.

Proposal 6 Action Taken 2-6-2 Oppose

Comments: There is a reason game officials have a gun. This is pretty broad and would have untrained people trying to do this job. There is support for better enforcement and this might be a method of identifying problems for law enforcement. There is opportunity for staff to get enforcement training if they desire to do so. There is also potential for more legal battles. Some form of identification would be needed.

Proposal 7 Action Taken 10-0 Support

Comments: Permanent is the key word here.

Proposal 8 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose

Comments: Discussion of what is immediate family. There is no disability requirement, so there was concern of abuse.

Proposal 9 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose

Comments This could be easily abused.

Proposal 10 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose

Comments: This would be an abuse of brown bear and others may take advantage of the bait site.

Proposal 11 Action Taken 10-0 Support as amended

Amend: as amended by the department to “game”

Comments: Department amendment to “game” will allow those participating in this harvest to practice their religious ceremonies.

Proposal 12-14 Action Taken No action

Comments: No action based on the action taken on Proposal 11

Proposal 15-17, 19-22 Action Taken: 0-10 Oppose

Comments: Concern of invasive species and disease was expressed.

Proposal 18 Action Taken: 10-0 Support

Comments: Chimpanzees are extremely dangerous. A recent news article about the animal attacking an adult and could tear off their arm. They are not predictable.

Proposal 23 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose  
Comments This would eliminate the most efficient group involved in predator control. If the rationale is there to do it, anyone who is interested should be able to participate.

Proposal 24 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments This is a predator control area and this would make it even more effective to get it done.

Proposal 25 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments: It is a good idea, but there was some concern expressed of this being abused by anti-trapping or anti-hunting interests.

Proposal 28 Action Taken 2-8 Oppose  
Comments The purpose of predator control is to increase the ungulate populations. There is not that much impact of hunting by non-residents and these hunters benefit the local economy in other ways. If the game is so depressed and a priority has been identified for residents, this would reduce at least some of the harvest.

Proposal 29-30 Action Taken No action  
Comments No action based on Prop 28

Proposal 32 Action Taken No action  
Comments: We support the department implementation of predator control plans where deemed necessary, but don't know enough about this area.

Proposal 33 Action Taken No action  
Comments: We support the department's concerns about habitat, but don't know enough about this area.

Proposal 34 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments: Predator control has long been supported by this advisory committee. This proposal doesn't really say anything specific of what will be done. The moose population is stagnant. This is seen as a first step in moving toward predator control in this area.

Proposal 35 Action Taken 9-1 Support  
Amend: Add this information to the harvest report  
9-1 on the amendment  
Comments The current regulation creates a burden for those who live in more remote communities. This information could be added to the harvest report. There might be abuse of reporting.

Proposal 36 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Amend: Remove river otter, wolf and wolverine as they are required under federal laws  
Vote on amendment 10-0 Support

Comments: The department flexibility to gather data if needed. Marten populations can be very temperamental (on Kenai Peninsula) with some areas closed. Agree with the proponent that the sealing requirement is a burden and the information could be gathered by the trapper. Marten and beaver are not such a sensitive species for statistics.

Proposal 37 Action Taken No action  
Comments: What would happen to those who already own sheep horns? Some of the horns in possession may also be found from death by avalanches or natural causes.

Proposal 38 Action Taken No action  
Comments This might increase poaching as any group can become a non-profit.

Proposal 39 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments: You should be able to sell a dried hide. You either did the work, or paid to have it done. You have to pack it out and get it sealed. This would be a way to get a bit of money from your effort.

Proposal 40 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments: People who move to a smaller house, for example, may want to sell a few mounts. There is a significant investment in processing those animals.

Proposal 41 Action Taken 0 – 9 – 1 Oppose  
Comments: Could open the door for wanton waste and misinterpretation.

Proposal 42 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose  
Comments: Too open for interpretation. Basic issue of being a responsible hunter.

Proposal 43 Action Taken 0-10 Oppose  
Comments: This one is just ridiculous.

Proposal 46 Action Taken No action  
Comments: It is not applicable at this time.

Proposal 48 Action Taken 8-3 Support  
Comments: It's too hard to judge in the field, depending on conditions. If you follow the outer curve it is easier to judge it. Would not want this to be the sole method in regulation. This offers another method to judge the horn size. 360 degree is a straightforward number, but straight line is not so much.

Proposal 51 Action Taken 10-0 Support  
Comments: Adds another day to trap.

Proposal 52 Action Taken 0-9-1 Oppose  
Comments: Believe the birds may have moved to other areas. It doesn't appear to be a conservation concern at this time.

Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2010

Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project – potential impact on fish & wildlife: In the verbiage it's walkable community, but from Mile 45 to the Russian River ferry, there are a lot of positive impact pertaining to fish and game with road modifications. This would create a nice safe pathway that would be great for wildlife viewing. The tourists who come would have access to the boat launch. . The committee would like the opportunity to review details of the plans as they develop with minimal impact of the resources and support the concept. The chair would like to send a letter of support in reference to its positive impact on fish and game

Hydro Electric projects: Carter, Crescent, Grant, Ptarmigan Lakes – Grant Lake and Falls Creek are the ones left on the table. Until they can get about \$40 million funding they are on a holding pattern. We know what happened at Cooper Creek when the power plant went in there.

ADF&G study methods and impacts on the river– An issue of concern was expressed at a meeting yesterday regarding netting the kings which is a project of stock identification Most of the fish caught just swim away. In times of decline in the Russian River, they can take samples of fish getting caught in nets in different places and it helps them decide management goals by taking a fin clip to gather genetic data.

Using shrimp as bait in their gathering in July also was seen as conflicting with peak fishing times for the public. Barbless hooks with beads would be a preferred method to gather, so that minimal damage to the trout would be done. A copy of the study with their methodology would be appreciated. The local AC would like to be apprised of those studies and possible opportunities to help.

DOT overlay project – Resurfacing project from mile 45 to 60 to smooth the road in late summer. Someone from DOT will be at the community meeting being held January 28<sup>th</sup> where issues like fishing seasons and specific times that greater conflict would occur can be addressed and brought to light.

Next meeting February 23 at 6 pm at the Community building to discuss Statewide BOF proposals and prepare proposals for BOF Cook Inlet.

Upper Kenai River Guides Association – Mona Painter will be the guest speaker on history of Cooper Landing and upper river will be on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm at the Community Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

**Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 pm, by teleconference**  
**Draft minutes, one page**

AC members present: Larry Westlake, Sr, in Kiana  
Bill Zibell, Ben Sampson, Bobby Wells and Verne Cleveland, in Noorvik  
Upper Kobuk AC was unable to participate because of a funeral in Ambler.

DFG staff in Kotzebue: Jim Dau, Charlotte Westing, Susan Bucknell

Underway about 4:45 p.m.

Charlotte reviewed the Board of Game actions.

Jim Dau said he wants input on the new pilot orientation for Unit 23. Larry asked the reasons the BOG went to 2 caribou a year for non-residents.

**Statewide BOF proposal 41** (*formerly proposal 34, definition of edible meat, wasted meat*).

Jim said it's a question of the potential for wasted meat weighed against traditional hunting practice to leave a sick animal in the field.

People discussed the current salvage laws. Jim Dau said that the Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group is meeting in Anchorage next week, they may discuss salvage.

Bobby asked if there are diseases that affect a whole animal? Jim said caribou can have pneumonia for a long time - the lungs stink, they're extremely skinny.

Bobby asked if ACs have input to the caribou working group. Jim said the WACH usually will make a recommendation, then run it by the ACs and others.

Bobby asked for an update on the Point Hope case.

Larry said proposal 41 could provide a loophole to get rid of spoiled meat on a hunt. He said if meat is not edible, require the bad parts be brought in to be tested. Jim said he'd like to get the samples. Amend the proposal to be just for caribou, maybe. Leave the antlers if you leave the meat.

Bobby asked about the pilot orientation. Susan will get copy of materials out to AC members when there's something to review.

**BOF Proposal 68** *Expand hook and line use for subsistence from Wales to Point Hope.*

People felt they wanted to discuss this with the Upper Kobuk and Noatak/Kivalina advisory committees, because those areas are more affected by sport fishing.

Decided Monday, January 11, to try a joint teleconference with those other two committees, to discuss proposal 68.

Adjourn

Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2010

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Ezra Campbell, Robin Collman, WC Casey, Joe Cziglenyi, Carl Locke, Doug McRae Sr, John Flood, Bob White and Arne Hatch

Members Absent Excused: Dianne Dubuc, Corey Hetrick, Dr Matt Hall, Bill Perdue

Members Absent Unexcused: Mark Clemens, Jim Hubbard

Public Present: Howard Ferron, Mark Cloward, Michael Coots, Debra Coots, Chris Bolton

ADF&G Present: Dan Bosch, Chuck Brazil, Tom McDonough, Sherry Wright

Meeting began at 7:03 pm.

The meeting minutes of February 19, 2009 were approved.

Opportunity for Public Comments: None at this time.

Sport Fish area biologist Dan Bosch gave a report that covered the question of deepwater release mechanism and whether its use improves the survival of discarded demersal rockfish. Sport Fish area biologist Chuck Brazil gave a report on the Seward fishery overview. Harvest and catch rates were discussed in the main fisheries held in the area.

Howard Ferron spoke about a Forest Service workshop regarding the ecosystem analysis at the watershed scale study.

Tom McDonough is the assistant area biologist for Wildlife Conservation and brought a review of the black and brown bear, goat and moose, caribou, sheep, beaver, marten, lynx, otter, wolf and wolverine populations and harvest data in GMU 7 & 15.

Elections had the following results: Mark Clemens, Matt Hall, John Flood, Chris Bolton and Bob White took the three year seats. Joe Cziglenyi and Jim Hubbard took the one year alternates.

### **Old Business**

First Lake kid fishing day – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in May. The ADF&G Sport Fish trailer will be used in SE Alaska this coming spring and summer and won't be available for these events.

### **New Business**

#### **Statewide Game Proposals comments**

Board of Game cycle changes: WC Casey moved to accept the proposed changes. Robin Collman 2<sup>nd</sup>. The reasons for their changes are pretty straightforward. There is money and logistical and we would hope that the money saved would be put to good use.

Support 10 – 0 - 1



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Proposal 1 Action Taken 0-9-2 Opposed  
Comments: Crossbow use is not a popular weapon so far in Alaska.

Proposal 2 Action Taken: No action  
Comments: This seems to duplicate what is already required.

Proposal 3 Action Taken: 3-5-3 Opposed  
Amend: Exempt Unit 7 & 15 from this requirement  
Comments: This is considered a housekeeping proposal to simplify reporting. This also allows the ability to process information online rather than mailing. For bag limits of more than one, this is a bit confusing (like black bear). You have 30 days to seal a bear, which is one glitch that was brought to light during discussion. The harvest ticket seems unnecessary on the Kenai Peninsula, where black bears are not a conservation concern. The printout online also doesn't hold up very well over the season.

Proposal 4 Action Taken 0 – 10 -1 Opposed  
Comments: There was a lot of sub-sampling going on throughout the season. Deer were planted in our state in the 60s and are not a naturally occurring species. Mortality rates from natural causes are more pertinent than hunting and this is unnecessary.

Proposal 5 Action Taken 1-9-1 Opposed  
Comments: Don't believe an eight year old is physically capable of handling a weapon. An adult can share their harvest ticket with a youth. The age is not as important as the education coming from the adult supervising.

Proposal 6 Action Taken 0-9-2 Opposed  
Comments: This clarifies what a tag is. A young, untrained person who approaches an individual who may be poaching could cause more harm than good. It is believed that creel survey takers (for example) would be advised as to when and where they might use this. This proposal pertains to game issues. The term "employee" is very vague. There are thousands of employees of the department.

Proposal 9 Action Taken 11-0 Support as amended  
Amend: for Alaska combat disabled residents only  
10-0-1 Support amendment  
Comments: The proponent attended the meeting and spoke to the purpose of this proposal as intended for the young people who are serving. They are getting hurt in combat during active theatre of war. He believes they deserve it and have earned it. He would like to see a percentage of the hunts (for example in the Delta Bison hunt) set aside for combat disabled veterans. A discussion of having a ceremonial feed between older vets and younger vets was made giving them an opportunity to get together. The term combat disabled veteran needs to be defined. There was interest in working with the proponent to refine the proposal and re-submit. Other amendments that were discussed were to remove reference to antler requirement on moose; strike reference to the word "might" in the first paragraph; strike reference to 'possibly fishing' under the issue.

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Proposal 10 Action Taken 3-6-2 Opposed  
Comments: Do not see it hurting the population at all. Question of how disabled an individual needs to be to qualify was raised. What will keep another person from utilizing the bait station? This works for black bear, and there's no reason it wouldn't work for brown bear.

Proposal 11 Action Taken: No action  
Comments: Department amended this to game, rather than big game. There are many other ways to harvest game. Traditional yes, but not religion. No action was taken due to the numerous changes made and numerous court cases.

Proposal 13 Action Taken: No action  
Comments: No comment

Proposal 14 Action Taken No action  
Comments No comment

Proposal 15-17, 19 - 22 Action Taken 0-10-1 Opposed  
Comments: These all pertain to animals that are not indigenous. It sets a bad precedent to bring so many species into Alaska.

Proposal 18 Action Taken: 10-0-1 Support  
Comments: A person could get a chimpanzee with a permit.

Proposal 23 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: These are the people who can get the job done efficiently. Let them do the job.

Proposal 24 Action Taken 10-0-1 Support  
Comments: There is a need to get the predator numbers down in this area.

Proposal 25 Action Taken 9-0-2 Support  
Comments: This is a housekeeping proposal that clarifies the regulation.

Proposal 26-27 Action Taken 0-9-2 Oppose  
Comments: This would impose restrictions to the predation control program. There was an article in AK Trapper's Association regarding this issue. The problem is only a perceived problem, not a reality.

Proposal 28 Action Taken 0-6-5 Oppose  
Comments: Difficult to vote on something like this.

Proposal 29 - 30 Action Taken: No action  
Comments: No action based on Prop 28

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Proposal 32 Action Taken 10-0-1 Support  
Comments: This puts in place a predator control plan in an area with a declining caribou herd. This is a bit out of our area. The program works when it is put into place.

Proposal 33 Action Taken 10-0-1 Support  
Comments: This addresses habitat concerns that may be contributing to the decline.

Proposal 34 Action Taken 10-0-1 Support  
Comments: This puts in place a predator control plan in an area with a declining moose population. A question why the refuge does not cooperate? They maintain populations in their natural diversity.

Proposal 35 Action Taken: 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: Don't believe that anyone can do what he is asking. Collection of DNA may not be from the original animal, without some control measure.

Proposal 36 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: Regulations are in place if you desire to harvest these animals and are there for good reason. Prefer status quo as the department collects important information due to their sealing. Many of the animals that used to be here are no longer available.

Proposal 37 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: There was a complete crash of sheep population on the Kenai Peninsula.

Proposal 38 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: Based on problems in the past with anything related to gall bladders, this is not a good deal.

Proposal 39 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: Sale is allowed in certain GMUs under predator control management. It is not currently allowed outside those areas.

Proposal 40 Action Taken 0-10-1 Opposed  
Comments: True hunters never sell their trophies.

Proposal 41 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: This is very vague.

Proposal 45 Action Taken 9-0-2 Support  
Comments: This is considered a housekeeping proposal.

Proposal 48 Action Taken: 0-9-2 Oppose  
Comments: Current regulations are adequate.

Proposal 49 Action Taken 0-10-1 Oppose  
Comments: Department already has the authority to do this.

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Proposal 51

Action Taken 10-0-1 Support

Comments: Like the idea of getting one day bonus every four years.

Proposal 52

Action Taken 0 -8 – 3 Oppose

Comments: Alaska is one of the only states you can still take harlequins.

Ezra Campbell has been authorized to attend the Statewide BOG meeting to represent the Seward AC.

Next meeting will be held February 18th at 7 pm at the Seward Council Chambers in order to take up BOF Statewide proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

## Upper Tanana/Fortymile AC BOG Statewide Comments

### Proposals:

#### (2)-Support

(7-0) with and amendment to make this area specific versus statewide.

#### (5)-Support.

(7-0) Good for younger hunters/recruitment.

#### (7)-Support-

(7-0)-Makes sense that you should only have to fill it out once.

#### (23)-Against

(7-0) This is wrong. Guides are showing stewardship and spending their own money to do this predator control.

#### (28) & (29) (30) Against (7-0)

Non-Resident hunters bring in money for Fish & Game, and the committee thinks that this money is a valuable resource to the department

#### (39) & (40)-Support-

(7-0) Should be able to sell non-edible portions of trophies. Most 48 states it is common practice.

#### (48)-Support

(7-0)-Good proposal for all sheep hunters.

Terry Brigner, Chair

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BOARD

**Upper Tanana/Fortymile  
Fish and Game Advisory  
Committee**

The Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to tentatively support the Boards Supports proposal to change the Board of Game cycle from a two year cycle to a three year cycle, with the following concerns:

- It will be very difficult to coordinate efforts between the State and Federal systems with this change, since the Federal system is currently run on a two year cycle. This could become more difficult if the Federal system changes back to a one year cycle.
- There would be a need to create a provision for Emergency Order situations, such as the Fortymile Caribou Herd problem that is occurring this Board of Game cycle. If the AC's were not able to meet until next year to discuss this issue, the herd could be negatively impacted even more. There is also the possibility that someone might get hurt or killed due to the current herd movement in conjuncture with the current management plan of this herd.

## *Delta Advisory Committee vote on State wide Proposals*

**Proposal#23, 0-9 Oppose**

Still need ability to remove wolves where needed

**Proposal#28,29,30 Oppose**

0-9 Takes away hunting opportunities without reason

**Proposal#39, 9-0 Support**

No reason to not be able to sell bear hides. May help increase harvest where needed..

**Proposal#40, 6-2-1 Support**

Should be legal to sell personal property

**Proposal#41, 0-9 Oppose**

Current wanton waste laws need to be enforced

**Proposal#48 0-9 Oppose**

No need to re-write current regulations on determining legal rams

**Proposal#49, 9-0 Support**

Other groups need to help with problem.

**Proposal#51, 9-0 No Comment**

Housekeeping, no comments

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Fred Pike, Secretary  
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January 11, 2010

Board of Game Members:

Because of the holidays we have been unable to conduct a meeting of the Nak/Kvi AC and provide written comments within the time frame given. I have been asked by Co-chairman William "Sonny" Regan to draft a letter reflecting our views concerning the proposals for your winter 2010 meeting, January 29-February 1, 2010.

**As a committee we are concerned with the predator / big game animal ratio within Unit 9.**

Katmai National Park, with all its beauty, is central to the problem. The high concentration of brown bears within the park has effects on the surrounding lands. If you look within **Proposal 32** you can see the high number of brown bears (100-150 / 1000 square kilometers) is out of balance with the rest of Alaska. Therefore we support proposals that will help reduce the big predators (brown bears & wolves) within Unit 9. Conversely we oppose proposals that hinder the reduction of these same species in Unit 9.

**Therefore, for the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph we oppose:  
Proposals: 23, 28, 29, & 30.**

**Proposal 32 we support with an amendment to reduce the number of bears in Unit 9 through the following:**

No tag fee for the taking of a brown bear by Alaska resident hunters.

Allow the taking of one brown bear every regulatory year by an Alaska resident.

**Minority opinion:** Committee member, Joe Klutsch feels liberalizing brown bear regulations will increase the number of bears harvested, therefore reducing the number of "Trophy Bears".

**Proposal 33 we support.** The committee is in agreement with management that with present conditions the range of the NAP caribou herd is not able to sustain a healthy herd within the present objective. Lowering the low objective end may allow for humans to eat NAP caribou too!

**Proposal 51 we support.** Housekeeping.



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The committee feels present game regulations are acceptable and does not see the need for changes unless we have commented above. Proposals that we did not comment on; we are either neutral to, feel would not affect us or were to ridiculous to comment on.

We would like to thank the Board of Game for this opportunity and apologize for not being able to have a meeting with formal minutes for our actions. Please be assured that this letter was distributed to as many committee members as possible and the majority of the members concur with its contents.

Sincerely,

  
Fred/Pike, Nak/Kvi AC Secretary

Nak/Kvi AC members:

Co-Chair- William "Sonny" Regan, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter

Co-Chair- Abe Williams, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter

Secretary- Fred Pike, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter, trapper

Karl Rawson, Com fisherman, subsistence

Ryan Willson, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter, trapper

Marc Watson, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter

Rob Babiak, Sport fisherman

Joe Klutsch, Guide, sport fisherman, hunter, trapper

Richard Wilson, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter

Levelock Rep., Sergie Chukwak, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter, trapper

Kevin Cossairt, Alt. Member, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter, trapper

Russell Phelps, Alt. Member, Com fisherman, subsistence, sport fisherman, hunter

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Members Present: Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Elise Wolf, Gus Van Dyke, Trina Fellowes, Cliff Calkins, Joey Allred, Tom Young, Jim Meesis, Tabor Ashment, Dave Lyon, Skip Avril, Pete Wedin, George Matz, Michael Craig

Members Absent Excused: George Matz, Michael Craig, Tom Hagberg

Members Absent Unexcused: Matt North

Elections were held with the following results:

Skip Avril, Cliff Calkins, Trina Fellowes, Dave Lyon and Pete Wedin were elected for three year seats. Elise Wolf and Tony Kastella were elected for one year alternates.

Dave Chartier from Seldovia gave a presentation regarding his set net fishing site and an issue with the boundary. He is seeking relief from the Board of Fisheries to address the problem out of cycle, but is unsure if they are the correct avenue. He is also working with DNR on the lease. He has had this lease for over 40 years. Prior to GPS, people used boundary markers, paced the beach and had a surveyor, which signed off on a plat. No one knew where this line was – no two long / lats or distance are the same, yet, they want this fellow to be exact. Fish & Game became aware of this through the person who wants to fish next to him. It should be able to be solved in house. Because no one did the homework correctly in the past, why must he now pay the price? This would cause a domino effect on an already congested area of sites. A previous problem of moorage only brought to light this issue. This site is the northernmost site coming out of Seldovia Bay.

Dave Lyon made a motion that the Homer AC support the Board of Fisheries looking at this boundary issue out of cycle. Tom Young 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously. 13-0

Statewide Board of Game proposal comments

Board of Game cycle – Elise moved to adopt, Trina 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion of this. There was some discussion as to when the annual deadline might occur, but both it and the three year cycle was supported. 13-0

Proposal 2

Action taken: 4-9-1 Opposed

Comments: Gus moved to adopt, Joey 2<sup>nd</sup>. This provides information to the department of who is actively hunting black bears. If there was an area bears were falling in numbers, you wouldn't have data on how many hunters went there and didn't find one. Disagreement was stated some take all the harvest tickets whether they plan to hunt or not. Funds are not available to survey bear populations on the Kenai Peninsula, so this is one method that the effort and harvest can be deduced.

Proposal 5

Action taken: 0-14-0 Opposed

Comments Dave Lyon moved to adopt, Joey Allred 2<sup>nd</sup>. One of the members son is nine and they both don't need a tag. Another member did begin hunting at eight and doesn't believe she was mature enough at that time. Minimum ages for hunting should be established and eight is believed to be too young.

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Proposal 14 Action taken: 8-3-3 Support  
Comments Moved to adopt by Cliff. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trina. This would help clarify the regulation. While in support of native rights, there was concern expressed of creating a loophole. If this would help reporting, perhaps there is a way to integrate the department proposal and this one.

Proposal 15 – 17, 19 Action taken: 0-14-0 Opposed  
Comments Elise moved to adopt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee. This is such a broad classification it could be a catalyst of disease (pertaining to proposal 15). These create additional loopholes for the trade of exotic animals. The risk of disease eliminates qualification of the clean list. These fundamentally violate ethics of Alaska wildlife management. If there is the remotest chance they could survive if released, there is objection.

Proposal 18 Action taken: 14-0-0 Support  
Comments: See comments on 15-17, 19

Proposal 20-22 Action taken: 0-14-0 Opposed  
Comments Elise moved to adopt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trina. If these cats got loose, they could survive and cross breed with lynx or bobcats.

George Matz and Michael Craig joined the meeting at 7:42 pm

Proposal 23 Action taken: 5-10-1 Opposed  
Comments moved to adopt by Skip. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trina. Why should they be singled out? There is already a permitting process. This would be discriminatory. One doesn't believe in aerial wolf hunting. Two members opposes commercial hunting.

Proposal 24 Action taken: 3-11-2 Opposed  
Comments Elise moved to adopt. Dave Lyon 2<sup>nd</sup>. This puts a lot of people in the field and a question of where the guides will be if all these stations are being used. This is a wholesale shotgun approach to guiding. There is no limit on the number of assistants. This is a problem area for predators. It is commercial hunting.

Proposal 28-30 Action taken: 15-1-0 Support  
Comments Dave moved to adopt. Trina 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were non-resident hunters in this area before and while it may not be a reason for the extreme management, there is on-going effort. The non-residents may also harvest a few bears while hunting. The perception that we are using extreme measures to lower predator populations adds more division to the debate on predator control. Some believe harvest should be for Alaskans first.

Proposal 31 Action taken: 15-0-1 Support  
Comments Moved to adopt by Elise. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee. Eliminating the use of helicopters during moose season makes sense.

Proposal 32 Action taken: 14-1-1 Support  
Comments Moved to adopt by Joey. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. This caribou herd is in decline and it appears to be that the herd has outgrown its habitat. Wolves can keep the reproductive potential to almost zero.

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Proposal 33 Action taken: 16-0-0 Support  
Comments Geoge moved to adopt. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lowering the population objective goes hand in hand with the Proposal 32 so the herd is kept within it's habitat.

Proposal 34 Action taken: 16 – 0 – 0 Support  
Comments Moved to adopt by Michael. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George. This creates a new predator control area on the Kenai Peninsula. 15A moose has been under harvest objective for 10 of the last 11 years. To address that decline, the Board of Game requested this plan be developed. Most of this land is under federal jurisdiction, so it would only affect a small portion of the Kenai Peninsula. The proposal primarily addresses habitat. There is general support and it would be great if there could be burns.

Proposal 38 Action taken: 0-15-1 Opposed  
Comments Dave moved to adopt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joey 2<sup>nd</sup>. This falls under commercial hunting and one entity that is trying to exploit our resources for their own personal gain. Poaching is a huge problem in the Lower 48. If you open it up and make it legal for one group.

Proposal 41 Action taken: 0-16-0 Opposed  
Comments George moved to adopt. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is too arbitrary, sets an extremely bad precedent and needs to be shut down.

Proposal 46 Action taken: 16-0-0 Support  
Comments Dave Lyon moved to adopt. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. If we are going to have them in use, they should be defined.

Proposal 47 Action taken: 16-0-0 Support  
Comments: Michael moved to adopt. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. This has just been added to the Alaska watch list for threatened species. Even in Barrow, they have voted to dis-allow hunting of this bird. By having it as unclassified game, that means there are no seasons or bag limits.

Proposal 49 Action taken: 5-9-2 Opposed  
Comments Moved to adopt by Elise. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee. If they are going to capture them, they might as well kill the lice. It is the humane thing to do.

Proposal 51 Action taken: 16-0-0 Support  
Comments: Dave Lyon moved to adopt. Gus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Instead of worrying about the 29<sup>th</sup>, why not just go to the end of February.

Proposal 52 Action taken: 13-0-3 Support as amended  
Amended: Pending adoption of a species specific management plan, bag limit of zero sea ducks. This should include both species of goldeneye in the sea duck plan.  
Vote on the amendment: 13-1-2 Support  
Comments” Dave Lyon moved to adopt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. The proponent attended the meeting and brought a presentation to the committee. She has been in this area since the 70's. This was the issue that started her interest in the Board process and motivated her to put in her first proposal. These birds have continued to be in decline over the years. Many of these birds are on a list of concern on the east coast. She has data on their flying patterns and the trends these birds go through. Sea Duck Joint Venture has been formed and what has been found is that there is a lack

of information. It has allowed funding throughout the US to gather data on these birds. There are cumulative issues causing this decline. There is a potential of commercialized hunting. Alaska residents may harvest 10 birds per day and 20 in possession. There is a 60% crippling rate with lead, which is not included in the harvest data. Approximately 9000 birds are taken in Alaska with Kachemak Bay harvest approximately 2300 birds. Kodiak is in a different zone. Gulf is another zone, Southeast is another zone. The zones have been around since the 1950s. One member would like to see waterfowl guiding outlawed. The earliest you can harvest waterfowl is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of the halibut charter operators are done by that time. There is a concern of if Southcentral goes to the one halibut limit that has been adopted for Southeast Alaska, boat owners may decide to use their boats for other things. There is a right place between 10 and 2 per day. The sea algae bloom event that happened at the end of October, 2009 in Washington and Oregon killed over 20,000 sea ducks (on the coast, out on the ocean counts were not established). There is a question of what the loss of these birds is going to impact brood stock. Much of the research is saying 3-5% harvest is a sustainable harvest. Some ideas were a high priced governor's permit for common eider. A break down of the species would be better and a management plan would do that. Status analysis or evaluation of this bird that takes into consideration its entire life cycle. There have been a lot of things wiped out in Kachemak Bay, if a person considers the history here. Regulations should not be written for the benefit of any one person, but should look to the benefit and protection of the resource. It would be beneficial to get some new data and raise the price of permits.

Dave Lyon proposed a resolution to the Joint Board that people should be required to stay at election meetings until the nominations are made and speeches have been given heard prior to voting. Allowing people from another community to vote in a local election also seems wrong. This is not believed to be how the AC was envisioned. There is a concern that this group can overturn advisory committees throughout the state. We would like to see this issue addressed.

The committee approved Marvin Peters to attend the Statewide Board of Game meeting on their behalf.

The next meeting of the Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the NERRS building (across from Homer Air) on Kachemak Drive. Agenda items will include Statewide Board of Fisheries proposals, and any other fisheries and game issues properly brought before the committee. For more information, call Marvin at 235-2468 or 235-8612.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Board of Game proposals  
Winter 2010 meeting  
Statewide Regulations, Cycle A  
January 29- February 1, 2010

Craig Advisory Council

Prop 1 - No action

Prop 2 - We are unanimously opposed to this proposal to support information available to ADF&G biologists

Prop 3 - We are unanimously for this proposal to make the law more understandable.

Prop 4 - No action

Prop 5 - We are unanimously opposed to this proposal since an 8 year old is most likely not capable of hunting or shooting a rifle required for many of Alaska's big game.

Prop 6 - We are unanimously for this proposal to allow more enforcement of violations.

Prop 7 - We are unanimously opposed to this proposal

Prop 8 - We are unanimously opposed to this proposal so there is less opportunity for abuse.

Prop 9- We are unanimously opposed to this proposal due to the fact that it provides abuse due to the definition of "disability".

Prop 10- No action

Prop 11 & 11A - We are split on this proposal, motion failed.

Prop 12 - We are unanimously for this proposal to keep them (native tribes) within their traditional areas.

Prop 13 - We are unanimously opposed to this proposal to keep them (native tribes) within their traditional areas.

Prop 15 - Unanimously opposed, no need for invasive species

Prop 16 - Unanimously opposed

Prop 17 - Unanimously opposed

Prop 18 - Unanimously for, Monkeys carry disease and pose health problems to humans

Prop 19- Unanimously opposed

Prop 20- Unanimously opposed

Prop 21 - Unanimously opposed

Prop 22 - Unanimously opposed

Prop 25- Unanimously for, based on safety issues around schools and public buildings

Prop 29- No action

Prop 35- Unanimously opposed, we don't want everyone sealing their own bears, data would be lost, evidence of sex in regards to taking illegal animals.

Prop 36- Unanimously opposed, this is the only data fish and game receives on furbearers.

Prop 37- Unanimously opposed, to keep poaching down.

Prop 38- Unanimously opposed, no need to sell gall bladders for any reason

Prop 39- Unanimously opposed, opens the door for abuse and exploitation of bears

Prop 40- Unanimously opposed, same reasons as Prop 39

Prop 41- Unanimously opposed, too vague and open to the discretion of hunter, avoid the problems associated with wanton waste.

Prop 42- No action

Prop 43- Unanimously opposed, game should be taken from the field

Prop 50- Unanimously opposed

Prop 51- Unanimously for, basic housekeeping

We are in favor of the proposed change for the board of fish and game cycle meeting. We are also in favor of the proposal deadline change.

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Copper River/PWS Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2009

Members Present: Mark King, Tom Carpenter, Jason Fode, Mike Collins, Mike Babic, Dan Nichols, Troy Tirrell, Paul Kelly, Torie Baker, Brad Sapp, Dave O'Brien, John Wiese, Ardy Hanson

Members Absent Excused: John Renner, Keith van den Broek, John Bocci

Public Present: Tim Joyce, John Greenwood, Milo Burcham, Eric Taylor, Bill Webber, Eric Lian, Vic Jones

ADF&G Present: Dave Crowley, Sherry Wright

Agenda was approved with addition of discussion of the Board of Game cycles, consider federal subsistence wildlife proposals to submit and discuss the changes in the state drawing hunts.

Elections were held with the following results: Tom Carpenter, John Wiese, Dave O'Brien, Brad Sapp, and John Greenwood were elected for three year terms; John Renner and Paul Kelly were elected for one year alternates.

Erik Taylor gave a presentation on the AK Canada Dusky Geese. There is an ID hunter training program. A trend of decline in the breeding population has been observed from a peak in the 1970s. Sampling is done on 21% of the population using the same transects with aerial survey's occurring during the peak of the nesting time since 1997. Birds can move as habitat is altered, although they lack data to prove that. Concern of the USFWS experimenting at the local's expense was expressed, by the different methods that have been used over the years on this species. Question of why GMU 6B is the only area bearing the burden of conservation in the Flyaway plan. The explanation was that the highest harvest occurs on the Copper River Delta, with harvest levels unknown in other areas of Alaska. Cordova is the only place in the State of Alaska with a positive C&T on dusky geese. Better use of funding for actual data gathering methods, such as radio banding was suggested. Discussion of a proposal to the Pacific Flyaway Council regarding putting into place the same level of scrutiny in the rest of Alaska that is placed on CRD/PWS. A letter to the Pacific Flyaway Council expressing their concern with the regulations in the permit hunt and the quota and interest in what harvest information may be available elsewhere in Alaska as well as other areas of dusky geese habitat.

Nest Islands for Dusky Canadian geese program was presented by Jason Fode. There is funding for 50 new nest islands with a commitment from FS for monitoring and maintenance. The project area was reviewed.



Board of Game cycle discussion – concern of the three year waiting to submit a proposal. A question of what the monies would be re-allocated to cover was asked. The advantage of being able to be at the meeting during board deliberations is very valuable. The committee approved this unanimously.



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Dave Crowley spoke regarding the drawing permitting process. There are several moose populations that are in the same boat. Delay of the actual drawing until mid-February is being considered, or to hold a few names in reserve until it is determined that there are moose available for harvest. They are working in cooperation with the Forest Service on the federal subsistence harvest. There is up to language that has been used in regulations. If there is a lack of moose for subsistence harvest, serious discussions will have to be held between the state and its federal counterparts. Once the drawing results are released and the survey's are done, it is a good time for the federal registration to be done. Mike Collins, Tom Carpenter and John volunteered to help Dave and Milo craft some language.

Federal Subsistence Board wildlife proposals are due no later than November 5<sup>th</sup>. Two that have been submitted 1. if a person draws a federal moose permit, they cannot draw the following year; 2. change designated hunting law for Unit 6C to match the rest of the state. Comments on these proposals will be gathered prior to the Federal Subsistence board meeting. Tom offered to bring the comments to the Southcentral RAC meeting.

Tim Joyce spoke about a 6 wheeler moose hunt that did a good deal of damage on the Delta. If this can't be controlled, it will come back to bite everyone by Forest Service action. Announcement of next Tuesday Angler Management plan to discuss things that were done this year on sport angling activity. The Forest Service took a lead on this and it will be at PSWAC meeting room 7 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

## Tyonek Fish &amp; Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2009

Members Present: Lindsey Bismark, Chad Chickalusion, Larry Heilman, Al Goozmer, Randy Standifer, Aaron Jones, John Standifer  
Members Absent Excused: Peter Merryman, Donald Standifer, Jr

**Elections**

Brandy Standifer, Larry Heilman, Randy Standifer all elected for three year terms. Christy Moon was elected by the students of Tubughna School as a non-voting student representative.

John Standifer was elected as the Vice Chair.

**Fisheries Issues**

A proposals to open an escapement corridor from the Central District to the Northern District will be submitted for the April 9, 2010 deadline.

The use of rotenone works on closed systems, but can't be used in streams that connect to other bodies of water, because it doesn't work in that way. Al has a 400 page study on the pike and how it can be used to eradicate the problem. If anything is to be done, it has to be local and a funding source found. We'll need to get the Tyonek Native Village resolution to get their own initiative going. So far, this has been an uphill battle and we will continue in that fight. We got support of sport fishing association, setnetter association and are gaining momentum on getting rid of the pike in the Northern District. The golden rule takes place here – the one who has the gold rules.

When John was younger, the streams were so full you could walk on the fish. They are escaping to their death when they go up-river. The Beluga's only stay when there is something to eat and part of their decline is fewer salmon. You have to get to the root of a problem to solve it. Pike are devastating our salmon and subsequently our beluga.

Working in conjunction with Tribal Native Corporation and others will build consensus to address these issues as one larger voice.

Al is also working on articles of incorporation for conservation of GMU 16B. Al will try to get together with department staff and needs their participation in our meetings to have the biological data provided by the department.

The Central District drift net fleet is against this, wanting to keep their seasons open.

Tyonek District for clams was eliminated and we have never gotten it back. It was designated for Tyonek subsistence. There were people dredging Polly Creek area and eliminated almost all the clams from that area. Dredging was stopped – but there has been observation of around 200 people with skiffs there taking clams. Last spring, there

Att: Scott

BOG comment  
from AC

was a large boat out there bringing people in. Reinstatement of our tribal rights for clam harvest.

Brandy spoke about some monies from Exxon Valdez oil spill and potential funds for the use of those funds. Tyonek F&G AC had proposed the hatchery and were by-passed by those they spoke to who went directly to Tyonek Native Corporation. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association was supposed to be working with Tyonek Native Village on the hatchery (to bring it under the tribal government). We need to follow up with Gary Fandrei on this issue. Part of the funds were also to be used for eliminating pike in streams in the Northern District. It still can be awarded to the tribal government and that is the desire of this committee. It was agreed by those in that meeting.

Tribal members are owners and have a say in their future as a sovereign entity. The corporation could be dissolved by the state in a month. We have two council members that also serve on the Tyonek AC.

We need to find a better line of communication with the Native Corporation to get the information of our Advisory Committee meetings to the community. An idea also is to print copies, mail them to Tyonek and have them distributed locally.

### **Discussion of changing the Board of Game cycle**

The deadline wouldn't be that much of a change, but when the board meets would be different. We sent our fisheries proposals well before the deadline, but would they be shuffled around. What is our assurance of our issues being addressed? It wouldn't be detrimental either way, if they aren't going to act on our behalf anyway.

Looking at their track record, if they are proposing it, they are going to do it anyway. That is the nature of who they are and how they operate. The bigger issue for us is how our proposals are going to be addressed. Board of Game opened up last summer for taking a bear with a helicopter. We had no input on that issue. The season changed for moose. We want to have proposals tied to the cycle of the moose, not tied to man-made dates.

Board of Game doing the predator control program and have been doing this for the last three years. In that three years, they are taking a lot of bears. We suddenly have a lot of people coming to GMU 16 to harvest moose. There is concern of opening up the moose to all residents. We are still trying to build up the population and ensure the predator control is actually working. The department makes an aerial survey, counting the bulls: cow ratio. They allow a percentage of harvest of bulls to keep bulls from killing each other.

The moose and predator ratios and twinning numbers were more last year, but we have not been able to get the information from this year. We need the staff to report. The predator control goes about 5 – 10 mile radius of Tyonek. There are bigger bear further

out. Randy guided around 10 black bear hunts this year and found brown bears on their bait stations frequently. Black bear are blamed primarily for predation, but brown bear is also predator.

### **Fall hunting**

The same over-crowding happened at McArthur River happened in the traditional moose hunting place with lots of people coming in there.

September 10 – October 10 would be a better season for Tier II moose in Southcentral AK. General season could be Sept 1 – Sept 20. The committee will put this on hold to take up at a later meeting. Spring 2011 will be the BOG meeting for hunting proposals. People want to hunt when their freezer is empty and their children are hungry. Cultural permits are available

Our constitution by-laws address the subsistence rights and how we can adapt to meet the needs of our people.

Beluga Endangered Species - Barbara Mahoney wants to schedule a meeting in Tyonek. For potlatch, the village is able to harvest. For two years they voluntarily did not harvest to try and work within government protection measures. It has been documented that others were harvesting beluga for commercial profit. The village harvest is for cultural purpose. There used to be a whale processing plant on the Beluga River.

Chuitna Coal Mine – We are about the sustainability of the salmon on our land. A fact finding travel is planned to visit other areas that have had this type of mining and the aftermath. Lowering the water tables in that area is also a concern.

CIRI gasification – Supposed to be a lot cleaner and safer, but there is concern of the underground fire it may spawn. Cleanup of the underground water may cost more than any profits.

Ramifications of both of these will destroy the area waterways and thereby the resources contained within those waters. Information on the number of fish coming out of Chuit & Beluga Rivers is something we need to know. West Cook Inlet king salmon is critical for our village.

The Tyonek AC will meet again December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tribal Center at 10 am to discuss the Statewide BOG proposals, fall hunting statistics, TNC funding received from Dept of Agriculture regarding hatcheries and discuss Statewide Finfish proposals and who will represent the Tyonek F&G AC at that meeting. We need to be sure to get department staff. We need to know the ramifications of the NOAA proposal regarding beluga – how does that effect our salmon harvest for subsistence and commercial? Wetlands and waterfowl harvest is another issue to talk about – there is a whole city coming up on the wetlands out here. Chuitna Coal mine updates and discussion is also on the agenda. Email Al names, phone number and emails for staff.

Al Goozmer was approved to represent the Tyonek F&G AC at the BOG statewide meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Fairbanks Advisory Committee

Comments on the BOG Statewide Proposals

January 13, 2010

The FAC discussed the statewide proposals at the regular January meeting and offer the following comments. These comments were each discussed and our comments were supported by the full AC voting 14 (In favor), 0 (Opposed), 0 (Abstained), 1 (Absent).

The FAC representative to the Statewide Board meeting is authorized to negotiate or change our comments and positions as new information becomes available at the board meeting. We have not commented on every proposal and some of our comments reflect the FAC recommendations on issues rather than individual proposals.

Proposal 1 Recommend the Board "Take No Action"

Proposal 2 No recommendation

Proposal 3 Recommend the Board "Adopt" This is a good clarification.

Proposal 4 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". There is no research or management use for these specific reports.

Proposal 5 No recommendation

Proposal 6 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Our preference is that F&G officers who carry a badge IN THE FIELD can check license and paperwork. Under no circumstances should that authority be extended to "all employees". Clerks and techs working at specific sites, like check stations, do not need specific authorization.

The Board should note that this Department proposal does not request only the clarification of what can be checked but also WHO can check. The "what" is fine. The "who" should not be changed.

Proposal 7 Recommend the Board "Adopt". Permanent is a well defined term in the disability arena. If a disabled person has a permanent condition, such as the loss of the use of legs placing them in a wheelchair for life, he/she should not be required to "re-prove" his disability each year. We do recommend that the disabled person give contact information or be present when the proxy application is made.

Proposal 8 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Including "family members" without a disability or age qualification opens the door to abuse of the proxy system.

Proposal 9 Recommend the Board "Take No Action". We support extra efforts for disabled veterans but as proposed this would be an impossible regulation. We support specific waivers for specific hunts.

Proposal 10 Recommend the Board "Adopt". About the only way a severely disabled hunter can harvest a brown bear.

Proposal 11 Recommend the Board "Adopt". Big Game that is managed to a "number certain" herd size, such as Bison, should not be included in these permits. Limiting to moose, caribou and deer is a good move.

Proposal 12 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". The courts have found the "cultural" aspect of these harvests are "religious" not subsistence. The idea of limiting populations for harvest is fine but not on "subsistence" grounds.

Proposal 13 Recommend the Board "Adopt". The further we can get these "ceremonial" harvests from "cultural and traditional" the better. This further removes these hunts from any "subsistence" classification.

Proposal 14 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". There are too many variations by region to support separate "rules". Try to keep the Permit requirements as uniform and simple as possible.

Proposals 15 through 22 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". The FAC appreciates that finches and perhaps even primates make good pets however they should be in Alaska under permit to account for those responsible for them and tracking.

Proposal 23 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Trying to find a correlation between participation in predator management and having a guide license, thus a conflict of interest, shows misunderstanding of the predator management planning. The Department and the Board of Game "plan" the scale of the predator harvest to both increase the populations below the objective level AND to insure the predator species does not fall below a Board set minimum population. The various participants goal is to harvest the predator species down to the set minimum. By the action of setting the harvest and minimum, the Board has taken the responsibility for the populations, making it impossible for any individual to gain an advantage because of the harvest. The harvest of prey populations by guided hunters in predator control units (Like GMU 13 moose and GMU 25C-20D Fortymile Caribou) are specifically and separately authorized by the Board.

Proposal 24 Recommend the Board "Adopt". The proposed language is simple and clearer than the language it replaces.

Proposal 25 Recommend the Board "Amend to drop the term "developments". As written, most village and community landfills, a guide camp, tent platform, etc. could be located within the "one mile" proposal. If the proposal is limited to businesses (in buildings) and schools it would accomplish the clarification. "Developments" is way too restrictive, open to debate about the definition and requires a judgment on what is and what isn't. Baiting permits are location specific and the Department can advise on the intent of keeping away from schools and businesses in buildings..

Proposal 26 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Cable snares for bears are authorized for predator management projects and the issue of incidental catch of other species is discussed by the BOG in the planning. The requested condition on placement is not necessary to protect non-targeted species.

Proposal 27 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". The suggested benefits from this proposal assume that some "public" would be happier with snaring bears by employees for predator management. This suggestion is not true except for those anti-trapping, anti-predator management special interests. Other than those special interests, no public outcry has been heard. This "non problem" doesn't need to be fixed.

Proposal 28 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Our comment is the same as for Proposal #23. The harvestable surplus is allocated by the Board of Game and taken into consideration in the planning for predator management projects.

Proposal 29 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Our comment is the same as for Proposal #23.

Proposal 30 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Our comments are the same as for Proposal #23 and #28.

Proposal 31 Recommend the Board "Adopt". The FAC supports this predation management plan.

Proposal 32 No recommendation from the FAC, defer to local AC's

Proposal 33 No recommendation from the FAC, defer to local AC's

Proposal 34 No recommendation from the FAC, defer to local AC's

Proposal 35 No recommendation

Proposal 36 No recommendation

Proposal 37 Recommend the Board "Adopt". This would clarify the issue and simplify the ACC.

Proposal 38 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". The FAC supports the sale of hides and trophies but not gall bladders.

Proposal 39 Recommend the Board "Adopt". This is an FAC proposal. The issue is hunter interest in harvesting black bears. Hunters avoid the work of hunting bears because if they have one "on the wall" there is nothing to do with additional hides.

Proposal 40 Recommend the Board "Adopt". The Board and the Department need to get over this "it will cause more illegal hunting" historical heartburn. There is no body of evidence to support that happening. Treat trophies like any other personal possession.

Proposal 41 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". Hopefully, the Board has retained the comments on this proposal from the earlier meeting. The Board should not make the suggested changes.

Proposal 42 Recommend the Board "Take No Action".

Proposal 43 Recommend the Board "Do Not Adopt". The FAC supports the present salvage regulations.

Proposals 44 through 48 No recommendation

Proposal 49 Recommend the Board "Adopt". This is a FAC proposal. Our support of this proposal is detailed within the "Issue" and "What can happen" parts of the proposal. This requirement would level the agency playing field and help the health of wildlife.

Proposal 50 No recommendation The FAC has no problem with the present system.

Proposal 51 Recommend the Board "Adopt". Our comment was best expressed by one local trapper who offered, "What trapper would complain about an extra day for the season!"

Proposal 52 No recommendation, defer to local AC's

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Prepared and submitted by M. Tinker, Game Sub-Com Chair.



**NUSHAGAK ADVISORY COMMITTEE****9 a.m. January 6, 2010****Dillingham City Council Chambers****DILLINGHAM, ALASKA****DRAFT MEETING MINUTES****Recording Secretary: Hans Nicholson****1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hans Nicholson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Members present at roll call were: Curt Armstrong, Dan Dunaway, Victor Sifsof, Hans Nicholson, Amelia Christensen, Frank Woods, Robin Samuelson, Wassillie Andrew-New Stuyahok, Joseph Clark-Clarks Point, Wasillie Tugatuk-Manokotak, Skin Wysocki-Koliganek, John Bavilla-Togiak. Chris Carr-Portage Creek by teleconference. Quorum established.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

After amendments, Amelia moved to adopt, Victor Sifsof seconds. Unanimous approval.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After reviewing, Robin moves to approve the March 27 and October 30, 2009 meeting minutes, Dan seconds. Unanimous approval.

**5. INTRODUCE STAFF AND GUESTS**

The ADF&G staff present for all or part of the meeting included: Andrew DeValpine, Boards Support; Tim Sands, Area Biologists Commercial Fish; Jim Woolington, Area Biologist Wildlife Conservation; Justin Rogers, ADF&G Enforcement; Andy Aderman, TNWR; Members of the public, Jim Loiland-USDA, Robert Heyano, Joe Chythlook, John Bennett, Ofi Olson.

**6 ELECTIONS and SEAT VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES**

Nominations were accepted to fill the expired seats of Curt Armstrong, Hans Nicholson, and Victor Sifsof. Victor advises the AC that he wishes to step down and that someone else can fill his seat. Nominations for Curt and Hans were accepted and voted unanimously for reelection. It was decided by the AC that the other at-large seat should be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Officer elections will also take place then. Those village AC members in attendance were approved to participate at this

meeting with the understanding that their communities will send in appointment letters for the next meeting. Seating of village AC members for this meeting and election results were unanimously accepted.

## 6B NEW BUSINESS

### 1) Staff Reports

ADF&G Commercial Fisheries-Tim Sands. In his report, Tim mentions that the 2010 season outlook will be available sometime in March. Currently, there is interest from processors to take pinks and silvers in the fall this year, he suggests that we could add this topic to the Chinook preseason meeting sometime in early March. Much of the preseason discussion was addressed at the last NAC meeting and was decided not to go over it again.

Hans appoints Robin Samuelson to chair the Nushagak AC subcommittee preseason Chinook/pink/coho meeting. The public meeting will be well publicized and most likely will be at the ADF&G conference room once the final date is finalized.

Andy Aderman-USFWS. Andy reports that the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd Planning Committee will be meeting sometime in January to decide if there will be a hunt this year. The Refuge is still estimating about 670 Caribou on the peninsula. Wolf collaring efforts continue to provide information to where the packs are as well as where they range. Moose numbers are considered healthy in 17A and considerations to liberalize the hunt in the future are a possibility if those populations maintain their rate of growth.

Hans recognizes AC member Victor Sifsof, who is now stepping down, for his many years on the NAC. Victor joined the AC sometime in the 1980's. He's seen a lot of change in-region over time during his tenure. Hans wishes Vic the best in the future and thanks him for his diligent service while he was on the committee. Everyone respects Vic for his wisdom and long service on the AC. Everyone stands and gives him a round of applause.

Justin Rogers-ADF&G Enforcement. Justin reports that overall, citations on average were down both during the commercial fishing and hunting seasons. His department has experienced personnel shortages and they can only do so much. During the fall hunt, river patrols this year indicate that hunter numbers have declined. They didn't issue any meat salvage citations. During the winter hunt, most of the hunters focused their hunt activity southwest of Dillingham. There was snow the first two weeks, but melted. Hunter effort was down the last two weeks as the snow melted during the warm spell. The Wood River did not freeze, so all the hunt effort was west of the river.

Justin indicated that the Bristol Bay enforcement outlook for the coming season doesn't look like any major changes. They are still short on personnel and try to do the best they can with limited resources.

Jim Woolington-ADF&G Wildlife. Jim had given out all the fall harvest numbers and information during the October meeting. He reports that winter hunter registration rose significantly from previous years with 313 registered hunters and is still waiting for hunters to send in their permit harvest reports. There are still a few fall permit reports that he is waiting on before he can summarize harvest numbers.

This years Caribou calf/cow ratio's jumped. This year they are at 31/100 cows and are at their highest level since the 1990's. This is encouraging and feels that the herd is turning around and will hopefully begin to grow again. Overall, health has improved and is a reflection of an improvement of habitat over time. The herd peaked in 1996 at over 200,000 caribou. Jim feels that the large herd concentrated in 17b,c were contributing factors in habitat degradation.

Some committee members are still concerned about wolf and bear populations and their effect on the large game animals that local communities depend on. Jim indicated that with the radio collaring efforts on wolves, they are learning a lot more. Harvest is dependent on traveling conditions and most harvest occurs by snow machine.

Brown bears along the Nushagak River have increased as well as in all of Unit 17, there is a heavy presence everywhere. When asked, he responds that it is virtually impossible to count bears because of their behavior as they are not very visible and would be cost prohibitive. He acknowledges that it's important to control predators. Reducing bear populations would be difficult because most bears are taken by non-resident hunters and most people are not interested in harvesting one.

Break at 11:15 am

Back to order at 11:29 am

## **2) BOG Proposals**

**Proposals 28, 29,30. Robin moves to adopt Dan seconds.**

- Proposal would eliminate non-resident hunting in predator control areas.
- Committee felt that displaced hunter effort would move to Unit 17 competing with local hunters and could ultimately and could negatively affect our big game resources.
- Hunt season and bag limits could be negatively effected.
- Effect would be like squeezing a balloon. Hunter effort will pop up somewhere else.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

**Proposal 32 Robin moves to adopt Dan seconds.**

- Hot issue for a long time.
- Committee feels that the population objective should be a range from between 10,000 - 15,000.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to support.**

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**Proposal 33 Robin moves to adopt Dan seconds.**

- Committee favors a higher objective than the department's recommendation.
- Questions the science on how the population objective ranges are chosen.
- Committee feels that if the objective is too low, it could preclude any predator control efforts.
- Committee favors the 10-15000 range over the department's recommendation.
- Too high a number raises range carrying capacity issues. Too low raises sustainability issues and harvest opportunity for hunters.
- 6000 is too low. Current habitat may justify that number right now but if habitat continues to improve and the herd grows, the lower end of the range should be higher.
- Current data indicates poor to improving range, calf/cow and bull/cow ratios low but likely to improve. Overall health of caribou improving. These indicators show that the herd is likely to grow and the lower end of the range should be higher.
- Right now caribou populations do not justify Tier II.
- Committee is concerned that the recommended range would affect intensive management plan. Committee members are concerned that if the range is too low, we will never get to predator management.

**\* Robin moves to amend and change the range to 10,000 – 15,000. Frank seconds.**

**\* Committee votes unanimous in support of the amendment.**

**\* Committee votes 10 to support and 1 opposed to proposal 33 as amended.**

**Proposal 35 Robin moves to adopt, Amelia seconds.**

- Sealing is done by department biologists.
- Concern on quality control. Everyone recognizes the need for consistent, mythological, and systematic quality control for record keeping.

**\*Committee votes unanimous to oppose.**

**Proposal 36 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.**

- Committee feels that this proposal is the same as 35, but with different species.
- A CITES Tag is required
- Committee references discussion in #35.

**\* Committee votes unanimous to oppose.**

**Proposal 38 Robin moves to adopt Dan seconds.**

- CITES Apendix II Species.
- The department is not in favor of sale because of past abuse.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

4/11

A/C COMMENT # 2 AC 33

**Proposal 39 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.**

- Tanned bear hides are considered trophies and are illegal to sell.
- Unit 17 has high bear populations, committee recognizes the need to increase harvest.
- Plenty of safeguards in regulation in place already.
- Current regulations allow sale of handicrafts – same as Federal Regs.
- Committee recommends consideration and approval of proposal based on abundance of brown and black bears by GMU's. Some GMU's could be impacted because of low bear populations as in Unit 17 where we don't have many black bears.
- Effect of proposal could reduce bear populations.

**Dan moves to amend proposal 39 to include considerations by GMU's based on abundance of brown/black bears and to support the first option in the proposal. (Whole hide.) Frank seconds.**

**\* Committee votes unanimously in support of the amendment**

**\* Committee votes unanimous in support of Proposal 39 as amended.**

**Proposal 40 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.**

- Committee feels that commercialization is a concern.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

**Proposal 41 Robin moves to adopt Dan seconds.**

- Committee feels that "disease" is a broad definition. Opens the door to discretionary opinion.
- Also opens the door to be "subjective" in harvesting.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

**Proposal 42 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.**

- Committee feels that if adopted, effect of the proposal would "muddy the waters", or confuse the definition on waste.
- The department has good laws on waste, salvage requirements, etc.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

**Proposal 43 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.**

- Committee references discussion and action on proposal 42.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

**Proposal 124 Robin moves to adopt, Joseph seconds.**

- Reauthorization has to be done every year.
- Intent is to encourage harvest.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to support.**

**Lunch break at 12:47 pm**

**Back to order at 2 pm**

### **3) Area M Finfish Proposals**

Proposal 116 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

- In years of low abundance, it would help us.
- Would reinstate prior regulation in place.
- Would prevent over harvest especially in poor years when forecast is poor.
- Committee hopes that the chum cap would be reinstated.
- Proposal would add North Peninsula.
- Area M Genetics are not available yet, hopefully in 1-½ years.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to support.**

Proposal 117 Robin moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

- Committee is opposed because the effect of the proposal would allow fishing deeper in the water column. Studies show increased chum and coho harvest deeper. This proposal has the potential to effect chum stocks in Bristol Bay and Western Alaska.
- Deeper nets would allow increased harvest of multi-species of salmon.
- Some Western Alaska chum fisheries are a stock of concern.
- Catch records indicate that harvesters are already doing very well.
- The June fishery is a mixed stock fishery. Board should take a look at the sustainable fishery policy for considerations to stocks of concern that are harvested.

**\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.**

Proposal 118 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- This is a mixed stock fishery, Bristol Bay stocks are in the area.
- Records show 241,000 salmon harvest during the post-June fishery in the Shumagin Islands.
- Board needs to consider the sustainable fisheries policy because of the impact of the proposal would have to whose fish are caught in this mixed stock fishery.
- Fishery should not be expanded.
- There are migrating Coho's in the area during this timeframe.
- The last 4 years harvest of coho increased from 10,000 harvest to over 300,000.
- Study by the department shows that there are migrating coho and transitioning the area.
- The effect of the proposal would allow them to fish harder in late July, increasing harvest of coho.

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AC 33

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 119 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

- Committee references earlier comments.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 120 Frank moves to adopt, Robin seconds.

- Same issues.
- This is a mixed stock fishery. The Board should consider the mixed stock, sustainable fishery policy.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 121 Frank moves to adopt, Robin seconds.

- Committee references earlier discussion and action.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 122 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

- This proposal comes up every cycle.
- This is a mixed stock fishery, they don't need more time. Will harvest more.
- This is a fight between gear types.
- Need to keep July fishery status quo because of coho harvest.
- Set netters are being unfairly penalized.
- Don't mind if set netters go first if they are not harvesting Western Alaska coho stocks.

\* Committee votes 4 to support, 4 oppose, 1 abstain.

Proposal 123 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

- Should take a look at the post-June harvest in comparison to total harvest.  
Post June S. Pen. Harvest: 179,000 coho  
8 million pinks  
366,000 sockeye

\* Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal 124 Robin moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

- Committee is opposed because this would authorize a wide-open post-June fishery.
- There is a documented presence of Bristol Bay pinks/chums in the area.
- Proposal is unclear on area. Can get tricky to harvest own stocks. Could support if targeting own local stocks, terminal areas.

7/11

A/C COMMENT #

AC 33

\* Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal 125 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Effect of proposal would allow targeting of Chignik stocks.

Robin moves to amend to allow fishing in terminal areas for Area M fish. No interception of Bristol Bay or Chignik fish to occur with the adoption of this regulation. Will not support if there is evidence that would indicate a presence of Bristol Bay or Chignik stocks. Frank seconds.

\* Committee votes unanimous to support the amendment.

\* Committee votes unanimous to support proposal 125 as amended.

Proposal 126 Frank moves to adopt, Robin seconds.

- Same concerns as in 125.

Frank moves to amend to support 126 with the same caveat and criteria as in 125. The department will demonstrate that terminal stocks are in the area.

\* Committee votes unanimous to support the amendment.

\* Committee votes unanimous to support proposal 126 as amended.

Proposal 127 Robin moves to adopt, Joseph seconds.

- Committee feels that this is irresponsible. One individual has witnessed immature sockeye caught in seines during this timeframe.
- Regulation in (i) on page 132. Committee member is opposed because Bristol Bay has always supported the 100 immature/set. In some years the immature harvest is staggering.
- Passage would kill immatures that are worthless on the market.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 128 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Proposal would do away with the 100 immatures/set in regulation.
- Discussion on how the 100 immatures/set are counted?
- References prior discussion on immature harvest.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 130 Robin moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

- Committee members reference studies that show increased harvest of chum lower in the water column using deeper nets.
- Recommendations to consider the mixed stock, sustainable fish policies and reference to migrating stocks in the area were discussed.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

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Proposal 131 Frank moves to adopt, Robin seconds.

- This proposal is seen every cycle.
- What are they catching? We think that they are catching immature salmon and wonder what the effect would be if restrictions were removed?

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Break at 3:24 pm

Back to order at 3:30 pm

Proposal 140 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Committee is of the opinion that this is a mixed stock fishery. They harvest Bristol Bay pinks/coho .
- During July 6-Aug 31, BB coho are migrating through the area.
- Even Chignik fishermen are now fishing the capes.
- Caution should be exercised, they could be impacting their own stocks of concern.
- Discussion on impact to local streams and rivers near Perryville and Chigniks.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 141 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Same comments as in proposal 140

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 145 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Lower Bristol Bay proposal. Would give additional BB fishermen opportunity to fish. Just changes the weekly fishing schedule to fish through the weekend.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 147 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Discussion on fishermen outside terminal areas chocking off escapement.
- Mixed stock fishery.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 148 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Discussion about windows prior to 2003. Committee favors that concept to reinstate windows to allow fish to pass through.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 149 Frank moves to adopt, Robin seconds.

- Committee discusses salmon cap prior to 2003.

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AC 23

- Genetic work should have been completed by this cycle, but was not.
- Catch records indicate that harvest has gone up especially when the Outer Port Heiden section was added.
- Effect of the proposal would reduce harvest.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Committee requests to take up 151 before 150.

Proposal 151 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- This is a mixed stock fishery.
- When Robin was on the Board, Johnny Christen from Port Heiden came to the board requesting that the Outer Port Heiden section be closed because of the presence of mixed stocks. Johnny indicated that with his fishing experience, fish are going in both directions.
- During the last board cycle, the board rewrote one of Roland's proposals and opened up Outer Port Heiden to Area M fishermen.

Robin moves to amend with a first preference to close the Outer Port Heiden section and a second option to allow Area T fishermen in.

\* Committee votes unanimously in support of the amendment.

\* Committee votes unanimously in support of Proposal 151, as amended.

Proposal 150 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

Motion by Robin to amend language with preference for the amended proposal 151.  
Frank seconds.

\* Committee votes unanimously in support of the amendment.

\* Committee votes unanimously in support of 150 as amended.

Proposal 152 Robin moves to adopt, Wasillie seconds.

- Committee discussion about support for concept and effect of the proposal.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 153 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Currently, no seine fishery is authorized on the North Peninsula. Concern about getting their foot in and spreading.
- Discussion on pro's/con's on allowing fishing in the lagoon affecting escapement, openings/closures in the Ilnik district.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

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A/C COMMENT #

AC 33

Proposal 154 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Discussion on effect to terminal areas on the North Peninsula.
- Concern on and reference to the mixed stock, sustainable fish policy, etc.

\* Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 155 Robin moves to adopt, Skin seconds.

- After discussion, committee wants to amend.

Robin moves to amend, to Oppose the concept of 155, however; to Support if the Board allows Area T & M fishermen to fish the overlap area. Frank seconds.

- \* Committee votes unanimously to support the amendment.
- \* Committee votes unanimously to support 155 as amended.

Proposal 157 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Committee references discussion on 154, 155.

Robin moves to amend to close the Outer Port Heiden section. Frank seconds.

- \* Committee votes unanimously to support the amendment.
- \* Committee votes unanimously to support 157 as amended.

Proposal 160 Robin moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

- Proposal would increase their efficiency
- Reference to mixed stock, sustainable fish policies.

\* Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

#### 4) AC Representation at BOF, BOG Meetings

Hans advises the committee that he will be traveling out of state and will be unavailable for the Area M and BOG meetings. He asks if anyone could attend? Asks Dan if he could attend the meetings to represent the AC? Robin will be attending for BBEDC, Frank for BBNA. Dan will consider and get back with Hans.

#### 5) Set next meeting date and place.

Call of the Chair.

#### 6) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

These meeting minutes provided courtesy of the Bristol Bay Native Association

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AC COMMENT # AC 332

**Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 pm, by teleconference**  
**Draft minutes, one page**

AC members present: Larry Westlake, Sr, in Kiana  
Bill Zibell, Ben Sampson, Bobby Wells and Verne Cleveland, in Noorvik  
Upper Kobuk AC was unable to participate because of a funeral in Ambler.

DFG staff in Kotzebue: Jim Dau, Charlotte Westing, Susan Bucknell

Underway about 4:45 p.m.

Charlotte reviewed the Board of Game actions.

Jim Dau said he wants input on the new pilot orientation for Unit 23. Larry asked the reasons the BOG went to 2 caribou a year for non-residents.

**Statewide BOG proposal 41** (*formerly proposal 34, definition of edible meat, wasted meat*).

Jim said it's a question of the potential for wasted meat weighed against traditional hunting practice to leave a sick animal in the field.

People discussed the current salvage laws. Jim Dau said that the Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group is meeting in Anchorage next week, they may discuss salvage.

Bobby asked if there are diseases that affect a whole animal? Jim said caribou can have pneumonia for a long time - the lungs stink, they're extremely skinny.

Bobby asked if ACs have input to the caribou working group. Jim said the WACH usually will make a recommendation, then run it by the ACs and others.

Bobby asked for an update on the Point Hope case.

Larry said proposal 41 could provide a loophole to get rid of spoiled meat on a hunt. He said if meat is not edible, require the bad parts be brought in to be tested. Jim said he'd like to get the samples. Amend the proposal to be just for caribou, maybe. Leave the antlers if you leave the meat.

Bobby asked about the pilot orientation. Susan will get copy of materials out to AC members when there's something to review.

**BOF Proposal 68** *Expand hook and line use for subsistence from Wales to Point Hope.*

People felt they wanted to discuss this with the Upper Kobuk and Noatak/Kivalina advisory committees, because those areas are more affected by sport fishing.

Decided Monday, January 11, to try a joint teleconference with those other two committees, to discuss proposal 68.

Adjourn

Kotzebue Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers.

Draft minutes

Meeting called to order approximately 7:15 p.m.

Quorum established with Pete Schaeffer, Pierre Lonewolf, Alex Whiting, Victor Karmun and Allen Upicksoun. Excused: John Goodwin travelling to a meeting, Mike Kramer at Red Dog.

DFG staff: Charlotte Westing, Jim Dau, Jim Magdanz, Susan Bucknell.

Brandon Scanlon by phone from Fairbanks, Jim Menard by phone from Nome.

Brandon Saito, USFWS, Tom Okleasik, Northwest Arctic Borough and Cyrus Harris, Maniilaq Traditional Foods Program.

Fisheries

Proposal 68 Carries 5/0

Jim Magdanz reviewed the department comments. Jim Menard described the situation in Norton Sound, with the northern area having adopted rod and reel for subsistence a few years back, and southern Norton Sound proposing it this year, but excluding the Unalakleet drainage.

Alex said that people do use rod and reel for subsistence and it should be legal.

Pete asked why Unalakleet would want to opt out. Menard said there's a lodge and a lot of sport fishing traffic flying in.

Alex said people who fly in to fish would have a sportfish license anyway; remove the administrative hassle for people local people by recognizing the fishery for what it is.

Menard said the concern was that people would load up, so sport fish bag limits were applied.

Alex said applying sport fish bag limits for a subsistence fishery is a concession by the people who are fishing as a subsistence activity, but acceptable to counter the risk of people abusing the opportunity.

Tom Okleasik said that Unalakleet River has a really big king salmon run, that was probably the concern down there.

## Wildlife

Jim Dau asked for specific ideas for the pilot orientation. He said it will be primarily through the Internet, but has to be in printable form also.

Alex suggested Jim draft a skeleton document to circulate for people to fill in suggestions. Pierre said he will email Jim his suggestions.

Alex asked about what kind of requirements the park service or the Selawik Refuge have. Brandon Saito said 2,000 feet is suggested over the refuge.

Pierre mentioned one time he and Victor counted six planes in an hour at 500 feet or less, from where they were hunting.

Allen said the commercial limit is 500 feet. Eric Lorring said it's a 500 foot bubble in all directions.

Tom Okleasik said he'd like the orientation to include the borough permitting regs. Also the North Slope Borough permitting regs, as part of Unit 23 is in the North Slope Borough. Many of the complaints the borough gets are about

people operating in areas they're not supposed to be in. He said they had reports of same day airborne caribou taken on the Dall Creek airstrip. There was discussion of hunting on, from or across a landing strip; Eric Lorring said that sounds citable.

People discussed the size of numbers of aircraft. Alex said putting big numbers on aircraft, and getting the pilot orientation, can be a good thing for a pilot to show goodwill and avoid blame if other planes are causing problems. More discussion. Jim will circulate a draft pilot orientation by March, and get something online by August, maybe even July, for sheep hunting season. Eric Lorring said we need better maps to show the complex land ownership.

Charlotte Westing reviewed wildlife proposals.

Proposal 35 and 36 Failed 0/5

Charlotte said the tooth data really helps the department monitor the bear population. Alex said it's not a burden for those leaving the region to go to F&G for sealing. Pierre agreed.

Proposal 38 Failed 0/5

Slippery slope...

Proposal 39 Failed 0/5

Proposal 40 Failed 0/5

Proposal 41 Passed as amended, 5/0

There was much discussion. Alex said he supports the concept of the department addressing the issue of diseased meat, to clarify the definition of edible meat since everybody knows that occasionally diseased meat occurs and nobody eats it.

Tom Okleasik said the borough is very concerned, and totally opposes 41 unless it's amended. He said if meat is left because of disease, antlers must be left also.

Alex said the definition of edible meat should reflect reality and what people would actually eat.

Jim Dau reviewed four department ideas to amend the proposal:

Alex said that sounded like a good definition, he would support those amendments. Tom said he's still very concerned about the trophy aspect, not addressed in the department amendment.

Amended to include four points from the department comments;

- disease means transmissible to people
- only leave diseased parts, bring in the rest
- apply only to caribou, and only in 23 and 26A
- hunter is required to report to DPS within 48 hours
- and also that antlers can't be taken if the meat is left (this was included as an amendment in response to the NWAB's concern that trophy hunters would abuse this in order to not salvage meat from the field).

Proposal 42      No Action

Proposal 43      Fails 0/5



Proposal 47      Fails 0/5

### Proposed BOG schedule changes

People discussed using emergency closures and agenda change requests, if the BOG goes to a three-year cycle. Pete said that he was disappointed the BOG raised the non-resident bag limit before the results of last summer's caribou count was available. Pete said every advisory committee in this region opposed the change in the bag limit. The one-caribou limit was working well to reduce user conflict. It would have been good to see if the herd is declining or stable or what, before making any change. The feeling in some areas of the region is that the herd was very spread out, and didn't go to the usual places.

Action item: Committee moved to draft a letter to the Alaska Board of Game about these concerns.

Next meeting: For advisory committee elections, and to discuss the NPS caribou collaring project. Probably mid-March.

Charlotte brought up a hunter education project, using interested people in the community to address care of meat, hunter ethics, firearm safety, water safety, hypothermia and first aid. They want to have six stations, rotate eighth graders through them, April 15th at the high school. There will be a meeting soon to line out teachers for each group, then the groups can work out the details for their presentations.

Adjourn about 9:15pm