

Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee
December 13, 2016
University of Alaska Southeast

I. Call to Order: [6:01] by [Ed Buyarski]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 12

Members Absent: 2

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

In attendance: Henry Webb (comm fish), Atlin Daughtery (Hunting Guide), Thatcher Brouwer (Comm fish), Ed Buyarski (Sport fish/hunting/personal), Michael Bethers (sport fish/hunt/personal), Jesse Ross (trapping), Jesse Walker (sport), Chris Miller (Comm fish), Kristine Trott (non-consumptive), Richard Yamada (charter-salt), Terry White (charter-salt), Nicholas Orr (Alternate), Kevin Maier (charter-fresh).

Apologies: Jason Kohlhase, Logan Balstad

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ryan Scott, Area Biologist; Tom XXXXXX, Mgmt Coordinator for ADFG

VI. Guests Present: 2

VII. Old Business:

Election/reelection of Committee members; open seats-Nonconsumptive commercial, Personal Use Hunt Fish, Alternate.

Michael Bethers (sport), Thatcher Brower (comm), Kristine Trott (noncumptive personal), Terry White (charter-salt), Nicholas Orr (all re-elected unanimously, Nicholas Orr moves for alternate to the sport hunt fishing seat).

Atlin eleted as new Chair.

VIII. New Business:

Brief discussion of 2016 SE King Salmon escapement and possible appointment of directed committee to suggest emergency regulations to ADFG for 2017 season

Michael Bethers notes that Taku run of King salmon has gone down since 2005. In 2016 12,000 fish in the river; 2017 projected to be below the minimum escapement goal of 19,000 fish. Calls for more conservative mgmt. of Taku King salmon. Would like to have AC to form a committee to draft a letter in this regard.

Long discussion about king salmon numbers.

Chair suggests we ask for Dan Teske and Dave Harris with ADFG to provide information about king escapement at our next meeting.

[record minutes]

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd
2			Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds
3			Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou
No action			Ryan Scott notes cultural difficulty to get harvest tickets. Herd is in steep decline. No urban hunters able to harvest animals in this year. No vote
4			Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A
No action			Ryan Scott notes that this will likely be a likely allocation issue. No vote.
5			Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings
6			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions
7			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep in Unit 26A
8			Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met
9			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region
10			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region
11			Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
12			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region
13			Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents

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			draw hunts in the Arctic/Western Region
14			Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region
15			Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years
16			Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear
17			Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds
18			Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
19			Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred
20			Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
support	9	0	3 abstentions.
21			Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18
22			Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder
23			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18
24			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18
25			Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19
26			Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A
27			Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A
28			Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder
29			Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only
30			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C

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31			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B
32			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A
33			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the western portion of Unit 26A
34			Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26
No action	3	1	9 abstentions.
35			Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26
No action	4	1	8 abstentions.
36			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23
37			Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23
38			Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23
39			Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23
40			Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23
41			Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23
42			Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23
43			Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23
44			Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23
45			Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area

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Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
53	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts		

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BOARD OF FISH Proposal 34.

VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR, 3 AGAINST, AND 2 ABSTENSTIONS. WE SUPPORT THIS IN CASE IT GOES TO STATE BOARD

Adjournment: 8:08PM

Minutes Recorded By: KEVIN MAIER

Minutes Approved By: /s/ Ed Buyarski, Chair

Date: 1/4/2017