

UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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PROPOSAL #

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6-Opposed. The ULCF&GAC has went to a 9 member committee due to troubles with attendance & difficulty having a quorum due to apathy with the system. Klukwan has shown no desire to participate in the advisory system & adding a position would to take a step backwards. If Klukwan should desire a seat on the committee they can nominate a person & vote him or her on. The committee would welcome a Klukwan representative onto the committee but does not want a designated seat for someone who may never appear. Individual committees should have the discretion to join other committees or have other committees join them.

23-opposed. The ULCF&GAC has went to a 9 member committee due to troubles with attendance & troubles achieving a quorum due to apathy with the system. To restructure advisory committees under a blanket one shoe fits all would unnecessarily make some advisory committees so cumbersome as to make them completely ineffectual. Individual committees should be allowed to determine there own committee size under the 5-15 member guidelines already in effect.

24-Opposed. Advisory committee members are elected by being nominated to a position and then elected. The same way town, borough, state and federal officials are elected to represent the people. The public has the right to be heard and considered at every meeting. Town type meetings whereas everyone had a vote would make the process so cumbersome as to make it inoperable.

25-Opposed. The joint board has no business appointing any advisory committee members. The populace of the communities where the advisory committees are located know the people that are nominated for membership on the committee and vote as to who should be on the

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committee. Under this proposal the person who could write the best letter would be appointed.

26-Support.

27-Support

28-Opposed. To try and have every user group have a designated seat on every advisory committee would make the committees so cumbersome as to make them useless. The structure of the committees is made up of the public by nomination and elections and the members represent the wishes of the user groups. If a particular user group wants a seat on the committee they can nominate an individual and vote that person to the committee.

30-Opposed. The logistics of where advisory committees are located or formed can be a major factor. Especially in southeast or westward.

32-Amend the proposal by eliminating paragraph (d). The individual committee should have the discretion as to whom to it wants to merge with. The board should have the right to recommend a merger but not the right to demand a merger.

33-Support. The ULCF&GAC fully supports this proposal in its entirety. To only have 15 minutes to give a presentation and then not be to contribute any thing more is very frustrating. The different departments get way more time to testify. Very well thought out proposal.

34-Support. The AC's feel frustrated by board actions & feel that the thousands of unpaid hours and the combined knowledge of the AC's members are not appreciated. The AC's should have a bigger input to the decisions being made.

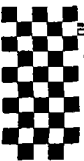
Mt Yenlo Fish Game Advisory Committee Comments to JB Fall 2007

JOINT BOARD PROPOSALS					
No.	Description	Proposed by	5 AAC	Votes / Against / Abstain	For AC comments
13	Option 1 - Combine Mt Yenlo with Mat Valley AC Option 2 Combine Mt Yenlo with Tyonek AC	ADF&G	96.021		Local advisory committees can be effective due to their local interests. Combining with larger areas may actually make the committees less effective. 96.450 - Committees may merge if they vote to request a merger. Again, they are not following their own regulations. The population in the Mat Valley is growing. The population of Skwentna is 111 according to the 2000 census, not 75 as claimed by the department. Skwentna is in a subsistence area, residents of Palmer/Wasilla are in a non-subsistence area. Mt Yenlo AC has been a very effective committee over the years with both fish and game regulations on the books, won a state Supreme court lawsuit in the past. Tyonek is a total native community and although we share similar culture, but there would be additional travel cost if combined.

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HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 13, 2007

Members Present: Marv Peters, Trina B. Fellows, Tom Young, Skip Arvil, Cliff Calkins, Michael Craig, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Gus Van Dyke, Pete Wedin, Tom Young.

Members Absent Excused: Mike Scruggs, Tom Hagberg, James Moeses, Frank Mullen.

Public Present: Beaver and Jessie Nelson, Lynn Whitmore.

F&G: Nicky Szarzi, Carol Kerkvliet.

Fish Issue: Nicky presented us with a print out of fish surveys for years 2003 to 2006. With the information from the Sonar counts F&G will be putting in more liberalized proposals for the Anchor River King salmon fishery. Some suggestions from the Committee were change restriction in salt water from 2 miles on each side of the mouth of the Anchor River to 1 mile. The pole restriction, add another weekend to the end, allow 3 fish retention.

Also from the Committee and public is lack of enforcement on snagging, fishing in close season etc.

Tanner Crab: Nicky informed the Committee the crab are rebounding in the Kamishak Area and from Pt Pogibshi to Gore Pt and both places could have a small personal use fishery.

Suggestions from the Committee- 1 or 2 pots per boat, 3 or 5 crab per person, season open from October to March.

The Committee is submitting a proposal for the area from Pt Pogibshi east to the Bluff area. 9 Favor 1 Abstain 2 Opposed

The 2 opposed were worried about the mortality with freezing temperature that time of the year. Summer months are not good - no meat in crab.

Lynn Whitmore - Moose habitat leader- gave a run down on new lands, money etc on the moose habitat.

Beaver Nelson - With Tutka Bay now a sockeye hatchery. Rules should be put in place for no snagging inside the lagoon.

Proposal # 11 12 Oppose

Too many variables- number of people on committees- Homer meets five times a year. Logistical problems would make it impossible to meet in Ninilchik- roads are hazardous- to many moose would be killed.

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Homer Fish & Game AC - March 13, 2007 meeting

Proposal #24 12 Oppose

People that are interested in all facets of fishing, hunting, chartering, Commercial, guides, environmentalist are on the committee. Most of the community only comes to the meeting if issues that impact them are on the agenda.

Proposal # 25 12 Oppose

No need to change. The people that are elected to the Advisory Committee fill out a membership form now. That covers their interest and knowledge.

Proposal #26 10 Support 1 Oppose 1 Abstain

Needs clarification - need to amend B to read fined more than \$4000.00. After amended 12 Favored as amended. - *A single violation is often 3000*

Proposal #27 12 Oppose

Proposal 28 1 Favor 1 Abstain 10 Oppose

The area from Anchor Point to Homer are a very diverse user or nonuser group which is represented - with 15 active Committee members and 4 to 5 meeting a year.

Proposal #30 12 Oppose

Proposal #32 12 Oppose

Proposal #34 12 Favor

More value needs to be placed on local Advisory Committee views.

Proposal #38 11 Favor 1 Oppose

This would help to allow for more registration hunts. All committee in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

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**Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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Members Present:

Karl Romig	CLAC
George Pappas	ADF&G
Billy Coulliette	CLAC
Robert Gibson	CLAC
George Heim	CLAC
Bill Stockwell	CLAC
James Givens	CLAC
Andy Szczesny	CLAC
Jerry Neis	CLAC
Mike Adams	CLAC
Jeff Selinger	ADF&G
John Pearson	CLAC

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1. Call to order
2. Sign in
3. BOG announcements
 - Brown bear hunts
 - Subsistence
 - Mulchitna Caribou
4. BOF announcements
 - New proposals for 2007
5. Cooper Landing Advisory Committee's proposals for 2008
 - Rainbow trout may not be removed from the water (unanimous)
 - Anyone targeting trout must use a barbless hook (unanimous)
 - Bag limit of 1 Rainbow Trout 18" or less per day for any open water, particularly below Killely River (unanimous)
 - No fishing from a motorized vessel on the Upper Kenai River below the ADF&G marker ¼ mile above the Sterling Hwy. bridge to the drift only ADF&G marker above princess rapids. (unanimous)
6. Comments about joint board proposals
 - Proposal 10: all opposed
-not reasonable for volunteers to drive to this distance for meetings
-two totally different areas/systems
 - Proposal 24: all opposed
-does not apply to CLAC
 - Proposal 26: unanimous
-volunteers on the committee should be pillars in the community
 - Proposal 27: unanimous
 - Proposal 28: all opposed
 - Proposal 33: 7 in favor, 2 against (too costly), 1 abstained
7. Meeting Adjourned

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Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
March 14, 2007, 7 - 10 PM, MTA Large Conference Room, Palmer
Meeting Minutes

Joint Board
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- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call: quorum present (at least 8 members)?

Ken Barber	Present
Mark Chryson (secretary)	Present
Andy Couch	Present
Stephen Darilek	Present
Howard Delo (chair)	Present
Bennett Durgeloh	Present
Gerrit Dykstra (alternate)	Present
Bill Folsom	Present
Danny Green	Present
Denny Hamann (vice chair)	Present
Charles Keeter (alternate)	Absent
Bruce Knowles	Present
Nick Mihalow	Present
Patrick O'Commer	Present
Steve Runyan	Present
Tony Russ	Present
Mark Vingoe	Present

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- Approve minutes from Feb. 28, 2007 meeting
Minutes approved with minor changes
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Calendar of events:

- Board of Fisheries Cook Inlet Finfish Management proposal deadline date is April 10, 2007. These proposals will be considered during the board's October, 2007 - March, 2008 schedule.
- Federal Subsistence Board meeting April 30 to May 2, 2007 to address changes to federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations. The board will also meet May 8-10, 2007 to consider changes to federal subsistence fishing regulations on the Kenai Peninsula.
- The Joint Boards meeting scheduled for October, 2007 has a written comments deadline of September 21, 2007.

§ Reports and Comments:

- Recognize guests and/or department staff: Rod Arno, Executive Director, AOC; Cliff Judkins, Vice-Chair, BOG. ADF&G Staff Present, Tony Kavalok; DPS Staff: Tory Oleck

Public: Scott Butler, John Toothaker, Kurt MacKenzie, Dennis Begen, Wayne Kubat, Max Sager, Dan Elliot, Russ Butts.

2. Reports on both the Board of Game and the Board of Fisheries meetings. Cliff Judkins, subsistence unit 13 regulations, black bear hunts, moose hunts standardized,

3. Wayne Kubat Presentation

4. Other announcements and/or agenda items?

5. Public Comment.

6. Tory - new Lt in Wildlife Enforcement division. Brown shirts are back, numerous positions open now. Stream watch not feasible.

7. BOF- Howard Delo and Steve Runyon reporting. Not sure how sport fish is being represented they only see the world for commercial fishing. 3 seats coming up for filling, names will not be filled from sport fisheries. Review of upper Cook Inlet management plan. We are in serious trouble. See sub committee notes (attached). Sustainable salmon policy needs to be placed into law not policy or regulation.

Rod - can the AC request the meeting reports and tapes from meeting at Alyeska. Get our ducks in a row, policy and cycle inconsistencies. Dip-netting proposals failed miserably, the person who wrote the proposal was the only person who spoke in favor of it. Look for them to come back up for Cook Inlet alone. His limited entry permit guarantees himself a stable lifetime income and once a fish passes his nets the fish is "wasted."

BOG and BOF meetings should not be held at the same time as it splits the attendance and interest

Old Business:

6. Continue work on comments for Joint Boards meeting proposals.

We will only look at our areas.

All Proposals for support made by Tony Russ and Seconded by Dan Green

#7 Creation of Susitna Valley advisory committee

We should have population numbers, and this ac is very active, distance is concern, meetings per year, interest. How much this AC costs the state? Size of committee. Amount of voting precincts. Need to get letters from chambers of commerce and community support.

Passed 15-0-0

#13 State's counter-valley AC proposal

Tyonek and Mt. Yenlo combination will be a problem.

Motion failed 0-15-0

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#24 Institute town hall system of meetings
2 typos need to be addressed "subject" should be "subvert" and "having" should be "have", town hall no designated system could be chaos, election style meeting every time, may not represent the public. We need more time built into the meetings especially for public input; we have our hands full as is.
Motion failed 1-13-1

#25 Qualification for AC members
may cut down on participation, will have to be more prepared members, may not have enough people to fill seats, writing is an important part of membership.
Motion failed 1-14-0

#26 Qualification for membership on AC
Andy couch offers to amend to change \$3000 in commercial fishing fines to \$1000, Pat O'Conner seconds
Commercial fishing should have same fine limits as rest of user groups (\$3000 - \$1000)
Motion passed 13-0-2
Does it create more bureaucracy? If they want to align us like other boards they should pay us like the other boards.
Passed 15-0-0

#27 Creation of RACS or removal
we need clarification tabled to next meeting 15-0-0

#28 Designate one seat for each user group
Motion failed 0-15-0

#29 Uniform rules of meetings
opens meetings as a free for all, may allow a joint ac meeting,
Motion failed 1-13-1
minority comment, we want to allow joint ac meetings.

#30 Remove logistics in reason to create a new AC
we might want to do this as it might help our cause, may open up can of worms.
Motion failed 0-15-0

#31 Require boards to schedule meetings
BOF has leeway where BOG has a quick pace
Could cause meetings to come to a standstill, was addressed at BOF meetings, needs to deal with paperwork faster
Motion failed 1-13-1

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Process could benefit from publications distribution in a more timely manner.

#32 Meetings reduced to 1 per year for active committee

Motion failed 0-14-1

#33 New sections

AC's could have seat on board when it meets in our areas.

AC's could provide additional information.

Gov. Palin's team approved it. We need to have AC input on board. ADFG

doesn't always share the AC's concern. AC could correct testimony.

We can get behind the yellow line

Motion passed 11-4-0

Minority comments: 84 seats can be unruly

#34 New section

Motion passed 13-0-2

#35 New section

Motion failed 1-13-1

#36

take no action 13-1-1

Meeting adjourned 10:10 pm next meeting 3-28-07; MTA Bldg. in Palmer.

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Contains JB comment

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AC Members Present: Aaron Bloomquist, Chair; Steve Flory, Vice Chair; Jim Stubbs, Abed Radwan, Curtis Lynn, Tony Barter; James Stegall; Dave Sealy

AC Members Excused Absent: Steve Untiet, Chad Moore, Danny Lewis, Blake Gettys, Gordon Heinen, Brian McCathren, Brian Johnson, Don Fredericks

AC Members Unexcused Absent: David Littleton

Public Present: Rod Arno, Dennis Torrey, Larry & Judy Heilman, Wade Willis, Jeff Logan

JB books - Curtis Lynn, James Stegall - did not receive.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Aaron Bloomquist. Thanks to Suzan Bowen for the handy BOG changes reference.

March 1, 2007 meeting minutes were unavailable.

Board of Game update was given by Aaron Bloomquist pertaining to the Anchorage AC proposals.

BOG Proposal 158 GMU 13D & 14A - create new Dall sheep drawing permit areas
Discussion: Concern was expressed of an over-harvest on the sheep population. Board of Game is deemed in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. If this is going to a drawing hunt, it should be a full curl ram only hunt. Anchorage AC would like to put proposals forward as they originally submitted it. East of Tazlina Lake any ram with an option for 1st ten days resident only hunt. (Aaron will write it up) anything west of Tazlina Lake and 14A is full curl. Motion approved unanimously. This has been a general hunt - board is utilizing general hunt data to apply to a drawing hunt. Anchorage AC also objects to the application of using the last 10 years data. Amended to limit to 10 % for non-resident hunters (as they have done in Tok). 6-2 favor.

Committee further discussed the Boards actions on bear regulations.

Board of Fisheries update was given by Jim Stubbs. One of the surprises of the meeting was Larry Edfelt's appointment. The Anchorage AC expressed concern about the lack of communication with the new administration, which they had hoped would be different. The Board of Fisheries is having a teleconference on April 16th regarding the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan emergency petition. There was good testimony on the dipnetting proposal which failed. Proxy information was distributed at the meeting.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council - Real eye opener. The staff was in greater force than the participants from the public. Jim Stubbs addressed conservation of the resource primarily and testified for almost an hour as the Anchorage AC representative. 1000 kings out of the Kasilof are wanted and those will most likely come from the sport fish harvest, so it will probably close down the 2nd run of kings. ADF&G testified that if allocation of the resource was needed, it will come equally from sport fish

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and commercial allocation. May 8 – 10 Federal Subsistence Board meeting in Anchorage. Jim will attend.

HB 189 Update – Not much done on the bills the Anchorage AC commented on.

Steve Florys updated on the ADF&G Commissioner – passed on to the floor and he is not confirmed yet. Resource Committee

Public Testimony

Dennis Torrey – fishing on Chuitt River: Just found out they made the Tazlina River non-navigable. Has spent several hours at Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski's offices, as well as Rep Don Young office. Concerned of the federal government taking over Alaska land and waters. Had some of his customers ran off by Tyonek residents. They posted no trespassing signs, which he tore down. Chuitt R has been designated as non-navigable. Non-navigable waters can be deeded to individuals. You can be on it with a boat, but if you touch bottom, can be trespassing. He is getting put out of business. He guides for silvers and kings off the bank. Averages 30 – 40 people during the king season. Had documentation regarding Ladd's cannery and saltery on the Chuitt R (circa 1897). Wants the state (Governor Palin) to re-address state sovereignty issues relating to navigable waters. He has no other alternative rivers he can use. He heard of Tyonek Native Village telling others they have put him out of business. Anchorage AC took a stand on this issue and forwarded a letter to the Secretary of the Interior. DNR can't start this by himself – once the public gets involved, they can win it. He also took this to Craig Medford with the Anchorage Daily News. He has had two meetings with Tyonek Corporation (with Tom Harris). Tyonek owns both sides of the bank lands. They told him they are doing this to benefit the Tyonek Corporation.

Larry & Judy Hellman – Chuitna Coal Mine Project – Plans are for this to be put off the Chuitt River. Loan Creek feeds the Chuitt. Larry overviewed the plans for the project. He provided a map that showed the mine area. A minimum of 7,240,000 gallons per day pumped into the river (iron content alone will kill the river. Mouth of the Chuitt will become a mixing zone that will continue to expand. Susitna R is north of Beluga. The Tyonek Native Village is opposed to this project. DNR applications are pending. The land is governed by Kenai Borough. The fry hug the beach as they head out and will be killed as they head out. The project is scheduled for the next 25 years. Once it begins the leases will continue and could go on for another 100 years. Mines are owned by PACRIM (Texas owners). The coal will be shipped to China. They began by saying they would employ 200 people (now up to 300). How many people will it put out of work (commercial fisherman, lodges along the Susitna drainages, native village of Tyonek, sport fishermen along Willow Creek, tourists)? If there is no fish, why buy a fishing license? What impact will that have on ADF&G? Kenai area is overcrowded as it is. Sooner or later it will get to the halibut in Homer. This project will destroy the whole Northern District. The dock would go out 10,000 feet. Stockpiling will be right near the beach. The conveyor was described (that goes from the mine to the beach). Concern of chips and dust in the Inlet and the pollution of the duck flats that depend on

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the roots of the grass there. This gets into the birds. Ask for Anchorage AC support by writing a resolution. ADF&G position is unclear at this time. EPA, DNR, meetings are taking place behind closed doors. They also have a letter to Governor Palin that the doors of these meetings be opened so the public will be able to know what is going on. Anchorage AC will invite DNR, Ducks Unltd, Trout Unltd, Corp of Engineers to their next meeting and explain the process. Letter to the editor and the Governor will also be prepared, in order to ascertain all sides of the issue. Larry is a member of the Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee and has their permission to bring this issue to the Anchorage AC. Biological work began last May and this issue is being railroaded (taking advantage of BP's problems on the North Slope with corrosion, Pebble Mine issue). Applications are supposed to be filed this week with DNR. Larry has calls in to Ducks Unlimited (April 28th convention in Anchorage). Trout Unlimited, Alaska Magazine have been notified. American Rivers has designated the Chuitt River as one of their top 100 rivers of concern. Chuitt River is designated as one of the top 20 sport fishing rivers in Alaska.

Wade Willis – Another method of determining navigability is being able to raft 1000 pounds on the water. He has been fishing the Chuitt R for 3-4 years now. DNR has been fighting this designation and have documented testimony. They keep sending this to BLM. This is being driven by the coal project so they can use the river for drainage. There is some big politics behind the scenes. It should be a pretty simple task to win the case. BLM is working hard to make much of our state waters non-navigable. The Chuitt is a major Anchorage fishery. There is a one 5 acre stretch that may be available. He helps Dennis from time to time with his lodge.

Rod Arno – JB Prop 38 (Non-subsistence areas asked for support of the Anchorage AC. This will join the two non-subsistence areas (Fairbanks to Parks / Richardson Hiways). He has served on the board sub-committee that reviewed the GMU 13 Tier II issue. They tried to find something other than Tier II to provide opportunity. The board action that includes the income was basically picking at straws. It has been two years of waiting to hear from the courts regarding the Manning case. Alaska Outdoor Council and its delegates are supporting Prop 38 to make it non-subsistence. This will be detrimental to many AOC members – costing them the privilege. The AOC will then submit proposals to create a drawing hunt and once successful, a person would drop to the bottom of the list. This will allow more people an opportunity to participate in the Nelchina caribou hunt.

C&T on the Kenai – Would be advantageous for the state to continue pursuing and exhaust all administrative remedies. HJ Resolution 4 under review and POM's are needed.

Sustainable salmon fishery policy – bogged down in the house side, but AOC is hopeful for POM's to get Sen Huggins to introduce a bill on the senate side. The opposition to this is primarily coming from the Department of Law, stating it would be too hard for the BOF to comply with the regulation if put under statute.

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BOF Proposals: UCI – No proposals.

JB Proposal Comments

Steve Flory moved to support / Jim Stubbs 2nd.

Prop 1 0-8 Oppose
Discussion: If Anchorage can represent 250,000 people with one committee, Anchorage should also have more committees. This would water down Anchorage AC authority.

Prop 2-6, 10-15, 18-23 0-8 Oppose
There is a regulation in place that allows communities to restructure their committee and a process in place already and this does not follow that process. The department is supposed to work with that community, in the case of that process.

Prop 7 8-0 Support as amended
AMENDMENT: Spenard, Girdwood, Eagle River, Mountain View, Downtown, Muldoon, Lower & Upper Hillside, Turnagain, Rabbit Creek, Ft Richardson, Eklutna, Bird Creek/Indian should each have their own advisory committee.
This will give the Mat Valley AC more clout than they already have. The advisory committee also considered the makeup of these committees and if their positions are similar on issues. Willow would be the biggest part of the new committee – one of the issues currently faced is the Willow Creek boat launch. When you volunteer to serve your community, it may mean having to drive a distance. If its necessary to add committees, perhaps in order to effectively represent Anchorage, we should add more committees for the people of Anchorage. There are AC members on this committee who live 30 miles away.

Prop 8 0-8 Oppose
There shouldn't be designated seats for corporation interests. There are user group interests.

Prop 9 8-0 Support
Support the local advisory committee as they are validly serving the Prince William Sound area.

Prop 16 8-0 No action
Where regulations apply for one in each village. This is not in our affected area.

Prop 17 0-8 Oppose
Don't want our authority watered down. ADF&G is underfunded for the current number of committees.

Prop 24 0-8 Oppose
There can be problems associated with only 15 members. This would be problematic to manage.

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Prop 25 **0-8** **Oppose**
Some of the communities have a hard time getting members already. This would be cumbersome and the criteria is already in regulation.

Prop 26 **3-3-2** **Oppose**
Qualifications for members need to be clarified. This spells out what constitutes the need for removal for cause. This still leaves removal for cause up to the discretion of the joint boards.

Prop 27 **0-8** **Oppose**
The department has been in violation for a long time because they have not had the regional council meetings. The advisory committees support the regional council system.

Prop 28 **0-8** **Oppose**
Not certain how the user groups would be defined or who would specify. Too difficult to manage.

Prop 29 **8-0** **Support**
This allows the advisory committees flexibility in an effort to work on areas of joint concern.

Prop 30 **0-8** **Oppose**
Not clear what they are trying to accomplish with this proposal. This could be difficult for more remote advisory committees.

Prop 31 **8-0** **No action**
This is poorly written.

Prop 32 **0-8** **Oppose**
There is too much work to do to accomplish in one meeting.

Prop 33-35 **8-0** **Support**
The advisory committees should be better recognized by the boards. If advisory committees are not allowed at the table, neither should the department staff be allowed during deliberations.

Prop 36 **8-0** **Support**
The advisory committee should be allowed to testify directly after the department overview of the area. The staff is given multiple opportunities to speak to the boards, without any opportunity for rebuttal from the advisory committees, who are the local experts for their communities.

Prop 37 **0-8** **Oppose**
This potentially removes an opportunity from our constituents.

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Prop 38 **8-0**
This takes Nelchina and makes it a drawing area.

Support

Old Business - None

New Business

**Curtis Lynn moves to remove David Littleton for lack of attendance. Dave Sealy 2nd.
Motion carried unanimously. The Anchorage AC will hold an election at their next
meeting this fall.**

Aaron Bloomquist will represent the Anchorage AC at the Joint Board meeting.

**Aaron asked for support from the Anchorage AC on his continued membership and will
send that letter, as well as a letter from himself to send with the letter from Anchorage
Boards Support regarding Aaron's violation.**

**Jim Stubbs was authorized to submit comments and represent the Anchorage AC at the
Federal Subsistence Board.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula AC

LOCATION (town): Niulchik

DATE (of meeting): 4-2-07

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McLombs, Mike Schesten

Robert Clarkes, Jeff Berger, Gary Daiman,

Rita VANER, Dave Martin, Steve VANER

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Madler, Norbert Miller, Terry Heaver

Doug Blossom

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM

Steve Vaner

Signature, Committee Secretary

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- ① Previous minutes read and approved
- ② Steve Vanek moved and Ron Vanek seconded that we write a letter to the Governor and our legislators requesting that the Governor choose persons for the BofG and B.C. who will use science and biology instead of a political agenda when making decisions. approved unanimously.
- ③ Mike Schuster moved and Steve Vanek seconded that we oppose the Beluga strip mine until it can be shown that it will not affect the Cook Inlet Fishing industry. 1-opposed seven in Favor.
- ④ We voted on the following joint Board proposals
- ⑤ We voted unanimously to submit proposals (see attachments) to the BofG for Cook Inlet ~~for~~ 2008 cycle.

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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
10	0	8		Public doesn't want this consolidation of AC. Want work. Will destroy AC system and participation in our area. See additional comments in Prop # 11.
11	0	8		Adamently opposed! The local public did not propose this and does not want consolidation. We already voiced our opposition on the draft proposal. ADF&G's Issue statement is not true. We deal with all fish and game issue for all of Area H and have from the start of ^{our} Advisory Committee. We have different opinions ^{than} ^{many} issues. We are a subsistence area at this time. The public will not drive to Homer or vice versa. This proposal could result in the erosion of an possible demise of the AC and public input. Our ^{meetings} cost the state nothing. All volunteers. This looks like an attempt to reduce local public participation especially in small communities. Work for new laws...

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No

Abstain

Summary of Discussion about this Proposal

Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
27	0	8		This language should be left in. The regional advisory councils need to be reactivated and used. We have participate in many regional council meetings and alot of good ideas are generated at these meeting that would make the Boards and AC process better if these ideas were implemented by the Boards.
28	0	8		The Joint board have authority now to designate seats on a specific AC if the public request it and the Joint Boards can justify designate seats. Many or most AC in the state would not exist because there wouldn't be participation from each user group to fill that seats. You can't make people participate.
29	0	8		ACs can have joint AC meetings now. AC committees should be in as many local areas as possible. The AC meetings should be held in the local area to give the locals the best opportunity to participate without a travel burden.

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Proposal Number	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal		
	Yes	No	Abstain
24	0	8	
			Town Hall meetings won't work. Many meetings are continued when there are a lot of proposals, there would be no continuity between meetings, without structure and organization, no one will show up.
25	0	8	
			Members already fill out a form that expresses their interests, our experience shows that this part of the system works well. Leave it alone
26	0	8	
			Who qualifies for a seat on the advisory committee is best left up to the local communities who usually know the people involved. Wasted time and money would be spent on researching the qualifications.

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Joint Boards

Proposal Number

Yes

No

Abstain

Summary of Discussion about this Proposal

Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
30	0	8		Leave this in. This should still be considered but shouldn't necessarily be the deciding factor.
31	0	9		There is adequate notice of Joint Board Meetings now
32	8	0		We favor changing the requirement from 2 meetings a year to one. Some years there may be proposals and issues that don't affect a committee so there is no reason to meet more than once. This would save members money also when there is no need for more than one meeting.

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Proposal Number	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal		
	Yes	No	Abstain
34	8	0	
			The biggest factor in strengthening the AC is to give them more involvement in the deliberation part of the meeting by providing AC representatives their own table as was the practice before. Then by giving AC's one last comment during deliberations, the commodities they represent then feel like their input matters. Anything less than this makes the AC process a waste of time.
35	8	0	
			This basically says the same thing. (we hope the Boards listen to these comments.
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			NO ACTION - see #33-35

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**Minutes of Joint Meeting of
Minto-Nenana Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Advisory Committees
Minto AK April 20, 2007**

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11:45 am: Meeting of Joint Advisory Committees was called to order by Minto-Nenana Chair Ron Silas. Stan Zuray was acting chair of Tanana-Rampart-Manley Committee, since Gerald Nicholia was not attending.

Members Present were:

T-R-M : Henry Wiehl, Betty Wiehl both from Rampart; Lester Erhart, Stan Zuray, Pat Moore, all 3 from Tanana; Frank Gurtler, Diane Gurtler both from Manley Hot Springs

Minto-Nenana: Freddy Titus, Clifford Alexander, Ron Silas, (alternates) Knowland Silas, David Titus all from Minto; Victor Lord, Timothy McManus, Steven Ketzler, Henry Ketzler, (alternate) Moses Paul all from Nenana

Guests Present were: Fred Bue, Rita St. Louis, Randy Rogers, Bob Stephenson, Tom Seaton, all ADF&G; Mike Smith Tanana Chiefs, Brandon ??, Minto, Patrick D Smith Sr. Minto Village Council.

No Chair Report

Stan Zuray gave a report on the Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage. 78 people testified, and of them only 4 testified for a change in management. No significant management changes for the Yukon Chinook fishery. There was some change in Coho management.

Fred Bue gave a season forecast report. Chinook are projected to be average or below average, chum are projected to be average, and Coho average or above average. He talked about the Yukon Panel agreement which is an international agreement to make sure a certain number of fish get to Canada, since half of the fish originate in Canada. Subsistence fishing for Subdistricts 5 A,B,C should begin June 19. Marking requirements for subsistence-taken Chinook have changed, due to Board of Fisheries actions. Both lobes of tail fin must be removed.

The Coho Management Plan puts Coho fishing more in line with fall chum season. The pike fishery from Murphy dome to Goldstream has certain sections closed so that the harvest will be more spread out. Pike stocks are on the rise, but they tend to concentrate in some areas, and their managers do not want them to be over fished.

Victor Lord asked Fred about hatcheries. Patrick Smith asked about how many fishermen go to the lakes over Murphy Dome. He had a question about transmitting diseases to people, and a concern about putting up interpretive signs so that people who come to fish will understand traditional use of the camping spots, the fishery, uses of the animals, and other things. He said it is important that outsiders understand traditional uses of the land.

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Discussion of Joint Board Proposals

22 Department Proposal to combine Minto-Nenana and Tanana-Rampart-Manley AC's.

A lively discussion ensued. This is a summary:

Arguments Against:

Different hunting and fishing areas.

Different areas have different concerns. This will make a very long meeting with people being introduced to issues that really do not concern them and their area. Issues do not get addressed as well. For example, Minto people probably are not greatly concerned about Yukon River Fisheries and *Ichthyophonus* issues.

If the AC's are too "diluted," going before the boards of fisheries and game could have less impact.

Joint meetings will be harder to have.

A more diverse user group makes it harder to have consensus because of too many interests and opinions.

We want to stay out of other people's business

Arguments In favor:

More "brain power" to discuss and solve issues.

Many of the concerns are concerns of all of us.

If one group or area has concerns, the others have to rally and support those and show a united voice and back each other.

Some communities are getting smaller, and need the impact of other's voices.

If the board decided to combine these 2 committees, the members here strongly requested that the total makeup of the board stay the same, and that membership not be reduced.

A vote was taken to combine the 2 committees: **10 in favor, 0 against, 6 abstentions.**

#24 Town hall. Opposed 0-16. Would not work with our committee.

#25 Write a letter. Opposed 0-16. These people would not write letters to be on a committee.

#26 Change requirements, involving violations Opposed 0-16. Too much control over people. This committee wants to keep existing language. Local folks know who to pick. Too much "feel good" language.

#33 #34 #35 #36 In favor 16-0

This suite of proposals was taken as a group. The committee felt they encompassed really good ideas. Some of the comments were as follows:

- If these had been in place at the last board meeting, surely there would have been a different outcome.
- Giving testimony at the beginning along with everyone else makes us believe that our testimony gets blurred with all the rest, and is not "out front" when the board deliberates.
- If you give testimony at first, then you find that the board is taking an entirely different approach. If you could address them at that time, you might be able to

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sway them, or at least address the approach they are taking to make you testimony more meaningful.

- Advisory committees do a lot of work, but when it comes to when the boards make their decisions, all that good work is not listened to as it should be.

38 Portions of GMU's 13, 14, 14 into non subsistence area Opposed 0 – 16

Comments against included:

- The Parks Highway landed on us, we did not land on it.
- We are subsistence hunters, and believe we should remain as such.
- This is just another way for urban AC's and urban people to erode our hunting rights and our ability to feed our families.

Wood Bison: Randy Rogers and Bob Stephenson gave a power-point presentation on wood bison, and their introduction into Alaska.

It was **Moved and seconded, and unanimously approved** to support the reintroduction of wood bison into the Minto flats Area.

Tom Seaton gave a harvest report for moose, bears, and fur bearers. Some discussion ensued regarding changing the lynx hunting regulations because it is believed by some that lynx migrate into and out of areas.

Coho Salmon

It was **Moved and seconded, and unanimously approved** to have a letter from the two AC's asking that no decisions be made on the Coho Management plan Allocations by the state without full AC input.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.

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MIDDLE NENANA RIVER FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Public Meeting

April 03, 07

Tri Valley Community Center, Healy

Minutes by secretary: Lolita Valcq

Meeting called to order 6:06 P.M. by Chairperson Mike Pearson

Roll Call by Lolita Valcq

Advisory Members Present: Dave Dickey, Mike Pearson, Leroy Sutton, Lolita Valcq, Brent Keith, Gary Wood, Travis Gurht, Bruce Carter, Steve Clark, John Basile, Nan Eagleson, Barbara Brease

A.C. members absent and excused: Paul Van Dyke

A.C. members absent and unexcused: Wayne Walters

Quorum: YES

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Agenda and minutes from February 26, 07 meeting reviewed and approved
Lolita Valcq makes motion, seconded by Dave Dickey, unanimous approved by committee

Introduction of Guests: Rita St Louis, ADF&G, Julia Potter, DCC, Biologist Don Young, B.J. Keith, Wayne Valcq, Tom Howarth, Lance Williams

Old Business:

Lolita Valcq asks Rita St. Louis why only one of the three proposals from the A.C. was in the booklet. Only one was a regulatory proposal.

New Business:

Brent Keith reports on meeting to be held April 11 pertaining to the Ferry bridge at 1:P.M. at Healy Community Center.

Election of Officers

Secretary-Lolita Valcq

Brent Keith nominated Lolita Valcq for secretary. Dave Dickey seconded. Unanimous approved by committee

Lolita Valcq agreed to continue secretary duties until December 07 when seat is open And she will not be available for re-election on the committee.

Chairperson-Mike Pearson

Bruce Carter nominated Mike Pearson for Chairperson, Dave Dickey seconded. Unanimous approved by committee.

Vice Chair-Brent Keith

Bruce Carter nominated Brent Keith for Vice Chair, Dave Dickey seconded Support -11

Oppose -1, need more diversity

No Comments on Region II Board of Game Meeting

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Proposal # 19 Combining the Middle Nenana River Advisory Comm. With the Denali advisory comm.(Cantwell)

Leroy Sutton makes motion to support proposal 19 Brent Keith seconded

Motion failed

Support—0

Oppose 12

Discussion of opposing points:

1. Advisory committees are located in two different regions, with different watersheds, different Game Management Units, and different social issues. Cantwell is south central, Middle Nenana in interior. The new combined AC would have to participate in both Region II and Region III proposals, issues, and Board of Game meeting.
2. 20A and 20C encompass a big area and present enough issues for the Middle Nenana Advisory Committee to deal with.
3. Cantwell qualifies for state and federal subsistence, Middle Nenana River Is non-subsistence area. Although diversity is sometimes good, there would be too many use patterns and priorities to reconcile successfully.
4. Two different F&G biologists. Asking or expecting area biologists from both regions to come to meetings would be a real imposition on their time and resources.
5. Our advisory committee is low funding because we are on the road system.
6. Middle Nenana committee has good attendance and always has a quorum. That would be a real challenge if more than 100 miles were added to the distance someone must travel to attend a meeting. Mileage between Cantwell and Anderson would make it difficult to have a quorum
7. **In summary, no one** on the committee was in favor of combining the two AC's. In fact more problems would be created than solved. Both AC's would suffer because of too many different issues.

Proposal #23 Reassign the undesignated seats on advisory comm.. where multiple communities are represented

Brent Keith makes motion to support proposal 23; Leroy Sutton seconded

Motion passed with amendment to Reassign seats on the Middle Nenana Advisory Committee to match what the committee had already agreed to do a few years ago, and has been functioning best with. Those seats are as follows: Clear/Anderson (3); Ferry (1); Healy (5); McKinley Village (1) ; undesignated (1).

Proposal # 28 Designate one seat for each user group

Barbara Brease makes motion to support proposal #28 Dave Dickey seconded

Support 0

Oppose 12

1. Can't support as written
2. User groups need more definition
3. The intent has merit

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Proposal # 36 Change timing of AC testimony during board meetings
Brent Keith makes motion to support proposal #36 Dave Dickey seconded

Support 12

Oppose 0

1. Advisory Committees will be able to be more active and have a stronger voice at board meetings. Unless there is a change, the Advisory Committees believe their input, expertise, and comments get so blended with those of the general public, that the board, when deliberating on a specific proposal, cannot realistically sort out what the Advisory Committees have said.

PROPOSAL #26 Modify qualification for members

Dave Dickey makes motion to support proposal # 26 Barbara Brease seconded

Support 0

Oppose 12

1. Agrees with violations of hunting and fishing convictions
2. Disagrees with the wording of the felony charges
3. Committee members are volunteers. Decision of who should be on the committee should be decision of the committee members and community

ANTLERLESS HUNTING AND ZONES

Biologist Don Young gave a 20 minute report on the moose hunting in 20A with maps and data of the harvest of moose in 2006 and the antlerless moose hunt ending in 2/07

Antler less moose in Zone 3 of 20A was only 18 and F&G quota was 50. He is recommending for support that zone 3 be opened to primitive hunting to include muzzle loaders for the 2007 season to meet their quota. The committee will vote to support or oppose this on their May 14th meeting.

A fish biologist will be present and have information about the local fishing at our May 14th meeting. The committee wants more diverse input from the public and more of the public to attend. The fish biologist will begin his presentation at 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned 9:06

Next Meeting: Monday May 14

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**Koyukuk River AC Teleconference
April 18, 2007 1:30 pm**

Meeting was called to order by vice Chair Jack Reakoff.

Members present were Jack Reakoff, Debbie Nictune, Max Hanft, Warner Bergman, Jack Wholecheese, Hudson Sam, and Orville Huntington.

Guests were Mike Spindler, Ryan Mollnow, Kevin Whitworth, Pat Madros Jr, USFWS, Glenn Stout, Randy Rogers, Rita St. Louis Joshua Ernst, ADF&G, Mike Potter, Dept Public Safety

Mike Spindler gave a report on the "bulls only" Federal hunt. He conducted prehunt meetings in several villages. The first hunt was not successful because of the really cold snap. Then, there was an extension, and even then, there were no bulls taken.

Joint Board Proposals and Comments

#23 Change undesignated seat Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- We need these seats because we are such a large region, and most of it is not near a village.
- Wiseman does not have a seat, but Jack Reakoff is a very important contributing member
- The undesignated seats offer flexibility to move the seats from village to village.
- The committee would be greatly weakened without this seat.

#24 Town hall type meeting Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- The AC's are voted in by the people who trust their judgment in representing the village, and their knowledge of the resource.
- As the meetings move from village to village, the other villages would be outvoted.
- The committee acknowledged that members of the public are always welcome at the meetings and their input is a valuable part of the decisions that are made.

#25 Write a letter to be on a committee Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- It would be even harder to get good people to serve on the committees because they would choose not to write a letter
- This is just another hurdle to getting and keeping members
- The members are nominated and voted by the villages. Writing a letter to the committee would be non productive.

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#26 Delete some language and add language regarding violations and age requirements. Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- Old language is sufficient, and completely workable to get good members
- We need to trust the communities to pick the people they think will serve best
- Members would not be selected if the community thought their character was not of high enough standard to represent them
- This would be an example of the state's running over us and meddling in our affairs. The villages and their people know who to choose, whether they have a felony conviction or not.
- If a committee has a problem, let them solve their own, don't make it all regulation.

#27 Regional council language removed. Considered this a housekeeping proposal, No Action

#28 One designated seat for every user group Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- This proposal would offer no benefits to the Koyukuk Ac.
- It is hard enough to get a quorum, without this.
- This proposal is biased with a certain perspective—artificially confines members to user groups that might not exist here, or at least in the numbers that this proposal would have it be.

#29 Modify Rules No Action

#30 Delete language about logistical problems. Opposed 0-7

#31 No Action

The intent of this proposal is unclear

#32 Change number of required meetings from two to one. Opposed 0-7

Discussion included:

- The reason for one meeting is money.
- Opposed to this because we see it as an excuse for the state to keep the funding low.
- Urban AC's then have even greater impact.
- There would be even more disparity between urban and rural AC's

#33 #34 #35 In favor 7-0

Discussion included:

- The committee was in favor of the concept and reasons for all of these proposals.
- When all testimony is given at the beginning, the recollection of what they said when the board deliberates is foggy.
- AC's should be able to contribute to the discussions

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- All the work the AC's do – meetings, travel, sleeping on floors etc – they feel they are not properly listened to.
- Other people can stay at their homes, meet with the boards, take them to lunch and in a way more greatly influence their vote.
- This would make the process more fair

#36 Timing of testimony In Favor 7-0

Discussion included:

- At the time of deliberation, the board's recollection is not good.
- They are probably all burned out from all of the testimony.

Glenn commented that Beth Lenert has moved from this region and is now the area biologist for the North Slope. Tony Hollis is the new assistant and Josh Ernst is the new technician.

Next meeting is October 17, 2007 in Allakaket

Meeting adjourned 3:30

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Upper Tanana/40 Mile Advisory Committee Meeting Tok University Center, Tok, AK

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Members Present:

Mike Cronk, Kenny Thomas, Terry Brigner, Frank Entsminger, Lyle Cronk, Danny Grangaard (Leif Wilson -absent-called Terry)

Guest:

Rita St. Louis (F&G), Mike Cuber, Arron Atchley, Connie Friend (TNWR), Sue Entsminger, Tony Booth (TNWR), Tess Faulise (F&G), Al Keech (F&G), Jeff Gross (F&G)

Election

Tok Seat was up and there was no opposition, so Terry Brigner was reelected. Undesignated seat was up and there was no opposition, so Frank Entsminger was reelected.

Nominated Arron Atchley for alternate (voted in as an alternate)

Joint Board Proposals Discussion

Proposal 12-Voted 0-5 against with 1 abstention-liked it the way it was written.

Prop 12 has inaccurate information about the Tok-Cutoff/Nabesna AC.

1. The proposal states there are TCONR AC members from Gakona and there are not.
2. The proposal only lists 103 people from Slana. This AC does represent Slana, but it also represents numerous other people and communities that are not being recognized by this proposal.
3. The TCONR AC also represents Mentasta Village (100 people), Chistochina (25-300 people), the community of Nabesna and residents that live along the Nabesna Road (30-40) and residents that live along the Glenn Hwy between Gakona and Mentasta.
4. In addition, the TCNOR AC is an active committee with good attendance and participation by AC members and members of the public from the area.
5. Finally, this AC is the PRIMARY AC in UNIT 13C, southern unit 12, and Northern Unit 11.

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6. People in this area have modest to low income and can't afford to travel hundreds of miles round trip to attend these meetings with high gas prices. It is unreasonable to expect these people to drive hundreds of miles during unpredictable winter conditions to attend meetings. If the TCNOR AC is consolidated into a Glennallen based committee, the area residents the TCNOR AC represents will NOT receive adequate representation.

For all of these reasons, the Upper Tanana/40 Mile Advisory Committee opposes this proposal and recommends the TCNOR AC be retained as it.

Proposal 23- Section C p.21

This committee voted to keep undesignated seats. The UT/40 AC makes and amendment to this proposal to have 2 undesignated seats (one east and one south). There are populations in both directions outside of Tok. The people that live there are interested and have an influence on the AC. These people ALWAYS attend and represent all people.

Proposal 24 Oppose 0-6

You must pay your dues to be a part of the meeting. This kind of system allows for KNEE JERK responses. One user group could come in on one meeting and override any logical thought. MOB RULES= NOT GOOD FOR WILDLIFE.

Proposal 25 Oppose 0-6

Proposal 26 Oppose 0-6

We are an advisory committee, not a paid entity. We are ALL VOLUNTEER'S. Most of our jobs already require a back ground check.

Local Communities can screen our own members.

Proposal 27 Oppose 0-6

Leave it on the books in case of a miracle, the state gets back control of federal land.

Proposal 28 Oppose 0-6

Proposal 30 Oppose 0-6

Proposal 31 Oppose 0-6

Proposal 32 Support 6-0

Proposal 33 Support 6-0.

AS IS! This proposal outlines exactly what we want with the BOG and BOF. We need a SEAT at the TABLE WITH the BOG and BOF. The system is broke and this is a way of fixing it.

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Proposals 34, 35, 36 Support 6-0

The committee supports all of these proposals in concept.

TNWR report

Winter moose season on the Tetlin Refuge. Modify the season to Nov. 20-Dec. 10 1 bull

Predator control report

22 killed by aerial hunters

Predator control bear permits are available.

Cyber hunting brought up. House bill 220. Voted to send a letter supporting the ban.

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**Minutes of the Ruby Advisory Committee,
Ruby, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game
Nov. 11, 2006**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm in the Ruby Tribal Council Building. Members present were Ed Sarten, Dale Honea, Don Honea Jr., and John Stam. Tim Gervais, a former member of the committee was present and expressed interest in rejoining the committee. Because we needed one more member to make a quorum, Tim was elected to join the committee.

First step in handling Old Business was to pass out committee member information sheets for all members to fill out with updated information. It was noted that the current member list was several years old and needed to be updated.

First step in New Business was a **motion** by Ed Sarten to reopen the December 1-10 bulls only season for moose in 21B. A discussion followed and the proposal was **seconded and accepted unanimously**. A winter (or spring) season has a long tradition in Unit 21 and the committee felt it was needed for those people unsuccessful in the fall season. The spring season was rejected because of the need to conserve cows.

Next considered were the proposals from the Federal Subsistence Council. **Proposal WP07-33 was opposed unanimously**. This herd of caribou is isolated from any fall hunting activity and only on very rare occasions do animals appear on the Yukon or Melozi Rivers. There is essentially no harvest of these animals and thus this proposal is mute.

Proposal WP07-36 was discussed and accepted unanimously. It was felt that the early season was not of much interest to the subsistence users and it would be better to have it replaced with an extension of the regular season. The warmer falls and lack of movement by the bulls was the main reason for the acceptance of this proposal.

Proposal WP07-37 was discussed and accepted unanimously as amended. The March 1-5 dates were opposed because of the inability to differentiate between bulls and cows in March. The date was amended to Dec. 1-10 for this reason.

Next was a call for any proposals for changes in Advisory Committees but there were no proposals.

Ed Sarten made a motion to keep the Ruby Advisory Committee intact and not to merge with the Middle Yukon AC. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. It was felt that the Ruby area was unique and was better served by its own AC.

The Koyukuk Dec 4 meeting was discussed next and it was felt that a member should attend the meeting. John Stam was elected to attend the meeting.

The next order of business was to discuss and vote on the fish proposals for the Jan 31-Feb.5 Board of Fish meeting. The following is a list of proposals considered and the results of the discussions.

Proposal 161. Supported unanimously. It was felt that windows was a valid concept and has benefited all salmon users. It should continue.

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Proposal 166. Opposed unanimously. It was felt that the drop rate for kings would be considerable and also that people would have to regear at considerable expense. The harvest should be regulated by seasons and not by the gear.

Proposal 169. Opposed unanimously. The automatic opening on the lower river was opposed because it was felt that in certain years it could hurt an entire stock of kings.

Proposal 170. Opposed with 2 abstaining. It was felt that Y1 should not be penalized for fish caught outside the river system.

Proposal 174. Opposed unanimously. There is little if any commercial fishing for cisco, sheefish and whitefish and therefore this proposal is mute.

Proposals 187, 190, and 192 were all supported unanimously. It was felt that the Area M has a detrimental affect on the AYK area and since the chum cap was lifted, Area M fishermen should be regulated in every way possible.

Proposals 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, and 200 were all opposed unanimously. It was felt that Area M fishermen were harvesting more than a fair share of the salmon resource bound for Bristol Bay and AYK and should be limited in any way possible so that the northern fishermen could benefit.

In the last order of new business, Tim Gervais said he would like to sit on the commercial user seat of the Western Interior Advisory Committee and asked for the recommendation of the RAC. A vote was taken and 3 supported and one abstained.

A date for the next meeting was not made at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Submitted by John Stam , secretary.

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Dear Joint Board of Fisheries and Board of Game,

The Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 19 2007 for the purpose of reviewing the Joint Board Proposals which will be discussed in Anchorage at the October 2007 Joint Board meeting. We had initially planned to review the Joint Board proposals at our March 22 meeting. When discussion began at the March meeting, it was clear that various members of our committee had strong concerns about these proposals. An April meeting was set for the intent purpose of discussion of the Joint Board proposals.

We voted on many of the proposals and the results can be found in our minutes. Some proposals were out of our area of expertise and we declined to comment on those.

The Seward AC had serious concerns about several of the proposals, specifically proposals # 2 through 6, #10 through 15, and #18 through 23 which were all submitted by ADF&G. The proposal criteria as outlined by Board Support have specific protocol which must be followed for a proposal to advance, be published, and considered by the Board. Some of these criteria are as follows:

1. Write a short explanation of which user group[s] will benefit and which will suffer if your proposal is adopted into regulation.
2. Explain other ideas you had or your group discussed for solving the problem and why you did not present those ideas.

All of the department proposals except one, #23 are blank in the "What will happen if nothing is done?", "Who is likely to benefit?", "Who is likely to suffer?" and "Other solutions considered." sections. Why is the Department held to a different standard than the public when submitting proposals?

The Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee has serious questions regarding this group of Joint Board Proposals. These proposals seek to eliminate the local Advisory Committee system that has served the citizens of Alaska so well in the past and establish a regional model for ACs. We believe this is a bad idea. The local expertise of the AC members statewide, and more importantly the valued input of the local residents, will be forfeited if the regionalization process put forth in these proposals moves forward.

If the intent is to save the State money, this is not the way to accomplish that end. It will cost the state money in transportation, mail, and communication fees to get AC members from their local area to a

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regional AC meetings. More importantly, The Seward Advisory Committee sees the regionalization of the AC system as a way to disenfranchise local citizens. Regional ACs will effectively remove local voices from the Board process. Most local citizens will not be able to afford travel to regional AC meetings. If the goal of regionalizing ACs is to streamline the Board meetings, this will certainly work.

If local areas have dedicated individuals with many years of local knowledge who choose to invest their time providing meaningful input on issues concerning fish and game in their areas, they should be encouraged. AC members are voted onto the AC by citizens of the local areas. These seats should not be appointed. Local areas are fortunate to have citizens that are interested in serving in this capacity and willing to go through the election process.

We are fortunate to have a representative Board process for fish and game issues in our state that utilizes a proposal process. This allows local citizens and AC's to propose changes to the codified regulations of the state of Alaska. Please rethink the idea of regional ACs. Leave the local AC system in place as it has worked so well for many years.

We would appreciate your response to our concerns at your earliest opportunity.

This letter has been reviewed and approved by the membership of the Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee.

Submitted by Dianne Dubuc, Secretary

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Call to order @ 6:35

Members Present: Dyer VanDevere, Dave Atcheson, Gary Dawkins, Curtis Dunham, Mike Crawford, Mel Erickson, Dennis Geese, Bill Tapan, Dan Thompson, Paul Shadura II, Dr. Roland Maw

Excused Absent: Ed Moegeline, Joe Connors, Greg Draiss, Christine Koski, Phillip Brower, Joe Hardy

Guest: Mark Fink Fish and Game - Provides fish and wildlife assessment to DNR.

Shadura: Is the chuit area mapped and in the anadromous fish catalog?
Fink: Yes.

Fink: there will be habitat loss. Not sure who came up with "no net loss".

Shadura: Will the timeframe for reclamation be before the project begins?
Fink: Yes, before the permits are issued.

Maw: What kind of performance bonds are going to be required if the company decides to leave.
Fink: That hasn't been discussed in our meetings. The company has said they will bond.

Maw: If the fish production is at a certain level, and declines, how do we get compensation for that?
Fink: I will bring that up.

VanDevere: the hole will be up to 400 feet deep?
Fink: Yes.

Dawkins: Isn't it possible to have more fish habitat after reclamation?
Fink: Yes

Geese: What is the economic interest to the Peninsula with this project?
Fink: Around 300 jobs, but this is a question for Pac Rim.

Dawkins: what is the significance of navigable water and non-navigable?
Fink: the state owns the bed of the river if the water is navigable. BLM has deemed the lower Chuit as non-navigable.

Dawkins: 1978 wasn't this deemed navigable?
Fink: Yes, that was before the permits for this mine.

Dawkins: A stream that runs into saltwater
Fink: Not sure.

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Maw: are there other coal seams around this project?
Fink: I assume so.

Are you going to do a cumulative EIS?
Fink: Yes.

DNR project managers
Tom Crafford DNR
Bruce Buzby DNR

Thompson: any ideas on the travel lanes in the inlet?
Fink: We haven't gotten into that yet. It will be in the EIS.

Crawford: Is there anything else you would like to let us know?
Fink: Make more people aware of this project.

Vandevere: How do the seams work?
Dennis: Top seam of 20 to 40 feet. Then other seams up to 30 feet. 400 feet is very deep. I have never heard of one deeper than 200 feet.
This coal is sub-bituminous.

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Shadura: motion to adopt prop 10.
Second: Vandevere.

Dawkins: Financially this won't work for the peninsula. We have separate issues from Cooper Landing.

Dr. Maw: This is called downloading the cost.

Crawford: Someone is going to have to give up there seat.

Geese: These proposals are not even filled out completely.

Erickson: There may be too many AC in such a small area. I.e. cooper landing, hope, seaward, ninilchik, central peninsula.

Crawford: The GMUs are very diverse on the Kenai Peninsula, and so should the ACs. Local concerns will not be taken care of with less ACs.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 11.
Second: Vandevere.

Shadura: motion to support prop 11
Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

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Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 23.
Second: Vandevere.

Shadura: they are trying to lessen the requirements so that they can have a quorum in some of these smaller areas.

Maw: motion to support prop 23.
Second: Shadura.

Call to question.

Unanimous Support

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 24.
Second: Vandevere.

Crawford: This would cause problems with user groups.
Tappan: There would be no balance.
Maw: This is not good for statewide, proposal should have been made local.

Shadura: motion to support prop 24.
Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 25.
Second: Vandevere.

Maw: this is amending an administrative code, we don't have jurisdiction here.
Crawford: This is terribly written.

Shadura: motion to support prop 25.
Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 26.
Second: Vandevere.

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Dawkins: This is the second go around for this proposal. There was a problem with a convicted sex offender in anchorage being elected to the committee.

Dunham: Isn't the \$3000 limit for fishing low.

Dawkins: Who is going to enforce these regulation during an election. Statute would need to be changed.

Crawford: There needs to be some kind of appeal if you fall into one of these guidelines.

Maw: Why not leave, A-B-C to the courts to deceid. Item D should be changed in statue by the legislature.

Shadura: motion to ammend prop 26 by striking all of (4)a,b,c,d.

Second: Vandevere.

Shadura: motion to support amendment.

Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

Unanimous Support.

Shadura: motion to support prop 26 as amended.

Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

Unanimous Support.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 27.

Second: Vandevere.

Shadura: This statute is a fairly decent idea. It has never been implemented though.

Maw: At one time the chair of the regional chair would go to the BOF/BOG meetings. They have refused to fund this. This statute needs to stay in place. This proposal would officially close the door on this statute.

Shadura: motion to support prop 27.

Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 28.

Second: Vandevere.

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Shadura: motion to adopt prop 29.
Second: Vandever.

No Action

Maw: motion to adopt prop 30.
Second: Vandever.

Dawkins: This would create huge expenses for meetings. Logistically this is a problem.
Shadura: This is trying to delete local ACs.

Shadura: motion to support prop 30
Second: Vandever.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 31.
Second: Vandever.

Shadura: This is already the way it is

No Action

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 32
Second: Vandever.

Maw: This would make it easier for an AC to stay active.
Dawkins: I would like to see ACs more active.

Shadura: motion to support prop 32
Second: Vandever.

Call to question.

Unanimous Oppose.

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Shadura: motion to adopt prop 33,34,35
Second: Vandevere.

Crawford: Nothing would ever get done at the meetings.
Maw: This would force the state to use the Regional system.

Maw: motion to support prop 34
Second: Shadura

Call to question.
Unanimous Support.

NO Action on 33 & 35.

Shadura: motion to adopt prop 36
Second: Vandevere.

Crawford: motion to support prop 36
Second: Vandevere.

Call to question.
Unanimous Support.

NOTE: Crawford has the gavel.

Dawkins: motion to adopt prop 7.
Second: Vandevere.

This area doesn't have any representation. This is a large area. Driving distances are great.

Shadura motion to amend: add Mt. Yenlo AC into this proposal.
Second: Vandevere

Maw: They need to look at combing Mt. Yenlo with another AC.

Dawkins: motion to support prop 7.
Second: Vandevere.

Maw Motion to table the amendment and proposal
Call to question.

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10 Support, 1 oppose.

**Next meeting TBA.
Motion to adjourn.**

Curtis Dunham, Secretary

Public Meeting
Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 7:00 pm
Pikes Water Front Lodge, Copper Room
Chairman: Mike Kramer

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Members Present: Mike Kramer, Skipp Olsen, Roggie Hunter, Bud Burris, Mike Kramer, Larry Kappel, Ace Callaway, Allen Barnett, Hal Hume, Rob Hams. Quorum present.

Members Absent: Mike Tinker, Ray Heuer, Daniel Gilson, Virgil Umphenour, Emma Grennan,

Dept Fish and Game: Don Young, Rita St. Louis, Randy Rogers, Bob Stephenson, Dick Burley.

Guest: Byron Stokes, Chuck Boise.

March Minutes Approved.

Chair Report: Mike Kramer brought up and committee discussed the Kanuti Plan. The Western Alaska Caribou herd was discussed, along with a paper published on it.

New Business:

GAME ISSUES: Koyukuk Moose Management Plan, and it's future was reported on and discussed by Randy Rogers. Moose population stable in the lower Koyukuk, while levels in the upper Koyukuk still in decline. Unit 24-B&C are areas that need an Intensive Management Plan crafted. There are some major difficulties between State and Federal Management.

Unit 26-B Moose Season, April 2-16. News of this opening was not widely available, and only had one day notice. This season was geared to only be available to locals in 26-B.

Board of Fish Update, Governor Palin appointed 2 new members. Vince Webster of King Salmon and Howard Delo of Big Lake. Ace Calloway: We need to get behind Mike for the upcoming seat on the Fish Board.

Motion by Ace Callaway, and seconded by Larry Kappel, that we draft a letter to Governor Palin to express thanks for her actions.

Vote: Support: 8, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 2, Absent: 5. Mike Kramer will draft letter.

Discussion on the appointment of Denby Lloyd, many people are very unhappy with this appointment.

Bud Burris: The breaking up of management areas caused inconsistencies in management of wildlife herds. Bud explained how some areas are managed differently than others, to the detriment of the herds.

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Allen Barrette: The proposal for a Katmai Brown Bear hunt was a ploy to get a land swap.

Wood Bison Project , Randy Rogers introduced Bob Stevenson, the Wood Bison Biologist working the project. The project document is ready for print. The Fairbanks Advisory Committee needs to review this document. Newsletter will be posted on the web site along with Environmental review. Minto, Manly, Tanana, and Rampart, A/Cs need to review the documents. June 30th the comments will be assessed and site locations will be looked at. Randy reiterated that everyone knows that the Wood Bison herd is a huntable herd. Randy wants to move the herd next winter.

Bob Stephenson: We either import stock next winter or we wait 2 years, till the next round-up in Canada. They need an interim location to hold the stock. The location considered in Turnagain has 65 acres, with 4 enclosures. US Forest Service is interested, and will furnish a location for a captive breeding herd. Safari Club invested money for the equipment currently on location at Turnagain. Application For Import has been submitted with US Fish & Wildlife. The ban on imports of bovines was lifted in January, and border is expected to open soon.

Randy Rogers: We want simultaneous releases at Yukon Flats, and Minto Flats. Then a later release at Innoko Flats.

Mike Kramer: We need to make sure the Federal Government does not place the Wood Bison in a subsistence status. These herds need to be open for the use of all Alaskans. There is concern that only local people will be able to hunt these Bison once the herd reaches hunt able numbers.

Randy Rogers: Reasons for importing and establishing Wood Bison are that they are more resistant to predation. Their habitat leans to grasslands, that currently see little use by wildlife. Bigger animals, bigger than the Plains Bison at Delta, and other locations in the state.

Mike Kramer: moved that we have a meeting in May to discuss the Wood Bison.
Vote: Support: 10, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.

Don Young: I have been working on the Delta Herd, doing a lot on the browse utilization surveys. Unit 20-E has 5 to 6 moose per sq mile. On the unit 20-A hunt, 700 was the goal. Between 550 and 560 were taken, number unconfirmed right now. Only 60 to 80 were taken in zone 3. Goal for next year will be 600. Out of the 300 any bull permits only 71 taken, goal for nest year will be 500 permits any bull. The bulls are taking 6-7 to reach 50". Survival rates are up in 20-A. 20-B same program for this year.

Fisheries Issues: **Chuck Boise:** Discussed problems with access in the Chitna area, especially around Obrian creek. 9,000 permits were issued last year for dip netters. Chuck read a letter written to Department of Transportation, about improving the road for vehicle traffic. The Chitna Dip Netters association is asking for the A/Cs support for the plan to repair the road and bridge. They feel if the road is not kept up the Native Corporation will request the state relinquish the easement.

Vote: Support: 10, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.
Next meeting of then Dipnetters Association will be held at Pioneers Hall, April 28th at 7:30 PM.

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Proposal 23, Reassignment of undesignated seats on advisory committees.

Vote: N/A

Proposal 24, Institutes a "Town Hall" system of meetings. Hal Hume moved to support, Larry Kappel seconded.

Vote: Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.

Proposal 25, Qualifications of A/C members. Larry Kappel moved to table, Al Barrette seconded. Unanimous agreement to table.

Proposal 26, Change qualifications for A/C members. Al Barrette moved to support, Bud Burris seconded.

Vote: Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.

Proposal 27, Delete reference to regional councils. Hal Hume moved to table, Larry Kappel seconded. Unanimous support to table.

Proposal 28, Designate seat on A/C for user groups. Hal Hume moved to support, Larry Kappel seconded.

Vote: Support: 0, Oppose: 10, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.

Proposal 29, Allow Advisory Committees to modify rules of operations. Hal Hume moved to support. Ace Calloway moved to table till Ray Heuer returns to explain proposal, Larry Kappel seconded. Unanimous to table.

Proposals 30, 31, 32, Hal Hume move to table, Larry Kappel seconded. Unanimous to table.

Proposal 33, 34, Increase Advisory Committee involvement on Board of Game meetings. Bud Burris moves to combine, and to move for joint commit. Also to utilize the best of both proposals. Vote for Hybrid approval. Unanimous.

Proposal 35, Allow A/C representatives a seat at the Board table. Larry Kappel moved to take no action. Unanimous agreement.

Proposal 36, Change timing of A/C testimony during board meetings. Hal moved to approve as alternative if proposal 33 & 34 are not approved. Unanimous approval.

Proposal 37, Remove Funtner Bay from Juneau Subsistence area. Bud moved to take no action. Unanimous agreement.

Proposal 38, Include portions of units 13, 14, and 20 in non-subsistence areas. Larry Kappel moved to support, Hal Hume seconded.

Vote: Support: 10, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 5.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

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Public Meeting
Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 7:00 pm
Pikes Water Front Lodge, Copper Room
Chairman: Mike Kramer

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Members Present: Mike Kramer, Mike Tinker, Roggie Hunter, Bud Burris, Larry Kappel, Ace Callaway, Allen Barette, Hal Hume, Virgil Umphenour, Ray Heuer, Daniel Gilson. Quorum present.

Members Absent: Emma Grennan, Scott Bidwell, Rob Hams, Skip Olsen.

Dept Fish and Game: Don Young, Rita St. Louis, Randy Rogers, Bob Stevenson, David James.

Guest: Byron Stokes, Dick Bishop.

7:04 PM Called to order

Agenda approved.

Hal Hume moved to accept minutes as corrected, Bud seconded.

Mike Kramer went to mail received: Notice of adoption of the use of hunting with .22 rifle only, for small game in a youth hunt. This adoption was for the Skilak Loop Road area. There is a general consensus that this is a violation of emergency regulation process. Received another emergency order dated April 26, to repeal the regulation on more than one license per year. We receive emergency orders that are not clear.

Ace Callaway: Department needs to give us information like we give them similar to the way proposals are done. Ace moved that we weigh-in as A/C on how the department notifies us.

Bud Burris: This is legislative action not Fish and Game.

Hal Hume seconded the move, that we write a letter to the Department of Fish and Game.
Vote: Support 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0, Absent 5.

(This vote was taken just before Larry Kappel's arrival.)

Mike Kramer discussed the letter from the Copper River Watershed Project. It reads the road is going to be graded and the bridge will be restored to its original dimensions.

Ace Callaway: Discussed the new amendment to the regulation made by the new acting commissioner to give enforcement authority to the Coast Guard, Bureau of Land Management, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Furthermore Ace understands that the Coast Guard does not want this authority.

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Ace Callaway moved that we support this action, Larry Kappel seconded.
Vote: Support 0, Oppose 11, Abstain 0, Absent 0.
Ace Callaway will write the letter.

WOOD BISON:

Hal Hume: Many suggestions and concerns have been addressed about release locations.

Mike Kramer: Need to ask the Federal Subsistence Board if the Wood Bison would be considered subsistence animals.

Ace Callaway: Minto Flats should be first so the state can keep control of this program and its animals. Doyon restricts access to Doyon members only on Doyon land.

Randy Rogers: These are the kind of comments we need from the public on these proposals.

Bob Stephenson: By 2010 we should be able to release Wood Bison at both locations, Yukon Flats and Innoko Flats. Yukon and Innoko have larger and better habitat. The Yukon Flats can support 2,000 animals, the Innoko Flats can support 4,000 animals, and Minto Flats can support 500 animals.

Mike Kramer: Why is the Department so set on releasing in the Yukon Flats.

Randy Rogers: The decision has not been made.

Ray Heuer: Higher predation numbers in the Yukon Flats.

Mike Tinker: We don't want another Musk-Ox fiasco, we don't want to have to fight for the general public to be able to hunt these animals.

Mike Kramer: Why is the Department pushing an area where so many issues are prevalent.

Mike Tinker: What are the states options. What Federal level has the final approval.

Ace Callaway: The Minto area will get more public support, due to a much higher visibility. People can drive by in their boats and see the animals, or fly over with a plane. They can drive to the area and see them from the roads possibly.

Mike Kramer asked that we vote, Does anyone oppose the Wood Bison Plan.
A vote was taken and no one opposes the Wood Bison Plan.

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Mike Kramer: There are many areas of the plan that I have problems with, some of them being. Page 3. Cooperative Management Plan, Cooperative with whom? Page 8, Minto can support 500 animals, taking 13 years to reach this amount. Page 11, 13 years to see the same amount of animals no matter the location, with 20% growth rate. Page 45, Maintain or enhance subsistence economies. Page 49, Estimated monetary gains to residents of native or private lands. What was the last date of the last animal in the areas and where.

Bob Stephenson: The last reported sightings were in 1906. The last radio carbon dated findings date to 1800.

8:45 PM Break

8:58 PM End Break

Mike Kramer: Amend minutes of last meeting to show rejection 10 to 0 in opposition of Town Hall type meeting. (Minutes from April 11, 2007 meeting.)

Dick Bishop: Whether this results in a huntable herd or not the public will support it.

Ace Callaway: The Department of Fish and Game is not there for economic development, but there for maximum sustainable yield of consumptive users.

Mike Tinker: We need to draft a letter addressing our concerns.

Al Barrette: I want full disclosure of commitments in this project.

David James: All disclosures are in the document. Due to specimen locations and habitat was the reason for Yukon Flats being chosen.

Ace Callaway: We want the program, but how do we do it without the most conflicts.

Mike Tinker: Under funding of projected cost, there is no mention of funding sources.

JOINT BOARD ISSUES:

Proposal 25: Qualifications for members. Al Barrette moved to adopt that a letter will be needed to state qualifications. Ace Callaway seconded the move.

VOTE: Support 0, Oppose 11, Abstain 0, Absent 4.

Proposal 27: Functions of local fish and game advisory committees.

Mike Tinker moved to support, Al Barrette seconded.

VOTE: Support 0, Oppose 11, Abstain 0, Absent 4.

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Proposal 29: Uniform rules of operations. Mike Tinker moved to support, Al Barrette seconded.

VOTE: Support 0, Oppose 11, Abstain 0, Absent 4.

Proposal 30: Review of request for local fish and game advisory committees.

VOTE: to strike #7, #5, and #8. Support 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4.

Mike Tinker moved to support as amended, Al Barrette seconded.

VOTE: Support 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4.

Proposal 31: Board assistance, recommend no action.

Proposal 32: Committee status and change of status. Mike Tinker moved to support, Dan Gilson seconded.

VOTE: Support 0, Oppose 10, Abstain 1, Absent 4.

Mike Tinker suggested we postpone the rest of the proposals till next meeting.
Unanimous agreement.

Set next meeting: October 10th.

Mike Tinker to represent the Fairbanks A/C membership at the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game, in October.

December 7th deadline for proposals for the Game Board meeting February and March 2008.

November 14th regular meeting, November 16th Joint meeting with the R-belt A/Cs

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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Meeting was Called to Order by Chairman Ken Chase. **BOARDS**

Roll Call:

Gabe Nicholai, Stan Walker, Ken Chase, Robert Walker
Arnold Hamilton, Jamie Hamilton LeRoy Peters, Peter Walker, Jamie
Hamilton - substitute from Shageluk(Quorum established)

Agenda was approved with one change by Arnold Hamilton regarding
Wood Bison Resolution.

Robert Walker who is the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council
representative, gave a report on the AYK meeting in Anchorage . He also
talked about some of the things WRAC were dealing with. This committee
was opposed these AYK proposals .

Robert told the committee about the 5 year planning for next BOF meeting .
Plan to restrict mesh and net size. ERAC again. To restrict federal waters.
Different types of fishing is important. Locked into size. Water depths
important.

Guests :

Paul ? FWS, David Walker, Darlene Aloysius, Roger Seavoy, ADG&G , Bill
Schaff FWS, Steve Kovach FWS, Randy Rogers ADG&G, Rita. St. Louis
ADG&G,

The Committee discussed the Undesignated Seats that the Joint Board is
suggesting they get rid of. **This committee voted unanimously that they
like those undesignated seats to become designated seats: One for
Anvik and one for Shageluk.**

Election of officers

Elected were Ken Chase, Chair, Arnold Hamilton, Vice Chair, Kathy Chase
Secretary. All elections were unanimous.

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NewBusiness

Ken Chase gave a report regarding the Big Game Commercial Services Board. He reported that they are reorganizing, but there is not a lot of public knowledge about them, but that their actions are important to this committee. Air taxi operators and other people are involved, and we need to keep the little business person involved. Over the last dozen years complaints have arisen about taxi operators.

Collin Brown from Galena is on the committee; Ted Spraker is the BOG representative. The formation of the BBSB has a sunset date. We need to make sure we are actively involved. Robert Walker suggested we need to look into their activities and actions, including knowing about the dates of their meetings.

Randy Rogers and Rita St. Louis will request more information through Ted Spraker. It is believed that members are appointed by the governor. They do have a web site as well.

Randy R. commented that there is political power to restrict clients and transporters. Concept was to work through BGCSB to develop regulations to make industry a little tighter.

Ken Chase also wondered about the organization, The Alaska Moose Federation. Roger Seavoy stated it is designed to promote moose in multiple ways. Some ideas have a lot of merit, some not so good. Among the things they want to do is to move moose from one place to another.

Roger Seavoy' Report:

Wolf harvest is too low for this area. He acknowledged that some not getting into reporting system.

Gabe : They have caught no wolves this year.

Arnold: Price of gas prevents a lot of going after wolves.

Leroy: Certain people do the hunting. He wondered where their counts are recorded. When a wolf is sealed, the information should go somewhere and be available.

Paperwork is sent to Anchorage, Roger should have a copy. Roger said there is some sort of disconnect.

Gabe: Certain villages have programs to encourage wolf harvest. Once the wolves are sealed, it is the owner's business what he does with that pelt.

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Regarding black bears, Roger stated it would be good to have a running tally of what is caught. There is no reporting requirement for black bears. Several are shot in fish camp in defense of life and property.

Moose season: The season was shortened in 21A & E for non residents. Now it is Sept 5 through 20. Drawing permits are required for non residents. There were fewer applicants than drawings available. Roger will have more information on that later. Even though not part of the Yukon-Innoko Moose Management Plan, the Board of Game added guided and non guided hunters.

Roger stated that even though statistically, the moose numbers do not differ, he has noticed a decline. He stated an uneasiness regarding what he is seeing, and wants to address it before it becomes a real problem.

Roger plans to do some twinning surveys. He also stated that one sees fewer black bears than are really present. Black bears take a lot of calves. Randy R. asked whether they were still planning population surveys in 2008 and 2010.

Some members were concerned about enforcement. They want to get a trooper to come to a meeting.

Moose harvest is down last 2 years. Counts seem higher than we see on the ground. This is all part of Roger's concerns. Perhaps the warmer temperatures are keeping the moose from moving about so much, so they are harder to find during hunting season.

Members talked about the winter federal moose harvest.

Randy R. did an informal survey on the winter moose harvest. He also stated that Matt Dobson wrote a good article about harvest.

Getting licenses was a real problem this year. Folks could not get a license, so they could not get a moose. There needs to be more efficient way to have licenses issued.

Below is Roger's report:

Roger Seavoy
McGrath Area biologist 524-3323, 524-3324FAX, roger_seavoy@fishgame.state.ak.us
GASH AC Meeting notes
5-3-07 Holy Cross

WOLF:

Units 21A and 21E wolf harvest chronology by month, regulatory years 2000–2001 through 2004–2005

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Regulatory year	Harvest chronology by month										Total harvest
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Unk	
2000–2001	1	3	0	2	3	13	13	16	0	0	51
2001–2002	0	2	0	7	4	1	2	35	1	5	57
2002–2003	0	6	0	0	1	1	15	6	3	0	32
2003–2004	0	4	0	5	4	4	3	3	1	0	24
2004–2005	0	3	0	2	0	7	8	10	3	0	33
2005–2006	0	3	0	1	1	4	11	4	1	0	25
Total	1	21	0	17	13	30	52	74	9	5	222
% of Total	0.5	9.5	0.0	7.7	5.9	13.5	23.4	33.3	4.1	2.3	

Units 21A and 21E harvest by transport method, regulatory years 2000–2001 through 2004–2005

Regulatory year	Harvest by transport method				
	Aircraft	Snowmobile	Boat	Other/Unk	Total
2000–2001	4	45	0	2	51
2001–2002	3	50	0	4	57
2002–2003	7	22	3	0	32
2003–2004	2	20	2	0	24
2004–2005	1	30	2	0	33
2005–2006	1	21	3	0	25

Wolf harvests are too low to change predation rates in any meaningful way.

Units 21A and 21E grizzly bear harvest 2000–2001 through 2004–2005

Regulatory year	21A 21E		Harvest	Number of residents
2000–2001	2	8	10	0
2001–2002	3	7	10	3
2002–2003	1	3	4	0
2003–2004	0	2	2	2
2004–2005	3	5	8	4
2005–2006	1	9	10	6
Total	10	34	44	15

NOTE: ALL NONRESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO USE GUIDES TO HUNT GRIZZLY BEARS.

Bears were generally taken along the Anvik River (most), Innoko River, and Yukon Rivers (in order). A few taken elsewhere.

No harvest reporting required for black bears.

Bear harvest numbers are too low for meaningful analysis and are too low to influence predation rates on moose.

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Joint Board Proposals

24 Moved and 2nd to Adopt. Opposed 0-8.

Discussion: People have a chance to get on the AC's whenever they want to. The federal system requires letters and appointments. Members of the committee stated that one is elected on his own record. If you are interested, and your community wants you, you will be elected. Continuity is really critical. If the town hall system were adopted, the continuity would suffer.

25 Moved and 2nd to Adopt. Opposed 0-8.

It is hard enough to get good members without adding that as well.

26 Moved and 2nd to Adopt. Opposed 0-8.

Too many restrictions.

#27 Regional councils No action.

#28 One seat for every user group. No Action.

This might works for road system committees. Too clannish. Like RAC committees. Happy to get people who are interested.

#29 No Action

#30 No Action

#31 No Action

32 Moved and 2nd to Adopt. Opposed 0-8.

33 through #36 Moved and 2nd to Adopt. Opposed 0-8.

These are must more proposals turned against us. Conflicts for all of us to be there. Confusing. During the deliberations. Cant stay there for the whole time. Drag meeting on longer. Probably would make things worse for rural committees.

Steve Kovach Refuge Report.

Avian Influenza 200, got 300 pintails 20,000 statewide. All negative. More this summer. Bird, not human disease. If you cook the meat well, there is no problem with getting the disease.

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Lot of wildfires. 300,000 acres on and off. 2/3 of area was spruce, 10% mixed. Measured effects for moose, fur bearers. Most pretty lightly burned.

Count moose every other year. Next next Feb. or March.

Allows 2 guides on refuge. Neither hunted. Air taxis. 46 hunters got 9 moose. 20%. Lowest rate since 1998. 20-24 % Decline in hunter success rate through time. Same as 21 E midpoint of estimate down, but statistically no difference.

Management: Steve stated the Moose Management Plan is a great tool. Steve told of some new programs. They are collecting teeth to get age. Hoping to get from everyone who hunts. Also would like teeth from GASH villages together with the following information: Where hunted, date, location, size of antlers. Helps us get big picture.

Next summer. Winter browse where we did the counts.

Need to have communication from locals.

Bill Schaff: Refuge Conservation plan.

The refuge is re-doing its conservation plan. They need comments from all villages. Subsistence one thing that will be addressed. Is there too much access, or not enough? Bill acknowledged the answers are often dependent on who is reporting. Can't control air taxis, but only big game. The refuge wants to address moose management, as it ties to subsistence. Subsistence as well as biological point of view. Mineral developments, existing and proposed. Clara Dementieff. Water fowl production is one of the mandates. (How will wood bison affect?)

Mineral development:

Donlin Creek Mine near Crooked Creek. One member questioned where are holding ponds? Are they on the north slope and will they drain into Iditarod River, into the refuge?

Illinois Creek Mine. Will its effluents drain into the Innoko River? Some members of the committee think the mining interests are too secretive.

Water fowl:

One of the mandates of the refuge is to provide for water fowl. In the late 1950's started banding geese. Since then, the numbers have declined, especially the numbers of white fronts. White fronts are found in much abundance only here and in the Copper River area. The main problem is habitat loss and ??

Randy Rogers gave a talk and slide show on wood bison. He talked about the most recent environmental review information. There are challenges

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**Minutes of the Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory
Committee April 25, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fish and Game Office by Chairman Don Quarberg. Minutes were taken by Secretary Rick Johnson.

Roll Call

Members present were Don Quarberg, Tony Williams, Larry Fett, Dean Cummings Jr., Sam Ethridge, Mike Bender, Vern Aiton, Clint Crusberg, Tim Webb & Rick Johnson

Member absent was Darrel Darland

Alternates present were Scott Schultz, Don Bunselmeier, Jack Winsor, & Tommy Geyer

Alternates Absent were Russ Pinkelman & Ann Rasmussen

ADFG Department Staff present was Fronty Parker, Rita St. Louis & Rick Swanson

Guests present were Jim Cummings & Joe Jenkins

Secretary Report

The minutes of the March 28 Regular Meeting were read. A motion to approve as read was moved and seconded. Passed 8 – 0.

Old Business

The results of the 20 D spring 2007 browse study were briefly discussed. Steve Dubois was not present to report. The level of moose browse does not look good, 9.5 out 10. The high country areas were hit hardest. The need to discuss the study in detail during the May meeting was agreed to. Also requested to be discussed was the calf twinning rate for 20D.

New Business

Federal Subsistence

Rick Johnson reported on the Federal Subsistence Board Meeting in December of 2006. The Delta area grouping and urban vs. rural issues were not discussed by the Board and were only mentioned once by an individual from the Kenai Peninsula during public comment. The comment was that Fort Greely should not be considered as a rural area. Rick read the Federal Register reporting on these two issues. The register was published just prior to the December meeting. The Register portrayed the Subsistence Board's position that the Delta Area should be grouped (as was established during the June 2006 Subsistence Board Executive Session) and that the area should remain rural. Rick reported that the issue should not come up again until after the 2010 Federal Census count is taken and the results made available to the Board. At that point the issue will be whether or not the Delta Area rural status should be changed from rural to urban.

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Discussion of Joint Board Proposals Concerning Advisory Committees and Meetings

Rita St. Louis gave a brief background on how the proposals came up. The Joint board has not meet with committees for 15 years. There are approximately 81-82 advisory committees state-wide.

The proposed regulation changes were discussed and those being moved, seconded and approved for recommendation by the Delta Advisory Committee are listed below:

Proposal #	Yes	No	Abstain	Comments
24	0	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not conducive to efficient committee work• Uninformed Participation
25	0	11	0	Hard to write letter of relative position in community Interested individuals can still write letters
26	1	10	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never had problems with it the way it is.• Too complicated & unnecessary• self policing works
28	0	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No specifications on user groups• Let those that show up serve
32	0	11	0	One meeting is not enough to deal with advisory committee business
36	11	0	0	Approved as amended - strike "or near" Support general idea of proposals 33-36
38	0	9	2	Agree with it. Does not meet criteria for subsistence area.

Other Business

Rita reminded us of the Boards' Meeting Cycles and will put the schedule on the next agenda.

FYI – According to Delta Fish and Game Officer, Rick Swanson, there will not be a Fall Federal Waterfowl hunt.

Agenda Items for May 30th Meeting (starts at 6:30 PM)

- 20D Spring 2007 Browse Study
- 20D Twining Rates
- Delta Bison Management Plan

Adjourn - 8:15

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Summer Strait Fish & Game Advisory Committee

to Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Boards Support Section

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MEMO
In the proposal booklet that came out in the spring of this year there was a proposal to combine the Summer Strait and Edna Bay Advisory Committees. At our meeting June 16, 07 the Summer Strait Advisory Committee discussed this option. Under discussion it was pointed out that due to distance and lack of a road link between communities it would be impossible to meet except by teleconference, and then only if the phones were working. It was also pointed out that the SSAC currently represents two communities, which already causes meeting difficulties.

In a motion the SSAC opposed the proposal to merge with the Edna Bay Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dissenting opinion: We have a lot in common with Edna Bay, and if they might lose their Advisory Committee we would like to reexamine the issue.

Sorry I don't have the proposal # and am so tardy with this comment as I have been fishing

Judy Magnuson, Secretary
Box PPR
Ketchikan, AK 99950

Sumner Strait Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Minutes

Saturday June 16, 2007

11:00 AM, Port Protection Community Building

In Attendance:

Don Hernandez, chair
Gretchen Goldstein, acting secretary
Gail Sterling, Judy Magnuson, Ernie Watson,
Gary Treffry, Mike Mortell, Mike Nichols,
Christa Hambleton, Sam Carlson

Chair Don Hernandez called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM

First order of business was the election of members. Elected to the Advisory Committee were Mike Mortell, Gretchen Goldstein, Judy Magnuson, Don Hernandez, Gail Sterling, Sam Carlson, and Christa Hambleton, with Ernie Watson as alternate.

Officers elected were: Mike Mortell, chair; Gretchen Goldstein, vice-chair; Judy Magnuson, secretary. All votes were unanimous.

Next agenda item was discussion of the Fish & Game proposal to merge the Sumner Strait Advisory Council with the Edna Bay Advisory Council. Under discussion it was pointed out that, due to distance and the lack of a road link between the communities, it would be impossible to meet except by teleconference, and then only if the telephones were working. It was also pointed out that the S.S.A.C. currently represents two communities, which already causes meeting difficulties.

MOTION Don Hernandez, Gail Sterling seconded

That the S.S.A.C. oppose the proposal to merge with the Edna Bay Advisory Council.

Passed Unanimously

Dissenting opinion - we have a lot in common with Edna Bay, and if they might lose their Advisory Committee we would like to reexamine the issue.

The next item discussed was the idea of working with the Forest Service to restore the Labouchere Bay area north of the 20 road, including Labouchere Bay as the Forest Service promised before they began logging the area. Gretchen said she talked to Jason Anderson, the Thorne Bay District Ranger, and he was very encouraging and felt there might be grant money available for such a project. It was decided to formally write to the Forest Service requesting such a project and asking what would be involved.

MOTION Gretchen Goldstein, Don Hernandez seconded

That the S.S.A.C. write to the United States Forest Service requesting a joint habitat restoration project from the 20 road north, including Labouchere Bay.

Passed Unanimously

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Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m by Steve Hendershot, chair. Five members were present, as well as seven members from the community. A quorum was present. See sign in sheet.

- Order of Business:**
1. Status of Advisory Committee
 2. Discussion of Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals
 3. Report on Public Response to Proposals
 4. Comments from Committee

1. **Status of Advisory Committee** - Steve Hendershot advised everyone present as to the status of our Advisory Committee. All agreed on the importance of maintaining representation on a local level. Election of Officers and Nomination of new members to be held at next meeting. Also noted that we need to replace committee member, David Gaither (deceased).

A motion was made, and seconded that we send Steve Hendershot to Anchorage as a representative at the upcoming board meeting, if adequate funding is provided. Passed with unanimous approval.

2. **Discussion of Proposals -**

Proposals were read and discussed.

3. **Public Response to Proposals -**

Adverse weather conditions prevented some people from attending this meeting so Chair Steve Hendershot conducted an informal phone poll to gather a response from people in the area. The results of that poll were read and discussed. The names, addresses, and comments are listed on attached sheet.

4. **Committee Comments** were made and attached on the following sheet.

Meeting adjourned at 6.58 p.m. - All in favor.

Signature: Myla R. Paalstin
Committee Secretary

Signature: Steve Hendershot
Committee Chair

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**Proposal #01 -
through #02 - NO COMMENT**

Proposal #3 - 0 - in favor 5 - Oppose Edna Bay Advisory Committee is strongly against this proposal. We want to remain a seperate entity from the Sumner Straits Advisory Committee. The environmental differences between the two areas focuses us in different directions. Point Baker is aligned more with Wrangell and Petersburg, whereas Edna Bay aligns more with Sea Otter Sound and the surrounding area. Combining the two entities would likely cause a less effective representation of the economic and subsistence needs of the two. Another issue at hand is the geographical distance between the two areas. Travel restrictions, because neither community is connected to the road system, make joint meetings all but impossible.

*note - (of the 12 people present,
all 12 opposed)

**Proposal #04 -
through #22 - NO COMMENT**

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all 12 opposed)

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Proposal #38 - NO COMMENT**

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Sign In:

- 1. Myla R. Pelstra Edna Bay
- 2. ~~Brian Pelstra~~
- 3. ~~Eric Dodson~~
- 4. ~~John M. Dodson~~
- 5. Robert Morgan Edna Bay
- 6. Noel Thyson
- 7. Raymond Chatman
- 8. Ray Chatman
- 9. Ken Wickmayer
- 10. Steve Smallberger
- 11. Steve Henderson
- 12. Eric Hyatt (attended by correspondence)

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- 2. Steve Schallberger (commercial fisherman, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 3. Pat & Heather Richter (comm, sport fisherman, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 4. Barney & Doris Belk (sport fishing, subsistence) Marble Island Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 5. Scott & Sandy Henson (sport fishing, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 6. Richard & Sharon Wargi (sport fishing, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
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- 8. Jim Widmyer (commercial fisherman, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 9. Jere & Sue Crew (subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 10. Alaskan Dreams (commercial lodge) Naukali Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 11. Sea Otter Sound Lodge (commercial lodge) Camp Island, Heceta Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 12. Ray Chatham (sport fishing, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 13. Peggy Hopkins (subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
- 14. John Dodson (commercial fisherman, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, stay as it is.
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- 16. Russ & Charlene Bartels (sport fishing, subsistence) Edna Bay Not in favor, believes we should remain a seperate entity from Pt. Baker. Our geographical existence eliminates any possibilities of a joint meeting. Edna Bay is highest subsistence gathering community in S.E. Alaska. Commercial fisheries pressures and boundaries have a greater effect on us.

**Proposal #04 -
through #22 - NO COMMENT**

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Proposal #24 -
Proposal #38 - NO COMMENT

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 9-17-07

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Rion Vanek
Robert Lucas, Gary Herman, Mike Schuster
David Martin, Jeff Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Blossom, Terry Aepner, Norbert Miller
Richard Mardich

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

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- 1. Minutes of the April 2, 2007 were read and approved.
- 2. Board of Game proposal for Skilak Loop was taken up.

It was moved by John McCombs and seconded by Mike Schuster that we support the Board of Game proposal with the added comment that we would like to see hunting go back to the way it was. Allowing everyone to hunt small game all winter.

- 3. The Joint Board's proposals were taken up next. (See the attached page)

4. The next meeting will be Monday October 15th

5. The designated representative to the Joint Board Meeting is Steve Vanek and any other Board member who can go.

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Additional Comments to the Joint Boards

We submitted our comments to the Joint Board proposals from our meeting on April 2, 2007. We trust those comments are still there. However, we wanted to reiterate comments on proposal # 11.

Proposal # 11 ---- 0 Yes , 8 NO Not only No but **Hell No!**

The Central Peninsula cannot be attached to either Homer or Soldotna-Kenai because we are in both the Lower Cook Inlet management area and the Upper Cook Inlet management area. No one will travel from here to Homer or to Soldotna for a meeting. Nor would Homer travel here. We would be totally disenfranchised. Do you expect all the residents of Ninilchik to go to Homer to vote for an AC representative?

Furthermore, ADF&G's issue statement is **not true**. We do not share the same management area or game populations as Homer. Using that narrow rational then Anchorage should only be commenting and proposing regulations for the Anchorage bowl and Turnagain Arm. Let's see how far that would go.

We don't believe the Boards can disband an Advisory Committee that is active and doesn't cost the State any money to function.

Please spend your limited time making the AC s more worthwhile instead of getting rid of them.

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NUSHAGAK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 a.m. September 19, 2007

Dillingham City Council Chambers
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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hans Nicholson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members present at roll call were: Curt Armstrong, Amelia Christensen, Hans Nicholson, Hjalmer Olson, Victor Sifsof, Kenny Wilson, Peter Christopher-New Stuyahok, Joseph Wasilly-Clarks Point, Gusty Chythlook-Aleknagik, Chris Carr-Portage Creek, Roger Skogen-Koliganek. Hans excuses Robin Samuelson as he is involved with BBEDC board meetings.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After amendments, Hjalmer Olson moved to adopt, Victor Sifsof seconds. Unanimous approval.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hjalmer Olson moved to approve the February 1, 2, 2007 meeting minutes and the Board of Game Proposal 199 Nushagak AC Subcommittee meeting minutes. Curt seconds. Unanimous approval.

5. INTRODUCE STAFF AND GUESTS

The ADF&G staff present for all or part of the meeting included: Joe Chythlook, Boards Support; Tim Sands and Charlotte Westing, Area Biologists Commercial Fish; Jim Woolington, Area Biologist Wildlife Conservation; Ted Krieg, Division of Subsistence; Jason Dye and Craig Schwanke, Area Biologists Sport Fish. Andy Aderman, USFWS Togiak National Wildlife Refuge; Molly Chythlook and Frank Woods, BBNA Natural Resources; Kim Williams, Curyung Tribal Council. Members of the public – Stan Small, Peter Heyano-fishermen and Dan Dunaway-alternate NAC.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADF&G STAFF REPORTS

Tim Sands, ADF&G Fisheries Biologist gave a brief overview of the 2007 Herring season. Herring were harvested from May 10-24. The gillnet fleet didn't harvest all of their quota and the seine fishery was shut down before they harvest their allocation

because of increasing harvests of the younger age class herring in their sets. Tim reported that the gillnet fishery ended up fishing later than the seine fleet did because initially they were behind on the allocation ratio but slowly caught up during the course of the fishery resulting in the harvest being close to the 70/30 percent allocation ratio. The ADF&G operations base came was in Togiak this year. The department did less surveys this year because of logistics and had to cut costs. They didn't have the helicopter this year. Herring stocks remain healthy and mentioned that management was different this year as once he opened the commercial fishery, processors allowed their fishermen to harvest herring once they became saleable.

The King salmon fishery started June 1 as planned with regular openings, but there was not much of a commercial harvest. On June 11 he switched to escapement-based management because the escapement was falling behind the escapement curve. There was one more directed Chinook opener on the 13th and then not enough escapement to justify any other openers. Tim reported that there was 2100 Kings harvested in the directed fishery and about 50,000 Kings harvested incidentally during the course of the sockeye fishery for a harvest total of almost 52,000 Chinook.

Salmon: The Nushagak District had the 2nd largest inshore run on record this year of almost 11 million fish. The target allocation ratio was fairly close (80/20%). The Nushagak escapement ended up at 520,000, the Wood at 1,530,000, and the Igushik at 415,000. Coho management started on July 24 but had limited buyers. Has no idea how much Coho went up the river because the sonar is pulled by then.

Hans asked what happened to the Kings? Tim responds that they don't know. The trawlers operating off of Cape Constantine this summer reported taking 85,000 kings of which 8% are thought to be of Nushagak origin.

Charlotte Westing, ADF&G Fisheries Biologist gave a brief overview of the Togiak salmon season. Togiak had a good year with reported harvests being higher than average and 270,000 escapement up the river. Overall the fishery was good with the exception of processing capacity caused by breakdowns at the Togiak Cannery.

Hans mentioned that he fished over there after the 24th when the super-exclusive provision went away and felt that dual permits should be disallowed in the Togiak District because of the way some of them unmercifully corked off setnetters at Anchor and Middle Points. Most fishermen had a good year there this year but what about in leaner years? Frank Woods speaks up and agrees that something needs to be done because he witnessed it too.

Joe Chythlook, Board Support: Joe reports that Bristol Bay is off-cycle this year but that we have the opportunity to comment on Joint Board proposals. The meeting will be held at the Coast International Inn on October 5-8. Agenda Change Requests will be discussed at the October work session.

Jason Dye, Sport fish Division: Reports that restrictions were imposed, as per the Chinook Management Plan, in the King fishery in early July when the escapement projections indicated the run would come in less than 75,000. He thought that preliminary harvest data indicates that around 5000 kings were harvested. Much of the king harvest occurs below the sonar station but still figures that he was able to respond adequately when the projections were such that the run wasn't coming in as strong as predicted.

John Bavilla, Togiak shows up at 10:05 a.m. Hans apologizes to Dan Dunaway for not recognizing him and offers him a seat at the table to take Robin Samuelson's seat.

Jim Woolington, ADF&G Game Biologist reports that this years Moose harvest was pretty good except for the weather. Lots of rain and wind and warmer than average this year. There was a slight decline in overall hunter numbers. Resident participation continues to increase while non-resident and non-local hunter participation is decreasing.

Jim reports that the Registration Hunt was similar to the one in 2005 with around 760-780 moose taken. He tried to do moose census surveys in eastern 17b last March but couldn't because the lack of snow. He is hoping to complete 17b this next spring but will do 17c and western 17b if there is no snow in eastern 17b. There were 31 permits issued in the river corridor. (Board allowed a max of 75 permits.)

Brown Bear: Unit 17 is a real popular place for people to hunt. Non-resident hunters take 80% of the harvest. Most of the harvest taken is males. Jim says that there is no shortage of bears in unit 17.

Caribou: Photo census hopefully will be done next summer, the caribou were just too spread out in small groups to effectively photograph last summer. The calf/cow ratios were pretty encouraging and he thought that the animals were in better overall condition.

Wolf: Guided hunters are still taking approximately 75 animals.

Wolverine: Just a few taken during the last month of the season. He isn't too concerned because he feels that harvest is less than 1/3 of the population.

Break at 10:50.

Back to order at 11:00

Ted Krieg, Subsistence Division: Ted encourages everyone to turn in their salmon subsistence harvest reports because the subsistence harvest data is being compiled.

Amelia is concerned about congestion and competition on Kakanak beach when she tried to launch her skiff to go to Igushik. Subsistence fishermen were concerned about tangling in their subsistence nets.

Hans speaks up and recommends that this committee should consider allowing drifting for subsistence salmon during the next regulatory cycle. This would be similar to what is already allowed in the Kuskokwim, Togiak and other parts of the state. He says that all of the common subsistence beach areas used by the public around Dillingham are occupied and filled up and competition for these spots is hectic. Allowing drifting would alleviate the pressure on the beaches that are accessible to the general public and give opportunity to those who choose to harvest their fish in this manner. Everyone agrees that this would help.

Andy Aderman, USFWS Togiak Wildlife Refuge: Andy reports that there was no fall hunt in 2006 on the Nushagak Peninsula because nobody hunted even though 5 permits were issued to Manakotak residents. A meeting with the Nushagak Planning Committee resulted in a recommendation not to allow a hunt in 2007 because of the low caribou numbers.

Hans reported that when he flew the coast this fall he observed bears pursuing caribou and that most of the walrus carcasses were not being eaten. He asks if there was another bear census taken lately?

Andy responds that the last one was taken a few years ago and agrees that there are a lot of bears on the peninsula.

Ensuing discussion of predation of caribou by wolves and bears on the Nushagak Peninsula and Mulchatna Caribou and that something needs to be done.

Molly Chythlook, BBNA Natural Resources: Molly reports that BBNA has several ongoing projects. Quassiq Walrus Hunt, Harbor Seal/Sea Lion Survey, and the 2007 Migratory Bird Survey. Frank Woods has been hired to fill the Subsistence Coordinator position and feels that he will do a good job. She is concerned about subsistence Roe-on-Kelp. Villagers are reporting poor quality harvests due to sand and limited kelp availability. Also Caribou hunting opportunity on the Northern Alaska Peninsula is a concern because the hunt has been discontinued due to low numbers. BBNA has formed a working group comprised of stakeholders to address the NAPCH and Mulchatna Caribou Herds decline.

Frank Woods, BBNA adds that the working group would address issues pertaining to the decline of the two caribou herds such as predation by bears and wolves, and any other identifiable causes. Stakeholders would include ADF&G staff, BBNA, AVCP, Kenai sport hunters, and are in the process of identifying other participants. They already met with the department and phase two would be to meet with stakeholders. Phase three would be to make recommendations. They are in the process of gathering information right now.

Lunch break at 12:05

Back to order at 1:10

C. a. Curyung Tribal letter: Kim Williams

Kim identifies concerns mentioned in the letter submitted by the Curyung Tribe. In-season movement of fishermen into the Nushagak district by those utilizing dual permits is negatively impacting local fishermen who only fish three nets. This is reducing local harvest opportunity and they cannot compete at the same level. The other issue is Allocation. The allocation clause is not working in the Nushagak because of the large boat fleet. Setnetters are fishing round-the-clock in attempts to catch up on the allocation ratio and drift fishermen have to wait for them to catch up resulting in lost fishing opportunity.

Discussion:

Kenny recommends that dual permits only be allowed if all districts meet their escapement goals.

John is not in favor of permit stacking. Small boats in Togiak can't compete, it's wrong.

Question was asked how many dual permits fished in the Nushagak last season. Tim responds that approximately 130 dual permits were registered. Peak registration occurred on June 30 with 740 permits after the east-side went into their special harvest areas. Tim estimates that 95% of the dual permits fished the Nushagak last summer.

Hans mentions that the Tribe could send in an ACR or Petition. Kim responds that it would carry more weight if the AC submitted it.

Joe says that the board will take up the Restructuring Proposals at the next regulatory cycle. The board subcommittee met and decided to postpone til the next Bristol Bay meeting. He suggests drafting language that "if any districts are restricted, then dual permits won't be used."

Hans recommends that a subcommittee be formed to work with the Tribe to investigate the possibility of submitting an ACR or Petition and to coordinate draft language.

Kenny makes a motion to take action in forming a subcommittee. Amelia seconds.

Hans appoints Ofi to chair efforts to coordinate with the Tribe and appoints all of the committee members to participate in the meetings if they can attend. He instructs Ofi to work with Joe on coordinating department staff and meeting times.

Tim mentions that prior to the Bristol Bay Board meeting we could invite the restructuring committee out to Dillingham to listen to our concerns at the local level.

Question called for – unanimous approval.

Break at 2:25

Back to order at 2:32

B. DISCUSS AND ACT ON JOINT BOARD PROPOSALS

Proposal 14

Joe explains intent, effect.

- Ofi doesn't want the AC to comment on this one. The east-side AC's have their differences and have always been at odds against each other over salmon issues. After discussion, everyone agrees to let the east-side make their own recommendation.

Ofi moves to take no action, Chris Carr seconds. Everyone agrees by consensus.

Proposal 23

Joe explains intent, effect.

- Hans explains that the Nushagak and Togiak AC's will not be affected.

Ofi moves to take no action, Victor seconds. Unanimous consent.

Proposal 24

Joe explains intent, effect.

- Hans suggests that we need to comment on this one and need a motion to adopt.

Ofi moves to adopt, Dan Dunaway seconds.

- Ofi doesn't think that anything would get done, too many voices.
- Dan thinks that if this were allowed, a larger community could dominate the meeting and outcome of any issues.
- Rodger Skogen agrees and thinks that this could potentially become a free-for-all.

Question called. Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 25

Joe explains intent, effect.

Dan moves to adopt, Amelia seconds.

- Hans recommends status quo, the system we have in place works and is opposed.
- Joe adds that the system in place doesn't preclude anyone from doing that.
- Curt thinks that there is a potential danger of specific representation being disenfranchised.

Question called. Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 26

Joe explains intent, effect.

- Hans explains that he agrees with the concept, but that the proposal would directly affect him because of the residency requirement.

Victor moves to adopt, Amelia seconds.

- Victor doesn't have a problem with most of it. Doesn't like the first bullet and would like to strike it. Hans is the exception and has done an exceptional job.
- Ofi adds that the state needs to take a look at limited entry residency requirements. There are outside fishermen claiming to be Alaska residents - non-residents calling themselves residents because they spend the summers fishing here.
- Amelia says that if the proposal were adopted, then we would have to start doing background checks.
- Hans adds that it hasn't been a problem here but in other parts of the state.
- Joe explains why this proposal came about. In the Anchorage AC, the Chair had a record and was causing a problem. The proposal is targeting one individual specifically. The author is trying to address the problem at the Anchorage AC. Currently we have a lot of overlapping areas of jurisdiction in the State. (The Nushagak AC has a representative from the Togiak AC.) Joe references "other State Boards" in the issue paragraph are usually monetarily compensated, we're volunteers.
- Chris asks to be excused at 3:10 to catch a scheduled plane back home and states that he is against the proposal because Hans is doing a good job.
- Dan adds that it is important to maintain credibility. This AC is well respected.
- Hans appreciates all the votes of confidence and thanks everyone. He's been on the AC for a long time and doesn't have any heartburn or bad feelings whatever happens. He has really enjoyed his time on the AC and working with the department and everyone. He recommends possibly amending the first bullet.
- Kenny would like to amend the proposal to keep people like Hans.
- Jim Woolington points out that John sits on both the Togiak and Nushagak AC and that we have a good thing going here.

Curt moves to amend by striking number 1, 3, and 4; retain the bracketed language in #2. Dan seconds.

- Dan adds that it is good to have representatives from neighboring communities. We have representatives from Togiak, Manakotak and others. They have knowledge to better help us make good decisions. Recommends that we keep all of the language in #2 and #5.

Action on amended language is unanimous in favor.

Action on main motion as amended is unanimous in favor.

Proposal 34

Joe explains intent and effect.

- Hans says that the AC should take this up because the Boards should weigh in more heavily on any AC's recommendation. He doesn't necessarily agree with all of it.
- Victor adds that there is something wrong with the system citing a couple references when the board voted opposite to unified AC's recommendations.

Victor moves to adopt, Kenny seconds.

- Rodger states that his observations during the last BOG meeting, politics decided the outcome instead of local AC knowledge.
- John says that when we are together on issues, we have one big voice. He appreciates being here. Nowadays there is too much paper and regulations. Trophy hunters give us a bad name. We're subsistence hunters! His dad raised him up teaching him not to waste.
- Joseph Wassily requests to leave to catch a scheduled plane at 3:47.
- Kenny suggests that we should write a letter to the commissioner that the AC's should have a higher priority than Special Interest Groups and that the board should put more emphasis on AC's recommendations.

Ensuing discussion on how the letter should be drafted but no final direction or motion.

Dan moves to support the concept of proposals 34, 35, 36 even though he doesn't necessarily agree. Curt seconds.

Action is unanimous to support.

C. OTHER

b. Joint Board Meeting Attendee

Hans is unable to attend because of other planned travel and asks for volunteers to attend the Joint Board meeting in Anchorage on October 5-8. After going round the table on who would go, Dan Dunaway volunteered and Curt Armstrong offered to be the alternate if Dan couldn't make it. Hans will make every effort to get the meeting minutes turned in prior to the written comment deadline, September 21.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bear/Wolf issues

Hans informs Peter Christopher that we could address his issues at our next meeting, it would be more appropriate then. It would be closer to the BOG meeting next spring.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Hans informs the AC that he is considering a meeting to address game proposal 175 sometime late January or during February 2008 to comment on the deferred proposal and to take up any other business that may come before the committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLL - 5 ^{Proposal}

DATE: 8/29/07

PROPOSED

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee

BOARDS

The Elfin Cove Advisory Committee has been asked to meet and vote on Proposal 5. Since a meeting is impossible at this time during the fishing season, please take a moment to review the proposal text below and indicate your vote in the space next to your name. Please sign after your vote. Thank you.

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Proposal 5 - 5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committees. Restructure the fish and game advisory committees on Northern Chichagof Island as follows:

Create a new "Northern Chichagof Island Advisory Committee" by combining the Pelican Advisory Committee and the Elfin Cove Advisory Committee.

Issue: The communities of Pelican and Elfin Cove are about 20 miles apart and they are not connected by road. Both committees are currently active. Elfin Cove has a population of 28 and Pelican has a population of 75. Both communities harvest the same game populations and fish stocks. This change would enhance the effectiveness of the advisory committee system by better facilitating the resolution of resource issues at the local level before coming to the boards.

MEMBER NAME	PASS	DO NOT PASS	SIGNATURE
Greg Howe		X	Greg Howe
Gordon Wrobel		X	Gordon Wrobel
Lane Ply		X	Lane Ply
Jim Lewis		X	Jim Lewis
Gerald Harvey		X	Gerald Harvey
Mike Nelson		X	Michael Nelson
Travis Lewis			

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Proposal 25 – 5 AAC 96.021. Qualifications for members.

<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
<u>Greg Howe</u>		X	<i>Greg Howe</i>
<u>Gordon Wrobel</u>		X	<i>Gordon Wrobel</i>
<u>Lane Ply</u>		X	<i>Lane Ply</i>
<u>Jim Lewis</u>		X	
<u>Gerald Harvey</u>		X	<i>Gerald Harvey</i>
<u>Mike Nelson</u>		X	<i>Mike Nelson</i>
<u>Travis Lewis</u>			

Proposal 26 – 5 AAC 96.021. Qualifications for members.

<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
<u>Greg Howe</u>	X		<i>Greg Howe</i>
<u>Gordon Wrobel</u>	X		<i>Gordon Wrobel</i>
<u>Lane Ply</u>	X		<i>Lane Ply</i>
<u>Jim Lewis</u>			
<u>Gerald Harvey</u>	X		<i>Gerald Harvey</i>
<u>Mike Nelson</u>	X		<i>Mike Nelson</i>
<u>Travis Lewis</u>			

A/C Comment# 22

ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLL—Proposals 24, 25, 26

DATE: 9/6/07

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee

The Elfin Cove Advisory Committee has been asked to meet and vote on Proposals before the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meet October 5-8, 2007. Since a meeting is impossible at this time during the fishing season, please take a moment to review the proposal texts in the booklet and indicate your vote in the space next to your name. Please sign after your vote. On the blank pages that follow, please make written comments, indicating the number of each proposal you're commenting on. Thank you.

Please note that Proposal 5 has its own sheet. Proposals 24, 25 and 26 are also relevant to Elfin Cove and places to indicate your recommendations are listed below. You are also welcome to comment on any other proposals you wish to address.

Proposal 24 – 5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committees.

<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
<u>Greg Howe</u>	X		<i>Greg Howe</i>
<u>Gordon Wrobel</u>	# <i>Yow</i>	X	<i>Gordon Wrobel</i>
<u>Lane Ply</u>	X		<i>Lane Ply</i>
<u>Jim Lewis</u>	X		<i>Jim Lewis</i>
<u>Gerald Harvey</u>	X		<i>Gerald Harvey</i>
<u>Mike Nelson</u>	X		<i>Michael Nelson</i>
<u>Travis Lewis</u>			

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Comments on PROPOSAL #5

My understanding the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to allow the general public the opportunity to be part of the Fish & Game regulation making process. Although Pelican and E. Fin Cove are relatively close to each other on the map that is not necessarily the case when you are trying to get from one to the other, either by boat or Float Plane, the only 2 options. I don't think either the Advisory committee in Pelican or E. Fin Cove would bear the expense of chartering from one place to the other, nor do I think the ~~expense~~ chance of getting a good weather day on meeting day are very good, what with the 10 day notice of the meeting - So the end result will be little participation by the community not chosen as the seat for said Combined Advisory Committee.

Gregory R. Howe
 Chairman E. Fin Cove
 E. Fin Cove Advisory Committee

A/C Comment# 22

Proposal #5

The proposal doesn't take into account the expense & difficulty of travel between the ~~two~~ communities. While the histories are similar they are not the same. The interests of one community do not necessarily represent the other community.

Alvin Cone is active & represents an important perspective. It is doubtful that this proposal will result in the Board being better informed.

Alvin Cone

A/C Comment# 22

Comments on proposals Sept 7, 2007

#5

The waters between P. Ocean and Alfine Cove are "Ocean" water and can be quite threatening. As I write this we have come off of a five day stretch of impassable weather. Weather will almost certainly be worse. Our time and comments are worth ~~the~~ enough without the added expense of traveling fuel.

#25

One of the jobs of the committee is to recruit more members that they feel are qualified. The capabilities of a new member to make sensible decisions should already be under some scrutiny.

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Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (NNSAC)

Teleconference meeting

September 19, 2007, 3:00 p.m.

Advertised on KNOM Radio

Draft minutes, 3pp

NNSAC Members calling in: Roy Ashenfelter, Chair (Nome); Charlie Lean, Vice Chair (Nome); Bob Madden (Nome); Dan Stang (Nome); Chuck Okbeok (Teller);

Also calling in: Susan Bucknell, Boards Support, Kotzebue.

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Teleconference got under way at 3:10 p.m.

Roy said they want to ask the Joint Board to fund two meetings a year. This would help prepare for BOG and BOF issues, generate proposals, and comment on proposals. Bob Madden agreed. Charlie Lean suggested they needed more than two meetings some years, to generate and then comment on shellfish and wildlife proposals. This year a minimum of three would be better.

Proposal 23

Roy said that what 15 seats do for the AC is sometimes provide the quorum, when some members from villages don't make it to a meeting. Roy said he hasn't found it controversial whether more seats in Nome outnumber the villages; most people look at what makes the most sense. What do others think?

Charlie said he doesn't have a strong opinion, but suspects the real push to get rid of seats on advisory committees is because of cost.

Dan Stang said the NNSAC used to have a seat for Council. Dan said he claims residence in Council, not Nome. Bob suggested one more seat for Nome, and one for Council, to make fifteen.

Charlie said he favors fifteen seats; he doesn't want to throw himself out, his seat is up for re-election. Charlie said having a broader perspective of stakeholders is a good thing, more democratic, better representation.

Roy said he agreed with Charlie to maintain 15 seats; we've gotten along very well with 15, it helps us maintain a quorum.

Chuck Okpeok was back on line, after a break. Roy reviewed the issues and discussion on Proposal 23, and that the others want to maintain 15 seats, for broader representation, and getting a quorum. Chuck said he'd go along with that, make it easier for a quorum.

Advisory Committee Elections

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Chuck brought up advisory committee elections. He said the Teller City Council appointed him because the Teller seat was unfilled. He wondered how to do elections in the future.

Roy talked about mailing election materials to city governments, IRA's, even village corporations, announcing that a seat is up, and how to do elections.

Susan Bucknell described recent elections set up in Southern Norton Sound, and said she'd work with Teller and other villages to keep AC seats up to date. She said it's important to be able to document 14-day advance notice of elections.

Roy mentioned Austin Ahmausuk's suggestion of having Nome advisory committee elections on the city ballot, to make elections more open. He said now they have the two week announcement, then the AC meeting, with elections at the meeting. Roy said he's open to whatever people think, and asked the others what they think about having AC elections at city elections.

Charlie said the truth is, there's a very limited pool available to attend these meetings. How many extra people do we have at AC meetings? Except for agency people, they're not there. It wouldn't really make a difference to hold elections with the city.

Roy said he was looking at the attendee lists he's kept since the beginning; even at most controversial times, like the salmon closures, or when moose populations were low, only five or six extra people attended the meetings. Roy said he didn't think we'd gain much by trying to open it up. Roy asked Bob and Dan what they think.

Bob said what about cost? Is the City of Nome open to this? Adds quite a bit of additional layers to elections. You'd get more people voting, but you'd have to have the nominations, the ballot printing, etc. all before elections.

Dan said it seems like the people interested show up at the AC meetings; those are the people who should vote. Chuck agreed, people who come to meetings should vote on members.

Charlie said he'd been attending AC meetings for more than 25 years. He said this AC used to be weighted to a different side than it is today. When people realized that, they came to the meetings and put in a different crowd.

Proposal 26, Qualification of members

Roy wondered if the third provision referred just to state fish and game advisory committees, or if it included the federal Regional Advisory Councils.

Charlie added, what about the Seward Peninsula Muskox Cooperators Group, the Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group, others.

Charlie said this provision is confusing and redundant; address this issue by removing overlapping advisory committee jurisdictions.

They discussed the four provisions about convictions, with general support.

Dan Stang left at 4:00 p.m.

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Proposal 25 --letter from candidate

Charlie said the candidate with the best academic record isn't necessarily the one with the best knowledge...the proposal is well intentioned, but not helpful. Bob agreed; if candidates are at the meeting, people can ask them questions, or will know their qualifications. Bob expressed the concern that if we can deny their letter, we can deny their nomination.

Proposal 28 --designate seats by user group

Charlie said don't mix up apples and oranges. Charlie said there's an endless number of user groups; he likes designating by locale. Bob agreed; he said the user group that has a lot to say, if it's important, will show up for the meeting. Roy agreed, Chuck agreed.

Proposal 32 --require only one AC meeting per year

Charlie recognized the logical fallacy of the state requiring more meetings than it will fund. But the group decided to stick with their request to have more meetings funded, rather than support 32.

Proposal 33

The intent of 33 was discussed. Charlie Lean reviewed the history, how local advisory committee chairs would meet as a Regional Council, and that the Regional Council chairs would have more say at BOG and BOF meetings. Roy said he's felt really stuck, as proposals were amended at BOF meetings, to know how to represent his AC. Roy said he supports Proposals 33 and 34. Charlie, Bob and Chuck each said they agreed.

Proposal 35 was problematic. Charlie said 33, 34, 35, and 36 all point to the same issue. Roy suggested lumping 33, 34, 35, and 36, supporting the intent to give more deference to advisory committees, to recognize the role they play in collecting local input. Every one agreed.

Roy said he will go to the Joint Board meeting.

Meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.

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NOTIFICATION POSTED for
PELICAN ADF&G ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 9/19/2007

The Notification for this meeting was posted on Monday 9/17/2007 at four different places in Pelican.

Namely:

- Entrance to City Hall,
- Bulletin Board in Post Office Lobby,
- Bulletin Board in Pelican general Store Entranceway,
- Bulletin Board at the top of the Ramp to the Harbor Floats.

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Copies of the proposals pertinent to Pelican appearing in the Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game Proposal Books for their October 5-8, 2007 Meeting were left on the counter of City Hall along with another announcement of the Pelican ADF&G Advisory Committee Meeting.

Also, Norm Carson, Paula Bergman, Eric Peterson, Ed Barht, Deb Spencer, Keith Heller, Mike Allard, Ray Allard, and Ken Wolff were notified in person, by telephone or by messages.

Signed: Richard W. Lundahl Date: 9/20/2007
Richard W. Lundahl Acting Chairman and Acting Secretary

A/C Comment# 24

Minutes of Pelican ADF&G Advisory Committee Meeting
Held at City Hall
on 9/19/2007

Proposal/Action

Discussion

Date: 9/19/2007
Time: 6:48 P.M.
Pelican City Hall

General Discussion While Establishing a Quorum.
Discussed and talked about various general topics of
interest and developments in the fisheries.

Time: 7:03 P.M.
Quorum Established.

Quorum Established. Meeting Called to order.
Richard Lundahl serving as Acting Chairman with both
Richard & Tammy Lundahl serving as Acting Secretary.
See attached "Attendance of 9/19/2007 Meeting."

In the interests of time and clarity we decided to
always have Patty Phillips automatically "Move to
Adopt" and to always have Tammy Lundahl automatically
"Second the Motion". Further decided to only address
Proposals #5 and #37 as having anything to do with
Pelican and its situation

Votes below are recorded as:
Approve-Reject-Abstain. (example: 4-0-0)

General Discussion:
Audience members
not in attendance

There was a short comment period about where
people were:

Patti had received a call from Deb Spencer - she
had a meeting conflict as she was in charge of
opening the "Stitch and Bitch" get together.

Tammy had received a call from Norm Carson - he
was trying to finish installing a TV Dish hookup
while there was a technician in town, besides it
would be too dark for the skiff ride back home.

Both Terry and Ing had talked to Ken Wolff shortly
before the meeting and he probably wouldn't make it
as he had been invited to dinner and he had to shower
and get his family to the dinner.

Proposal #5
Action: Reject
Members: 5-0-0
Audience: none

Combining Pelican and Elfin Cove ADF&G Advisory
Committees.

DISCUSSION PRO: None.

DISCUSSION CON: Totally against.

HUNTING: We don't hunt the same areas. You never
see people from Elfin Cove hunting in Lisianski Inlet
(toward Pelican past Column Point and very seldom
past Three Hill). We don't hunt past Column Point
toward Elfin Cove.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: We seldom fish the same
areas. Commercial Fishermen from Elfin Cove
primarily fish the area near Elfin Cove - Three Hill,
the Inian Islands, etc.

Commercial Fishermen from Pelican general have
larger boats and primarily fish the outside waters

and the inside areas from Yakobi Rock to Bird Rock and in Lisianski Inlet.

SPORT FISHING AND SPORT CHARTER FISHING: They don't have a Cold Storage and are becoming primarily a Summer Resort/Sport Charter Fishery.

Although both our Sport Fishing Fleet and our Sport Charter Feet is growing we are still predominately a Commercial Fishing Town

WEATHER: ADF&G Advisory Committees meet primarily in the Fall, Winter, and early Spring when the weather is poor. Cross Sound can get very nasty this time of year -- too nasty for boats. Last winter, we had two months (November and February) when we only had two mail planes during the month because of bad weather.

PHONES: Long distance is not always that reliable for teleconferencing. Yesterday our long distance was out for a while.

QUORUMS: It's hard enough to get Pelican together for a meeting, much less two different towns. Look how long it took to get this meeting organized with the Commercial Fishing Season still open and conflicts with other activities and that was just Pelican alone. By the time we could be sure of getting quorum together we could only post a meeting 59 hours in advance.

POPULATION AND QUORUMS: There was some discussion of the Population Figures given in the proposal. Pelican has a resident population of 90-120 adults who live in the area year-around. We figure that Elfin Cove would have a resident population of 12-18 adults who live in their area year-around. We doubt that any Membership/Quorum numbers would be acceptable to both communities.

TRAVEL PRICES AND ROOMING ACCOMMODATIONS: Fuel prices are getting high enough that they could affect people's willingness to travel by boat to the other community. If you fly, you will have to pre-arrange for housing. With weather consideration, that could entail many days.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No matter in which town you held the meeting, the other community would suffer "public testimony-wise".

Proposal #37
Action: None

Remove Funter Bay from Juneau Non-Subsistence Area.

DISCUSSION PRO: Travel in the Lynn Canal and Chatham Straits areas can be really tough during various times of the year.

They certainly are not urban in their life style.

DISCUSSION CON: This could be opening a "can of worms". Hawk Inlet, Horse and Colt, and Greens Creek and other areas would soon follow. Many of the areas are, or soon will be on a road system.

They said their freezer is full -- do they need Subsistence designation?

Isn't this a Federal Issue?

Other Concerns
and Topics Discussed
During the Meeting

Many topics and/or concerns were brought up or touched upon during the discussion of the above proposals that were of great interest to us. They are as follows:

HALIBUT SUBSISTENCE: No body seems to know and use the same rules. The Internet seems to say one thing. Various pamphlets and brochures say another. Enforcement says still another.

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: The inability of the State to come up with one definition for Resident is the cause of many of the State's problems.

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: VOTING: You are a resident of the State (or a community) if you live in the State (or a community) for thirty days and state that you intend to stay. This is way too short.

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: FISH AND GAME: You are a resident of the State if you have lived in the State for 12 consecutive months. Several Pelican "supposed residents" (and probably most other communities) are obtaining resident sport licenses and halibut subsistence permits when they have never lived in Alaska for 12 consecutive months. They buy a second home in Alaska (Pelican), stay here for 3 to 6 months, and then winter in their primary home in the lower 48 for 9 to 6 months. Meanwhile they ship out way more fish than they could possibly eat. The State turns it head, giving lip-service to the issue.

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: SUBSISTENCE: You are a resident of the State if you have lived in the State for 12 consecutive months and live in a defined rural area. See comments listed just above in "Fish and Game".

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND: You are a resident of the State if you have lived in the State for 12 consecutive months and don't leave the State for more than 180 consecutive days.

RESIDENT VS NONRESIDENT: LONGEVITY BONUS: You are a resident of the State, Over 65, and are under a certain income level.

DISREGARD FOR THE LAW: Again, the inability of the State to come up with one definition for Resident for all of these categories is causing our people and our communities to throw-up their hands in despair.

We have people who own summer homes in the area that hold IFQs even though they don't qualify for IFQ Transfer Eligibility Certificates.

We have people who own summer homes in the area and fish Subsistence even though they don't really reside in the area year-around.

We strongly suspect that we have people who own homes in the area that apply for and get Permanent Fund Dividends but live and own homes in the lower 48 for 5, 6, 7, 8 and even 9 months of the year.

INABILITY OF COMMUNITIES TO TAX AND FUNCTION: The Charter boat fleet is, to a very large extent, escaping taxation. Commercial Fishermen pay a raw fish tax.

Pelican (and we understand communities such as Elfin Cove, and even Sitka) are having more and more of our homes, limited land, and thus future home-sites bought up by well-to-do people of the lower 48. These people are gone during long periods of the winter months and are unavailable to serve on councils, committees and volunteer work. They usually spend disproportionately less money in Pelican than true residents. But they seem to demand all of the goods and services that are readily available in the lower 48. Our Voter Registration Lists are full of these "legal" but non-resident voters.

ECONOMY - VALUE OF FISH:

Commercial fishing is the only industry that is constantly curtailed or even shut down because of their efficiency. We don't shut down the furniture or cabinet making industries because a chair or a shelf made by a hobbyist cost way more than one made by a furniture or cabinet manufacture. The same goes for rebuilding cars. But we do curtail and even shut down Commercial Fishing for the hobbyist Sport Fisherman.

Curtailing and even shutting-down Commercial Fishing also precludes the non-sport fishing public from eating wild fish.

The enclosed article by Nils Stolpe appearing in the September Issue of the National Fisherman was read.

COMMERCIAL FISHING VS SPORT VS SPORT/CHARTER VS PERSONAL USE VS SUBSISTENCE:

Charter Boater locally and on the Internet brag how they are catching up to 40,000 lbs. of halibut per year.

Commercial fishermen always seem to "take it in the shorts" in allocation issues. Statewide Trolling lost all of our Westward area when we were cut-back for ten years in order to bring back the salmon fisheries in the Anchorage area. Anchorage Sport fishermen got the area reopened after ten years but Statewide Trollers never did.

Commercial Salmon Fishermen pay 3% Aquaculture Tax for hatcheries but Sport Fishermen aren't taxed on

any of their "High Value" fish. There are no Sport Fish Hatcheries in Southeast.

OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE:

Real concern over the off-shore fish farming of Black Cod was expressed. The nets used in such pens would preclude long-liners from using the narrow band of waters of suitable depth. This is just another example of Commercial Fishing "taking it in the shorts" for another "fishery".

What about the affect on habitat for other species?

We get a bad name every time a whale gets tangled in a long-line, but it continues to live and feed. When a whale gets tangled in an off-shore Aquaculture net it will just drown, but be out of sight and nothing will happen.

PROBLEM GETTING YOUNGER PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE BODY-WISE:

The problem of our aging community was touched on. It seems related to the number of non-resident homeowners. But even the younger year-around residents seem to lack interest in committee work, volunteer work, and government in general.

Time: 8:25 P.M.
Meeting Adjourned

Discussion became very general and finally the meeting was adjourned.

Signed Richard W. Lundahl Acting Chairman
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Signed Tamara I. Lundahl Acting Secretary
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An amateur economic strategy

Do you have a hobby that involves growing or building stuff, or do you know anybody who does? If so, you know it can get really expensive. Amateur gardeners pay way above market price to grow their own tomatoes and eggplants and squash. Amateur



By Nils Stolpe

mechanics put hundreds of hours and tens of thousands of dollars into rebuilding a 50-year-old car that cost a couple thousand dollars when new. Amateur cabinetmakers invest thousands of dollars in workshops to build bookshelves and armoires and dry sinks. And amateur fishermen can spend hundreds of dollars for every pound of fish

they catch.

Someone who lives in Princeton, N.J., whose salary is a quarter of a million dollars a year, with a garden that takes up 5 percent of a lot worth a million dollars and a John Deere garden tractor that cost \$5,000 could probably make a convincing argument that, counting labor and land and capital, his tomatoes cost \$500 a pound. Anybody who's familiar with classic car auctions knows that a well-restored muscle car from the '60s can easily sell for 20 or 30 times what it cost when new. With hardwoods costing \$10 or \$20 a board foot and

hobby-sized planers and table saws ranging upward of a thousand bucks, furniture that you could buy for a couple hundred dollars would, including your time, cost much more to build.

Could you imagine an elected official, one at any level, therefore arguing that the agriculture industry or the automobile industry or the furniture industry should be shut down? That amateurs spent so much more to produce goods, and that their expenditures per pound or per vehicle or per end table were therefore so much more valuable to the economy that they should be the sole producers of those goods?

Seems unlikely, doesn't it? Evidently not in our Congress.

For what seems like the dozenth time, New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone, this year along with Maine's Rep. Tom Allen, has introduced legislation to make striped bass a gamefish coastwide. Their justification for doing this is that their recreational fishing constituents spend much more money to catch striped bass than commercial fishermen get for the same fish at the dock. According to them, it's a waste of the resource to allow the non-fishing members of the public to ever enjoy this delicious fish unless they are given one by the sportsman or woman that they're lucky enough to have as a friend.

What do these legislators, whose non-angling constituents outnumber anglers by perhaps a hundred to one, want them to give up? In 1634, William Wood wrote in "New England's Prospect": "The Basse is one of the best fishes in the Countrey, and though men are soone wearied with other fish, yet are they never with Basse. It is a delicate, fine, fat, fast fish... pleasant to the

pallat, and wholesome to the stomach" (from the classic "Encyclopedia of Fish Cookery" by A.J. McClane and Arie deZanger). And nobody with even semi-educated taste buds has disagreed in the intervening 373 years.

The proponents of this legislation try to support it with two bogus arguments. The first is that the recreational striped bass fishery is increasingly catch and release and more conservation-oriented. Au contraire, recreational catch and release striped bass mortality is now greater than the total commercial harvest. The second is that the consumers will still have access to aquacultured striped bass. Fact is that no one is growing real saltwater striped bass for the market. Instead, they are culturing a striped bass/white perch hybrid in fresh water. It's not the same. McClane and deZanger recognize this, writing "landlocked populations of striped bass... [are] inferior to a prime fish taken from saltwater."

So, according to Pallone and Allen, a handful of fishing hobbyists deserve exclusive access to the entire crop of one of the finest seafood products that's available from our coastal waters, offering 300 million-plus non-fishing consumers an aquacultured substitute that doesn't even come close, because those anglers spend so much more to catch the striped bass they catch. This is while those same anglers, using the latest in catch and release methodology, are killing and wasting more striped bass than the non-fishing consumers are allowed to consume.

If these two congressmen get away with punishing commercial fishermen, and the consumers they work for, for fishing as efficiently and environmentally responsibly as they can, look out Broyhill, Ford and ConAgra, 'cause you might be next. NF

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ATTENDANCE of
PELICAN ADF&G ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 9/19/2007

Members Present:

- 1. Terry Wirta
- 2. Willie Combs
- 3. Patricia Phillips
- 4. Tamara Lundahl (Acting Secretary)
- 5. Richard Lundahl (Acting Chairman & Acting Secretary)

Members Absent:

- 1. Chris Howard (Chairman) No longer living in Pelican or Lisianski Area -- Now ineligible.

**NOTE -- Chris Howard is no longer an eligible member as he now lives and resides in Juneau.

Audience:

- 1. None
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ADF&G Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC)
Minutes – September 20, 2007
Tele-conference

Quorum established at 1:10 pm

Committee Participants:

Daniel Kingsley – Acting Chairperson	Pilot Point
Roland Briggs	Ugashik
Tim Enright	Ugashik
Bill Albecker	Ugashik
Eddie Clark	Egegik
Myra Olsen	Egegik
Bobby Christensen	Port Heiden
Art Woinowsky	Ugashik
Joe Chythlook – ADF&G Board Support	Dillingham

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Proposal 14 Restructuring of Bristol Bay Advisory Committees.

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 14 for the following reasons:

- Bristol Bay Rivers associated with the different committees have river specific management and conservation issues. The reason ADF&G has four different management biologists for Bristol Bay is because of these many river specific management and conservation issues.
- LBBAC felt like the Department was attempting to reduce rural participation in the board process by proposing to combine the advisory committees.
- Fish and game issues are unique to each hunting, subsistence and commercial fishing areas in Bristol Bay.
- LBBAC felt the current system was working well and no need for change was warranted at this time.

Proposal 23 Reassign the Undesignated Seats on Advisory Committees Where Multiple Communities are Represented.

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 23 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that elimination of the undesignated or "at large" seats would reduce rural participation in the board process.

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- LBBAC members felt that the existence of the undesignated seats would hinder the opportunity for certain user groups, namely subsistence users, from participating in the board process.
- LBBAC members also felt that the elimination of the undesignated seats would unfairly reduce the number of seats for the LBBAC in comparison to the other Bristol Bay advisory committees.

Proposal 24 *Establish a "Town Hall" Form of Meeting Structure.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 24 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt the current meeting format worked well and adequately ensured that any community member with fish and game concerns could be heard.
- LBBAC members felt that adoption of a "town hall" form of meeting structure would be too chaotic, fragmented and would not be an improvement over the current system.
- LBBAC members also felt that accessibility to the "town hall" form of meeting would be dictated by geographical location of the meeting (i.e. on road system versus aircraft).

Proposal 25 *Qualifications of Members.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 25 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that requiring a written qualification letter was unnecessary because potential members are volunteers and would not be interested in serving if they did not have a vested interest in the well being of the local game and fish resources.
- LBBAC members felt the adoption of this proposal would just add an additional paperwork burden on the existing serving committee members.
- In addition, the LBBAC members felt the ones ability to write well is not a good indicator about their respective knowledge of, and experience with, the local game and fish resources.

Proposal 26 *Qualifications for Members.*

The LLBAC was **dead-locked on the adoption** of Proposal 26. Four members were in favor of adoption and four members were opposed. Listed below are a few of the highlights of a lengthy discussion on the merits and drawbacks of this proposal:

Merits:

- An individual would have to forfeit their seat if they geographically move away from the area of committee jurisdiction.
- The adoption of the proposal would ensure the integrity of the advisory committee/board members.
- Guarantees flagrant violators of game and fish regulations do not act as the spokesperson for their communities concerning the well being of the very resources they are charged with violating.

Drawbacks:

- Popular and productive advisory committee members would have to relinquish their seats if they move out of the area of committee jurisdiction.
- A criminal record does not preclude an individual from being a productive and knowledgeable representative of the community concerning their local game and fish resources.

Proposal 27 *Functions of Local Fish & Game Advisory Committees.*

The LBBAC voted to **take no action** on the adoption of Proposal 27 for the following reason:

- Regional councils are obsolete.

Proposal 28 *Designate One Seat for Each User Group.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 28 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that there are too many different user groups unique to every geographical area in Alaska to designate one seat per user group.
- LBBAC members agree with the Department that the adoption of this proposal would be too cumbersome for the Department and Joint Boards.

Proposal 29 *Uniform Rules of Operation.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 29 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that "if it is not broke don't fix it."

Proposal 30 *Delete Logistics as a Factor in Establishing New Advisory Committees.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 30 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that logistical problems or solutions would play a major part in the decision to create a new advisory committee.
- The application of the criteria to be changed by this proposal is used infrequent. The Joint Board has only established one new advisory committee since 1991.

Proposal 31 *Require Board to Schedule Meetings With the Public.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 31 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt the current system provides adequate opportunity for public input.
- Additional public meetings would just create unnecessary additional workloads for advisory committee and Joint Board members.

Proposal 32 *Reduce Standard for Active Status to One Meeting Per Year.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to oppose** the adoption of Proposal 32 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members felt that the Joint Board has been fairly lenient in regards to the required two meetings a year and that this proposed change to the statute is unnecessary and unwarranted.

Proposal 33 *Allow Advisory Committee Representatives a Seat at the Board Deliberations.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to adopt** Proposal 33 for the following reasons:

- LBBAC members unanimously agreed that the Joint Board have failed to incorporate the recommendations of the advisory committees when adopting and modifying game and fish proposals.
- LBBAC members strongly feel that a member of the representative advisory committee should be allowed a seat at the Board deliberations. Members reiterated their concerns that strong advisory committee recommendations presented to the Board, via oral testimony and committee discussions, are being ignored by Board members during the deliberation process.

Proposals 34, 35 & 36 *Increase Advisory Committee Participation During Board Meetings.*

The LBBAC voted **unanimously to adopt** Proposals 34, 35 & 36 for the following reasons:

- Same as Proposal 33.
- In addition, the LBBAC members feel that any increase in the participation of the advisory committee representative in the Board process is a reflection that the Joint Board is actually listening to the suggestions, directives and opinions of the various user groups at the community level.

Adjourn 3:15 pm

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