

**Kotzebue Sound AC Joint AC Meeting  
1/6/2015  
Northwest Arctic Borough**

- I. Call to Order: 11:40am by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Michael Kramer, Victor Karmun, Karmen Monigold  
Members Absent: Pierre Lonewolf, Enoch Shiedt, Cyrus Harris, Eugene Smith  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present: NPS WEAR, USFWS Selawik Refuge, ADF&G Kotzebue Staff, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Northern Seward Peninsula, and Noatak and Kivalina AC and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with addition of 201 agenda approved made by Victor Karmun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kramer, approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 2/27/14 – Motion to Approve minutes made by Mike Kramer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Victor Karmun, approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Meghan Nedwick, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present: Trooper McGinnis, Bill Carter, Frank Hayes, Susan Georgette, Ken Adkisson, Lance Kramer
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Antlerless moose reauthorization for Unit 23, brown bear tag fee exemption Unit 23, changing BOG meeting from two year cycle to three year cycle, BOG ACR on caribou, salvage of game language change, Dall sheep closure Unit 23

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BOG	41	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	5	0	No discussion beyond Brandon Saito GMU 23 Area Biologist speaking to low level of cow harvest that is negligible at current levels but may be a concern in the future if harvest increases. Percy Ballot Chair of Northern Seward Peninsula AC also mentioned their AC supporting this proposal earlier in the meeting.
BOG		Changing Board of Game meetings from a two year cycle to a three year cycle	
Support	5	0	Pete Schaeffer discussed how it would not be hard to use BOG ACR in issues needing attention before regular cycle and that the ADF&G would also have emergency regulation authority for issues needing immediate address. He also mentioned that the BOG should consider moving statewide regulation proposals to a three year cycle so that these issues would not potentially have to be addressed every year, whether a specific area of the State was in or out of cycle. Alex Whiting suggested that the BOG commit to having meetings in the regions being affected (as opposed to large urban centers), if the new three year cycle were adopted - the other AC members concurred with this sentiment.
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	5	0	Support and the AC still supports liberalizing methods for taking brown bears, but will deal with this when the GMU 23 is in cycle again.
BOG	201	Salvage of game meat, furs and hides	
Support	5	0	
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	

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Support With Modify	5	0	Pete Schaeffer expressed the view the KS AC generally supports the proposal as written with modifications agreed to by the AC members. Alex Whiting discussed these modifications: Close the non-resident season completely, as the KS AC can no longer support any take by non-subsistence users since we are now in conservation management according to the WACHWG Plan and likely to be in preservation management in the very near future when non-residents are supposed to get shut out completely anyway and that if local people are not getting what they need already and are going to impose more restrictive regulations on themselves, that they have no reason to support any use beyond local subsistence use; close bull caribou take from October 15 – January 15 when they are in rut and poor shape (even though it will likely deny some local use of younger bulls into late October that stay edible for longer than older bulls); increase dates of cow season closure from May 16 to April 15, so cow season would be closed from April 15 – June 30.
BOG	203	Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep Units 23 and 26(A)	
Support	5	0	Brandon Saito discussed precipitous decline in Dall Sheep in Unit 23 due to icing and other related causes, even lower population numbers than in the early 1990's decline, when it was closed for some years.

Adjournment: 2:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Whiting

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1/8/15

