



Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees

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Central	Middle Nenana River
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Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

February 2, 2021

Alaska Board of Game
Larry Van Daele, Chairman

Alaska Board of Fish
Marit Carlson-Van Dort Chairman

Dear Board members,

The Koyukuk River Advisory Committee has identified a serious issue regarding how the Advisory Committees generated comments are not read into the record, or used in some cases, when the Boards are deliberating proposals.

As you are aware the Advisory Committees spend considerable time promulgating or deliberating proposals that would affect the resources and people of Alaska, especially in our home area of expertise. The comments are forwarded to the Board of Game or Fish for their statutory considerations during deliberations.

The Advisory Committee chair or designee typically presents the ACs' position and justification to the Board at the beginning of the meeting, during public comments. These AC comments are mixed with literally tens or hundreds of comments regarding all of the proposals on the Boards meeting agenda.

The glaring issue for this committee, as well as the other 80-some odd committees, is how the Boards are using the statutory comments. When the proposal is brought up for deliberation AC comments are rarely referenced.

The Advisory Committees, as well the general public listening into the BOG or BOF meeting in person, or virtual, do not hear the record reflect what the ACs' positions are regarding the proposals.

The majority of public and especially the various other ACs are never informed what all the committees had to say. We have heard the Board members ask questions of the ADFG staff regarding conditions or information contained in the ACs' comments. ADFG staff rarely looks at, or considers AC comments, so adlib an answer to the best of their knowledge. Several members of the Board apparently do not look at the AC comments when they ask ADFG questions, which are answered in the AC comments.



Therefore, it is very apparent the deliberation process is not serving the public, the Advisory Committees, the Boards of Game or Fish deliberations, or the audio record. We recommend the Board address this blind spot in the process; by having Board Support staff read into the audio record the AC comments during proposal presentation. The public that is listening, including the ACs and Boards of Game or Fish will be better much better served through a transparent process.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jack Reakoff Chairman Koyukuk AC



Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

February 2, 2021 via Teleconference

Meeting called to order at approximately 2pm

Members Present; Gary Hanchett (Bettles, alt), Charles Ned & Vincent Simon (Allakaket), Jack Reakoff (Chairman) & D. Shawn Bergman (Undesignated), Jack Wholechese & Darrell Vent (Huslia), Hugh Bifelt (Hughes)

Members Absent; Harding Sam & Jared Sam (Alatna), Shawn Huffman (Huslia)

Current Vacancies; 1 Undesignated seat, 2 Bettles Seat (no formal election held in Bettles to seat Gary), 1 Allakaket seat

ADF&G staff; Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (DWC), Charles Brazil, Deena Jallen & Christy Gleason (DCF), Lisa Stuby (DSF), Brook McDavid (SUBS), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

FWS; Vince Mathews, Jeremy Havener

Serena Pitka YR DFA, Bruce Irvin TCC, Brooke Woods TCC and Fish Commission, Christopher Simon (K'oyit'ots'ina Limited (K-Corp))

Agenda adopted with the addition of Henshaw Creek Concerns

Minutes adopted

Comments from AC members-

Darrell- saw a lot of cow moose this fall on Huslia River, but no calves. Also saw a lot of big animals (brown bear), and with the lack of fish this year thinking that the bears might be preying more heavily on the moose.

More undocumented transporters moving in. Need to have talks with them about wanton waste- we rely heavily on moose since the fish didn't come and there aren't caribou. Might need to be a future discussion about this.

Vincent- incident of hunters this fall trying to give meat to villagers, but it was already too spoiled. Would like to have something set up with the villages to get meat from hunters to villages.

There was a long discussion here on this subject. It was noted that the Board of Game cannot do anything more than they already have on this, that it is already required for hunters to get their meat out of the field and that there is a meat on the bone requirement in this area that this AC submitted to help with this. Some ideas discussed was that TCC apply for grants to help with meat distribution and or work with Kanuti Refuge; transporting meat, freezers in Bettles, ADF&G Check station to aide in meat distribution (it was noted that the current Koyukuk Check station is for data gathering not for meat distribution), community education fliers to help nonlocal hunters know before they take a moose how to take care of meat and where they can bring it.



Charles Ned- thank you everyone for coming. Noted that this year had been a mild weather until now and not a lot of snow. Noted he observed a lot of planes this fall that were low and scaring moose. There was higher water this summer in the river and it reduced the numbers of eddies and made it harder to get fish. Observed a lot more wolf tracks this winter. We really knocked them down a couple years ago, but they are back. We are trying to take care of them ourselves, but wouldn't mind additional assistance from the state again, especially since they are taking a lot of moose.

Hugh- noted the rainy summer, higher water in lakes, good berry picking. There wasn't a lot of summer chum and we don't get a fall run here, but there was a lot of whitefish and sheefish and that helped.

Jack Wholecheese- hunting was tough this year. This was the first year I haven't gotten a moose this last fall. Fishing was bad. Water was too deep/high, we had our nets in the water but didn't catch salmon- but we did get sheefish and whitefish. The local guides in the area came through this year with giving us meat, which was good. The big animals are hunting just like us in the fall time. Some folks got some black bears this fall. Used to see a lot more black bears and now see a lot more big animals. Outside hunters don't use everything like we do. There are a lot of pieces of the animals that don't get used, and that is wasteful to us. We should brainstorm how we can stop this wanton waste.

Shawn Bergman – nothing to report

Chris Simon – just called to listen

DWC Update

Wolf survey done in the predator control area- currently the wolf population has recovered fully from that program

Moose hunt statistics for the area given- very close to average on total harvest of moose in the fall.

Moose Twinning question – Huslia Flats; haves seen high twinning rates, suggesting habitat is good and/or cow didn't have a calf at heel (aka the calf was lost the spring before), so this might be more indicative of a survival response (aka high predation rate).

Darrel noted that there was a good strain of bulls out there, but since the fish numbers are down then the bears really went after the moose calves, how can we fix this, we are on federal lands so predator control is difficult. Would like to slow down the big animal population.

Department noted that Darrel was correct, predator control isn't an option on federal lands. The bull cow ratio is good, but the yearling bulls were low which loops back into the high predation rate on calves. Newsletters sent out to hunters on age data – noted a shift in age structure in the population.

Vincent asked about caribou movement through Anaktuvuk Pass; Department noted that Region V manages that herd and will get back to you. Chairman Reakoff noted that he thinks that communities should be able to get updates from the Department, on where caribou proximity is. Caribou may be within striking distance of 20-30 miles. Fuel costs are so high in these villages, it is not economical to scout large radiuses to randomly encounter caribou.



Chairman Reakoff – we have had two bad winters in 2018/19' and 2019/20'. Early deep snow with 1.5" of rain on snow in October, then rain on 4-5 feet of snow in late winter .75-1.25" of rain on the snow. The ice-glazed snow **decimated** the sheep on the south slope in GMU24. In 5 months observation in 2020 spring through fall only 31 ewes, 3 lambs, and 7 small rams were found. The current winter of 2020/21' is much better for the extremely low sheep population. There are a lot of wolves with deep snow advantage and high hare population the last 3 years. Hare numbers are down 70% but still a relatively high crash, lynx are still fat. Wolves are ranging far and will be cannibalize one another with shallow snow pack. Moose population is down but not as much as Dall sheep.

Department – Covid issues this fall in the refuge for surveys, as well as some budget restrictions, data shows less nonlocal hunters this fall through the check stations, and local harvest was up.

DCF Update

Staff Updates, Holly Carroll has moved on to the FWS Yukon Manager.

Update on the summer season for Chinook and summer chum given.

Hugh- mesh size; Koyukuk River doesn't have to change mesh size since those fish don't go to Canada right? Department noted that this year there was a mesh size restriction in place in the entire drainage to help get the larger female chinooks spawning as well.

Darrel – there is still issues in the ocean (climate change, desalination, high sea intervention) that we can't fix, and this is influencing mesh size restrictions now which we have never had that before

Update on fall season for fall chum

Jack W. – concerned with on bycatch/high sea interception of fish

Darrel – many factors, toxins, desalination, hatchery fish out competing wild, but it is an issue

Henshaw Creek Concerns

Chairman Reakoff noted that he had observed some of the local creeks and waterways had discolored – blue and orange iron oxide. He was concerned that this sign of heavy metals in the water will reduce PH and negatively impact fish. DCF will look into this and get back to the AC.

Boards Update

BOG/BOF Meeting Cycle update for 2020-2021 given – meetings for both boards will be postponed until 2021-2022. Comments on elections of members and officers (members would like to wait until a face to face meeting is held for both)

There was some loud interference and many members got off the line. Vincent Simon and Shawn Bergman were not able to call back in



WACH Working Group

Chair would like to have the AC nominate two members to represent the working group to nominate the names forward to their coordinator due to some issues and lack of representation at the last meeting. Darrel Vent and Jack Reakoff nominated. Darrell was voted to be the primary representative, and Jack Reakoff as secondary.

AC would also like a letter drafted and sent to the communities of Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles, Hughes and Huslia with the ACs recommendation seeking endorsement.

BOF Proposal Deadline (May 10, 2021)

This is a topic that has been discussed at the last two Koyukuk River AC meetings, and the AC is still in support to draft and submit a proposal to allow rod and reel as subsistence gear in a portion of the Koyukuk drainage excluding the 5 mile radius around the Dalton Hwy. When it was time to vote to submit the proposal, during the role call vote it appeared that the meeting had lost Hugh Bifelt and the AC lost quorum. Jack Reakoff will draft and submit proposal in his name and the AC can support it next year. After looking at past minutes, it was noted that the last meeting on 12-16-2019, this proposal premise was fully supported by the full quorum, therefore be submitted under the Koyukuk River AC's name.

****Shawn Bergman was able to rejoin and quorum was reestablished ****

Board of Game Proposal

PROPOSAL 189 BOG Proposal on Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Authorization

Little discussion, noted this was something that needed to occur annually.

SUPPORTED (7-0)

Lack of AC representation at BOG/BOF Meetings

Chairman Reakoff – the boards do not read the AC record of comments into record, so those listening don't hear what the ACs comments and position on the proposals being deliberated.

Advisory Committees put a lot of work into these meetings and these meetings cost the state a lot of money. The record is incomplete because the archive is audio and the AC records are written.

The Chair on this issue read a draft letter into the record, and the AC would like to submit the letter to the BOG and the BOF for their March Meetings. Unanimous in support

Federal Proposals



No current fisheries proposals that affect this area.

Chairman Reakoff noted that the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission will be submitting a federal proposal for a 2 bear bag limit, on federal lands to mirror the current state regulations for the upcoming federal cycle.

Next meeting will potentially be in late November of 2021. An in-person face to face meeting is much preferred.



Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

11/19/2020

I. Call to Order

Chairman Alvarez calls the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

II. Roll call

Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Timothy Anelon, Kyle Aguiar, Henry Olympic, William Trefon, Karla Jensen, Warren Hill, Jim Tilly, George Alexie, Thomas Hedlund, Robert Tracey (seated following election).

Members Absent: None

III. Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Timothy Anelon, Kyle Aguiar, Henry Olympic, William Trefon, Karla Jensen, Warren Hill, Jim Tilly, George Alexie, Thomas Hedlund, Robert Tracey (seated following election).

Members Absent: None

IV. Introductions

A.D.F.G. staff: Dave Crowley, Todd Rinaldi, Travis Ellison, Taryn O'conner-Brito

Guests: Bob Tracy, Heidi Kiits (BBNA)

V. Nominations for one undesignated seat with a term through 6/30/2023, previously held by G. Alexie

J. Tilly nominates Bob Tracy of Nondalton, Tracy accepts.

G. Alexie nominates himself

T. Anelon moves to close nominations, B. Trefon seconds. Closed by unanimous consent.

Twelve voters present. Six votes for Tracy, six votes for Alexie. Tie settled by a dice roll; Tracy wins the seat.

VI. A.D.F.G staff updates

T. Oconner-Brito (board support): Board of Game scheduled to meet 1/21. They have decided to postpone regional and statewide in person meetings, further dates TBD.



They also have shown concern about regional and statewide meetings conducted by other means such as Zoom. The Board of Fish has also postponed regional and statewide meetings.

Dave Crowley (Wildlife Biologist): Moose: local GMUs show steady although rather low calf/cow ratios. There were fewer moose hunters in the field (possibly Covid related) but the success rate was up considerably. There appears to be a healthy bull population for the local hunters in 9c. GMU 9b has a low calf survival rate with the suspected cause being high predation by both bear and wolf.

Bear: Stream surveys good cub production numbers. The last harvest and hunter effort numbers are at a historical low for both resident and non-resident hunters.

Todd Rinaldi (Regional Management Coordinator): Currently there is no area biologist in Dillingham. A candidate has been selected but timing is delayed due to the pandemic.

Caribou: An aerial survey was conducted for the Mulchatna herd including the numerous satellite herds. They were able to locate 67/69 tracking collars implying an accurate survey. A photo census was also conducted to determine aggregation. The final data has not been consolidated so do not have accurate numbers to report for calf/cow and bull/cow numbers.

Wolf/predator control program will be active again. The predator control program was a success last year, with a harvest of about 60 animals and resulted in an improved calf survival rate. SDA teams will now have to contact the Palmer office for information, no longer King Salmon office.

RM585 (supplemental winter moose hunt) in GMU 17b and 17c will not be open this year due to very low calf survival rate.

Travis Elison (Comm Fish Biologist): Update for the 2020 BBay commercial salmon season. 2020 saw a very large return and harvest bay wide with a total run of 58.9 million, a catch of 40 million, and a total escapement of 18.9 million. The Naknek River saw a record-breaking total run and escapement. The Egegik River also saw a notably above average return. Both the Egegik and Kvichak Rivers are seeing a decline of two year freshwater fish which in the past was a large portion of the return. They are coming back instead as 1-2s or 1-3s. Processors were frequently strained and unable to keep up with the catch due to Covid and the result was limited fishing opportunity. The 2021 season is forecasted to be yet another strong year. Travis states that he believes we are potentially past the peak of this multi-year high production regime.



VII. Comments

Public: Heidi Kritz (BBNA), BBNA has sent out a request to Iliamna area villages seeking information on the Iliamna Lake seal harvest. She/they are looking for willing participants in each village to help with gathering information about seal harvest in the lake. Please forward information to Heidi if the AC can recommend people involved in the harvest.

AC members: Randy Alvarez voiced concern over a lack of rainbow trout being harvested by ice fishing in the Kvichak drainage and hopes ADFG can look into it. ADFG had hoped to do a creel survey but did not do one on the Kvichak River or the Iliamna River. A survey was done on the Naknek River.

Tinny Hedlund stated that there is a noticeable decline of larger char on the Iliamna River. It seems that large char is now only found ten miles or farther up the river. It seems to Tinny that the lack of char corresponds with an abundance of seal in the river. Has talked to witnesses of seals taking lots of char. We need to do something about the growing seal numbers.

VIII. New Business

I. Central/Southwest B.O.G. proposals:

Proposal#s 2,4,5, regarding the harvest of sheep by bow. No Comment.

Proposal 6, Brown bear tag fee exemption. Proposed by A.D.F.G. Moved to Adopt by W. Hill, Second by K. Jensen. Vote to support passes 10/0 unanimous support.

Prop #8, Furbearer trapping. Proposed by Tom Lessard. Shorten Coyote trapping seasons in GMU 9,13,14b,16 and 17 to align with seasons for trapping other furbearers. B. Trefon moves to adopt, second by T. Hedlund. Vote to support passes 10/0 unanimous support.

Prop #s 15,16,17 Hunting season and bag limits for moose. All three proposals define registration hunts for bowhunters only. Comments: the AC fears future desire for allocation of harvest to the bowhunters. Would be difficult for ADFG to structure and manage. Move to adopt by T. Hedlund, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support fails 0/10. Unanimous opposition.

Prop #20 Hunting season and bag limits for Caribou, Priority for subsistence hunting; Tier II permits. Proposed by ADFG. The Mulchatna Caribou herd continues to struggle, and the population continues to drop. Establishing a Tier II hunt would further reduce the harvest pressure on the herd while protecting



subsistence needs. The AC supports this proposal but commented that the BOG needs to consider household/family size in the ranking process. Also, concerned that young hunters who seek to harvest for their family may not be ranked high enough to qualify. This is not great but is a better option than no harvest opportunity at all. Move to adopt by B. Tracy, second by J. Tilly. Vote to support passes 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #21 Intensive management plans I. Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in GMU 17 and 18. Proposed by ADFG. Current predator programs have been successful on nearby state lands. This will allow similar program on federal lands used by the Mulchatna caribou herd. The AC comments that it has been witnessed as a success in the area. A successful program has proven to increase calf survival rates. Move to adopt by B. Tracy, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support passes 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #23 Unlawful means of taking game, exceptions. Allow the use of snowmachines to position wolf or wolverine in unit 17 as follows. This proposal seeks to clarify the already allowed use of snowmachines to hunt wolf and wolverine. The current regs do not specify exactly how they may be used. This will protect the hunter from litigation and will align regulations in unit 17 with regs in other GMUs. Moved to adopt by J. Tilly, second by B. Tracy. Vote to support passes, 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #41 Hunting season and bag limits for small game. Increase the number of non-resident permits for taking Emperor geese in GMUs 9,10,17. This prop is similar to Props #32-50, all of which seek to increase harvest permits for Emperor geese. The AC comments that they do not think an increase in permits is prudent as the population does not support it. AC will adopt this one prop to express the sentiment regarding all other props seeking an increase in harvest permits. Move to adopt by K. Aguiar, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support fails 0/10, unanimous opposition.

II. Statewide board of game proposals

The AC decided to table discussion of the proposals until the next meeting.

IX. Miscellaneous Business:

I. Discussion of approval of these minutes for submission to the B.O.G.



W.Hill makes a motion to allow chairmen Alvarez to approve the minutes without group participation. K. Jensen seconds. Vote to approve passes 10/0. Unanimous consent.

II. Discuss date and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be spring of 21 with the exact date to be announced later. We will (likely) combine discussions about statewide and B.O.F. proposals.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Minutes Recorded by: Secretary Warren Hill
Minutes Approved by: Chairman Randy Alvarez
Date: December 2, 2020



**Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee
November 17, 2020
Phone meeting**

I. Call to Order: 10:07am AKT by Mitch Seybert

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Gerald Olsen Jr

Mary West

Mitch Seybert

Catie Bursch

Brian Cato

Kim Rice

Tom Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Members Absent (Unexcused): Gerda Kosbruk, Mark Kosbruk, Tim Enright, Mike Enright

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (9 members at roll call)

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, Subsistence fishing, Subsistence Hunting, Guided hunting.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Travis Lons- Wildlife Trooper, King Salmon

Dave Crowley- Wildlife Management Biologist for GUM 9&10, King Salmon

Todd Rinaldi- Wildlife Management Coordinator for Region 4, Palmer

Bronwyn Jones- Subsistence Resource Specialist, Anchorage

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator,

IV. Guests Present:

a. Heidi Kritz- Bristol Bay Native Association

b. Gayla Hoseth- Bristol Bay Native Association

c. Al Barrette- Board of Game Member, Fairbanks

d. Eddie Clark- Naknek

e. Jordan Dyer- Egekik commercial fisherman, Homer resident.

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved by Gerald Olsen, seconded by Tracey Vrem.



- VI. Elections for five undesignated seats: Election open at 10:14am. Taryn gave us a clarification of the seats that are open, designated vs undesignated and obligations of committee members.

Nominees:

Eddy Clark, undesignated
Jordan Dyer, undesignated
Kim Rice, undesignated seat
Tracey Vrem, undesignated seat
John Christiansen, undesignated seat

Floor closed for nominations 10:26am

Unanimous consent of all 5 seats at 10:26am

New members seated after election are; Eddy Clark and Jordan Dyer, replacing Mark Kosburuk and Tom Bursch.

- VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes will be approved by Mitch Seybert for submission to Board after they are emailed to the LBBAC committee members.

Motion to adopt this by B. Cato. Seconded by T. Vrem.

Motion carries unanimously

VIII.

- IX. Reports

ADF&G- Dave Crowley and Todd Rinaldi – covered Caribou survey, FWS Moose survey, bear season and covid virus, Mulchatna caribou, and Dillingham moose.

- X. New Business

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Tracey Vrem will go to Game meeting as others do not want to travel from home areas due to covid pandemic.

- XII. Set next meeting date: next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

- XIII. Announcement: BOF made change to schedule March 5-10 Anch call for proposals went live Nov 16, 2020. Deadline April 24th. 2 weeks later than what it was.

Adjourned meeting at 12:45pm



Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 22-29, 2021 | Wasilla, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	10	0	
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
	10	0	
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
	0	10	
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
	10	0	Good to gather more information.
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
	10	0	
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
	10	0	
27	Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)		
	10	0	
28	Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9		
	0	10	Existing regs give enough opportunity.
29	Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9		
	0	10	Beaver and salmon have cohabitated for many years and are not harming salmon runs according to biologists.
30	Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10		
	10	0	Very few are trapped in May and June now.



31	Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10		
	10	0	Want to conserve any remaining wolverines on Unimak Is.
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
	2	8	Because there are many proposals for the Emperor Goose permit issue, the LBBAC decided to express their opinion with Prop 41, with the intent that this vote reflects on all the other Emperor Goose proposals.

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch, AC Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Mitch Seybert, AC Chairman
Date: 12/1/2020



2/19/2021 McGrath AC Meeting notes:

Via Teleconference.

Call to order at 12:15 by Chair Mark Cox

Present: Mark, Kevin, Ken, Jesse, Clinton, Dan, Daryl, Steffen Sr.

Staff and Guests: Josh Peirce, John Barton, Kristi Tibbles, Nick Smith, Ben Gray, Sean Larson, Jim Simon

Approval of Agenda: motion Ken, second Daryl. Passed 7-0.

Motion to hold on elections: motion to table Daryl, second Dan. Passed 7-0.

New Business:

Prop 182 – annual reauthorization

Staff update: winter moose hunt in 19D. 2021.

Josh: Pop objective has been met. Twinning rate 15% 2020. Low. Pop est. 2020 GSPE. Decline slight. 2019 – 2300, 2020 – 2200.

Antlerless moose hunts: low participation. Pop a little on the high side with twinning rate on the low side.

Prop 182 – reauthorization 2022: motion Ken, second Mark. Passed 7-0.

Prop 189 – reauthorization fee exemption brown bear. Motion Mark, second Dan. Passed 7-0.

Fisheries: Staff Update Sean Larson.

2020 chinook run 116,000, 88,000 total escapement. Will have a 2021 forecast by end of March.

Salmon Pitka Fork weir below average chinook run. Takotna River weir slightly below long term average.

Escapement goal review, written remarks by May 10, 2021 proposal deadline.

Other Items:

Discussion by Mark to have two meetings per year. No vote.

Adjourn:

Motion Ken, second Kevin. Passed 7-0. At 1:10.



**Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee
January 12, 2021
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Allan Mortenson
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Paul Van Dyke, Allan Mortenson; Clear
Matt Nustvold, Coke Wallace*, Jacob Mattila, Erik Haugen*; Healy
Alex Beutow, McKinley
Paul Nyberg
Members Absent (Excused): Jeff Stenger, Clear; Leroy Sutton, Alt Clear, Wayne Valcq,
Ferry; John Basile, Healy; Jeremy Wolf, Undesignated
* Arrived a bit late
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis & Mark Nelson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- IV. Guests Present: Pat Owen, Nancy Bale, Greg Culligan
- V. Approval of Agenda, approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, approved
- VII. Old Business
Members noted that they were still fine on not holding elections at this time during this cycle

Members also asked a question about the past BOG meeting; why liberalized brown bear season wasn't approved at the 2020 INT BOG meeting if there is no tag fee for residents. Department noted that current harvest is a lot higher than historic numbers and but the goal was to maintain a healthy, although lower than historic, population of brown bears, which takes a careful approach with the higher harvest numbers. Members noted that they see a lot more brown bear than black bears in 20A
- VIII. New Business

Board of Game and Fisheries 2020-2021 Meeting Cycle Discussion

There are a lot of good things that come out of in person meetings, so if that is not an option, then the AC would not be opposed to seeing things pushed down the road. Nothing is so pressing in the



proposals that it could not wait a year in relation to what is occurring right now. The committee stated that they would prefer sooner than later for when meetings happen but would prefer face to face meetings and if that takes until next year, then that is what should happen.

Committee had questions about if stacking the meetings next year would happen, how putting off meetings would affect INT BOG cycles, and how antler reauthorizations would be handled.

AC did not formally vote on any action in relation to the Board 2020-20201 meeting cycle

Moose harvest update for 20A, 20B, and 20C given by the department

Department presented information on moose population, harvest, ceremonial harvest/road kill numbers for 20A , 20B, and 20C

Committee had questions on ceremonial harvest numbers and reporting.

Department also noted that they have a brow tine presentation that they can give to folks when a face to face meeting can be held, and noted that the results of the study show that the basic trend was the same for brow tine growth over the last 30 years.

Board of Game Proposals

The committee wondered why there was so many Emperor Goose proposals (Proposals 32-50) that all dealt with changing the allocation of resident and nonresident permits, or sought to remove any nonresident take. No action taken on any of these proposals, but harvest statistics on the hunt were requested.

AC proposal discussions

Proposal 183: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A

Proposal 184: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B

- Erik brought up Proposal **183/184**, Alan seconds. The Middle Nenana AAC usually supports the department's request for reauthorization of antlerless moose hunt. Vote to support: 8 **support**, none opposed. Unanimous to **Support**

Proposal 163: Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game

- Jake brought up Proposal **163**, Matt seconds. Discussion was that counting a wounded big game animal towards a hunters bag limit a difficult topic to cover. The rule is largely vague. This rule would be hard to enforce, and each person should bring ethics into the field with them and make responsible shots. This would not fix the sour apples out in the field. Vote to oppose: 8 **oppose**, none support. Unanimous to **Oppose**

Proposal 189: Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska

- Alan brought up Proposal **189**, Paul seconds. Again the Middle Nenana AAC usual supports brown bear tag fee exemptions. Vote to support: 7 **support**, 1 oppose. Vote to support passed.



IX. Next Meeting TBD based on discussion if any other proposals need to be brought up.

X. Other

XI. Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 0811

XII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen
Minutes Approved By: Alan Mortenson
Date: 2/17/2021



Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

February 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 12:09 at

Members present; Galena- Fred Huntington, Dick Evens
Koyukuk- Benedict Jones, Tom Kriska, Percy Lolnitz(alt)
Nulato – Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Mickey Stickman(alt)
Kaltag – Richard Burnham, Georgiana Madros

Numbers needed for Quorum; 7

Members Absent; Mark Huntington, Van Madros, Patrick Madros Jr, Tom Negalska

Leo Lolnitz and Jason (Koyukuk), Paul Mountain & Douglas Patsy (Nulato), Jim Simon, Jeremy Havener (FWS)

Staff Present; Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (DWC), Christy Gleason & Deena Jallen (DCF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

AC & Public Comments

Doug Patsy noted that they are concerned about this hunt for next year. Have seen a lot of wolf kills, haven't seen many moose with calves. Three people in Nulato have taken 18 wolves so far – their numbers have seemed to explode this winter and we are doing our best to knock them down.

Fred Huntington – Glenn noted that this reauthorization vote was for next year, that we already voted on it and the Board approved it for this year and wanted clarification from Doug on what he wanted.

Doug – would like to speak for not doing the winter hunt this year as well as next year

(unknown) – With the lack of fishing, our freezers are going to look pretty bleak next year then.

Fred – having wolves running through the community during the night and they are herding the moose into the town. Could Department offer some wolf trapping protection- some education on how to harvest and trap wolves?

Department – will talk to Brad and see what can be done. Department noted that the winter hunt is open does not mean that you need to participate, and if you do go you don't have to take cows. The data shows that these animals can be taken, and this hunt is generally only participated by your communities. There have been a few people from Fairbanks go down and take a few last year but generally only the people who live in your communities participate. There were more local hunters that reported as being successful this year, so it would make sense that less moose will be taken this winter because those needs were already met in the fall.

Dick Evans had to leave, quorum still maintained



Proposal 186: Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D

Members discussed this subject in the beginning part of the meeting. Some committee members noted that they were going to vote no but they would like to ensure that the hunt is left in the book so that they could have it again in the future when we are more comfortable with the moose population.

The committee originally voted on the proposal and the vote tally was Opposed (2-7)*

After verifying that the hunt would actually be removed from the regulation and a new proposal would be needed to put the hunt back into regulation, the AC took up the proposal again at the end of the meeting and voted unanimously to **support (9-0)** it with the request to the Department that due to their concerns over the moose population and high predation over the last two winters that the hunt not be conducted in the winter of 2022, and the Department agreed to not hold the 21D winter hunt.

Proposal 189: Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska

Support (9-0)

Division of Commercial Fisheries, Summer Season Update, Deena Jallen

Season summary was given, and it was noted that the preseason forecast for this summer was not available yet.

Richard noted some concerns with the diminished run/disaster. The last time this happened it was three years of bad runs in the late 1990s. This bad run hit all of Alaska, not just the Yukon, and am afraid that this means that this is a ocean issue and this could lead to a couple bad years.

Other member noted that the commercial fishermen in the oceans needs to go back to fishing they way they used to fish, we just keep doing the same things over and over and our numbers are still declining. We are doing the best that we can and our numbers are just declining trying to protect our way of life.

Members expressed concern with the advancing of technology of the ocean run commercial fishing fleet, bycatch, climate change and hatchery overproduction. Members expressed concern that they were being forced to change their subsistence way of lives so that other interests could continue to make money and members said that they were done with making these concessions of giving up food in order so that others can take the fish.

AC noted that since everyone on the river is affected in these bad years, that all of the chairman on the river should get together and get something going. The AC noted that the people of the river need to band together and take this on river wide. Otherwise, we are just going to keep doing this like the people that came before us

Division of Commercial Fisheries, Fall Season Update, Christy Gleason



Season summary was given, and it was noted that the preseason forecast for this summer was not available yet.

AC members asked questions on the commercial harvest in Bristol Bay and spent time discussing what Area M was, where it was, and how it impacts the Yukon run salmon, and what a mixed stock is.

Member clarified that Bristol Bay commercial fishing does not impact Yukon Run salmon. Question on Bristol Bay caught fish asked, Department clarified that Area M is the area that gets the most intercepted fish and clarified numbers. Also noted that the chum crash in 98, 99, 2000 it was due to an algae bloom in the ocean, and not intercepted fisheries. With the current warming trends this is also another possibility.

Members noted that there was a teleconference/radio with Stephanie Quinn Davidson, Charlie Wright and Brooke Wright with TCC, they were saying similar things, that they are still trying to figure out what happened to the fish but it might not be just because of one thing. Members also noted that YRDFA was also a good place to express these concerns as there is our local delegation that attends those meetings.

Concern was expressed again that if the subsistence fishermen are hurting, why is commercial fishing still allowed to happen, and that they will not give up any more subsistence rights as we have done in the past.

Committee noted that everyone already know we have a shortage of fish and we could draft a resolution to go to Area M and and the NPMFC about the bycatch.

Committee would like to draft a letter/resolution to go to the ACs on this issue, with the potential to forward the document to Area M and the NPMFC about bycatch. This will involve TCC/PJ Simon and TCC Task Force/Ben Stevens to assist. While no formal action was taken, but the committee did not want assistance from the Department/Boards in communicating with the other ACs but will instead work through these other avenues.

The AC had no fisheries proposals to submit for the BOF AYK Meeting at this time.

Federal Fish/Game Cycle

No fisheries proposal for this area, and the call for proposals for game related topics on federal lands will be released this spring some time. At this time, the AC has no federal game proposals and does not wish to review the fisheries ones.

Election for expired seats

Election discussion was held. Since the 2019-2020 meeting was held out of cycle in Galena and not Koyukuk, elections are getting out of date. It was noted that next face to face meeting should resume in Koyukuk to elect members as it was noted that one of the current Koyukuk member now resided in Nulato.

Boards noted that elections can be done in communities out of the cycle if need be, and Board staff can assist the community conducting the election.



AC also asked about the seat makeup of the committee. The current makeup was discussed and the AC will be prompted during the next Joint Board call for proposals to potentially submit a proposal to change/increase the current makeup of the committee.

Other

Mickey Stickman noted that he has taken Benedict Jones seat on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group and can give an update.

Benedict noted that some caribou herds have gotten brucellosis and was wondering if that was an issue for the WACH herd. Mikey did not believe so.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes approved by Percy Lolnitz



Mount Yenlo Advisory Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 7, 2020
Location of Meeting: Northwoods Lodge

- I. Meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by Eric Johnson.
- II. Roll Call Members Present: Tom Brion , Eric Johnson, Roger Phillips (teleconference), Dave McHoes, Shon Parker

Members Absent: Steve Childs, Bonnie Childs, John Little, Jody Payton
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Lists of Guests: Shan Johnson (acting as secretary), Ann Parker, Via Teleconference: Payton McHoes, Tim Peltier, Area Biologist, James Van Lanen, Subsistence Division, Charity Lehman, Boards Support
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business

Election of Committee Members

It was moved by Eric Johnson and seconded by Dave McHoes to nominate Payton McHoes to the committee. Motion carried.

New Business

The advisory board conferenced called with James Van Lanen from Fish and Game Subsistence Division and Tim Peltier, Fish & Game Area Biologists to ask questions and convey the committee's concerns.

Dave McHoes asked Tim Peltier, the area biologist, if there is still a 100 bull permit hunt scheduled for this winter. He indicated there is. He said the last count for 16B north was around 32 or 38 bulls per 100 cows. Eric Johnson stated possibly in the south but certainly not in the north.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Tom Brion that the Mt. Yenlo Advisory Committee adopt Proposal 84 to establish an antlerless moose season in 16B. The committee felt that an antlerless moose season is not advisable in 16B for the next few years until the population increases. Motion failed.

It was moved by Roger Phillips and seconded by Shon Park to amend the adoption of Proposal 84 to establish an antlerless moose season after the Dept of Fish & Game can verify that the population has recovered. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Roger Phillips to adopt Proposal 85 to establish a special bowhunt for moose in 16B. Dave McHoes informed the committee that bowhunters can already hunt during the general season. The committee felt that is sufficient. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 92 & 93 to allow year round bear hunting. The committee felt that allowing year round hunting would not work as the brown bear population has declined and hides would not be good year round. Motion failed.



It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 97 to allow bowhunting & rifle for beaver during trapping season. Dave McHoes informed the committee that beaver hunting is already allowed with a rifle. A discussion followed indicating the problems with shooting a beaver with a bow and retrieving the beaver. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 100 to remove the requirements that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16. Dave McHoes informed the committee that as the law is written that when they opened up the early season in September before the regular season opens November 10th, they made it so the traps had to be submerged. This is a totally unworkable regulation with the river going up and down in September. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 2 to establish a special archery season for Dall Sheep in Unit 16 and other units. Dave McHoes informed the committee that bow hunters can already hunt during the general season. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt proposal 3,4 and 5 to establish more archery seasons. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposition 6 to reauthorize the Fish & Game brown bear tag fee. Dave informed the committee that you used to have to pay \$25 fee. The fee was removed to make it easier to kill brown bears because we wanted to reduce the brown bear population. Dave McHoes asked the area biologists if there are units included in the proposal that still need to reduce the brown bear population. The biologists did not know. The biologists did not think there was that much revenue generated. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 7 that would increase the limit of black bears in Unit 13B and 16B from 3 to 5. Eric Johnson felt the black bear population in Unit 16B seem to be in short supply. The committee indicated that very few hunters even get 3 a year. The committee asked the area biologists if there is any biological concern with this proposal. He indicated that very few hunters take 3 black bears and has no biological concerns. By increasing the limits, you increase interest in hunting in those areas. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 8 to shorten the trapping season for coyotes in multiple southcentral units. The reason they expanded it was hoping it would remove some coyotes to help the sheep population. Fur quality is an issue when they are trapped early. The committee felt there are too many coyotes in the area. Dave McHoes indicated no one out here traps coyotes in September. The issue only affects Anchorage where they are abusing this opening. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 9 extend the wolf trapping season to the end of May in Units 13 and 16. Discussion was held that the hides would not be good through May. Bears could get snared as they would be out in May. Motion failed unanimously.

It was moved by Shon Parker and seconded by Tom Brion that they adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Teleconference Meeting
January 6th, 2021 1330hrs
1-800-504-8071, Access Code: 4421717
Meeting Minutes

Charlie Lean – Chair, Brandon Ahmasuk – Vice Chair, Kevin Knowlton – Secretary,
Jacob Mannix – Nome, Andrew McCann – Nome, Edward Stang – Nome,
Patrick Knodel – Undesignated, Tom Gray – Undesignated,
Davis Lincoln – White Mountain, Lloyd Kiyutelluk – Shishmaref,
Tanya Oblowaluk – Teller, Clifford Seetook – Wales, Henry Olanna Jr. – Brevig Mission,
Charles Saccheus – Elim, Jack Fagerstrom – Golovin

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Lean at 1337hrs
2. Roll Call (8 members required to meet quorum)
 - a. Present on phone: Charlie Lean, Brandon Ahmasuk, Kevin Knowlton, Andrew McCann, Jacob Mannix, Tom Gray, Davis Lincoln, Jack Fagerstrom, Charles Saccheus
 - b. Excused: Edward Stang, Patrick Knodel, Clifford Seetook
3. Guests in Attendance
 - a. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Staff on phone: Bill Dunker, Sara Germain, Jim Menard
 - b. Federal Officials: None
 - c. Guests on the phone: Wes Jones – NSEDC, Ashley Dunker – NSEDC, Myra Scholze – NSEDC, Dawn Wehde - NSEDC
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Jacob Mannix to approve the agenda as amended. Ad BOG Proposition 120 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimous
5. Chairman's Report/Update:
 - a. The caribou working group met telephonically, they recommended that the department maintain a conservative approach to the herd management though the herd population seems to have stabilized.
 - b. The chair had published a note to the Federal Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Council reference the Norton Sound Red King Crab population not having recovered enough yet to support a commercial season while maintaining the subsistence harvest. The SPRAC put their opposition to a commercial fishery on record.
 - c. The Chair mentioned the the National Park Service had made new rules regarding navigable waters to respond to the fact they had lost to Sturgeon in the Supreme Court.
6. ADF&G Wildlife Division Report / Update: Bill Dunker and Sara Germain
 - a. In response to a question from Jack Fagerstrom about wolf population on the Seward Peninsula, Bill Dunker stated that a wolf population survey in Unit 22 had not been done and that it would be very difficult. The technique used to determine the amount of wolf predation on big game in the unit is by referencing when collared animals tend to be killed and it is mostly in the springtime after bears have come out of hibernation.
 - b. The RM840, Unit 22 registration Moose hunt was very brief this year, the harvest was maintained at a sustainable level. The department does not have enough data yet to



see if limiting the permit availability made a difference especially with having to factor in local COVID-19 travel restrictions. 520 RM840 Permits were issued with 300ish hunters actually hunting. Survey of Unit 22D and 22E shows that the moose populations remain stable with 33 bulls to every 100 cows. Which indicates that the department should maintain status quo.

Jack Fagerstrom asked if due to COVID -19 the department would be providing the opportunity for the harvest of extra moose or releasing access to caribou tracking information. Bill Dunker advised that the issue of extra moose is being addressed at the state level with no decision yet and public access to the caribou collar locations is restricted by state law but what he could share was that the majority of the heard has not migrated south of the Kobuk nor west onto the Seward Peninsula yet this year.

Tom Gray asked if the department had considered shortening the reporting times for moose harvest so the department could close the season in the fall leaving a portion of the harvest available for a winter hunt. Bill Dunker stated that the department feels that it is not at a point where they need to make any changes at this time. Jack Fagerstrom expressed that the winter hunting opportunity is vary important to the residence of Golovin because of limited access during the fall hunt.

Brandon Ahmasuk asked, when was the last ANS study done in Unit 22 for moose? And if 321 bull moose harvest in unit 22 was sustainable? Bill Dunker advised it has been a number of years since an ANS study had been done and that any changes to the ANS required board action but a proposal to the board addressing the issue would be the way to address it and the deadline for proposals to the board will be due in the spring of 2022.

- c. Seward Peninsula Muskox – the population survey is scheduled for February 2021, last years harvest data showed 28 muskox bulls were harvested in Game Management Unit 22 which was approximately 2.1% of the population. The Seward Peninsula Muskox population appears to have stabilized. Unit 22A will have a scheduled hunt in RY21, though a hunt of the population in unit 22B East, near Koyuk has been underutilized. Consideration of separating management of 22B West and East is being considered.

7. New Business – Board of Game

The State of Alaska Joint Board of Fish and Game asked for input from the Advisory Committees on how they would like to see the board handle future meetings with the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions? The NNSAC prefers in person meetings but with circumstances being what they are Telephonic meetings will work. Due to connectivity issues in the smaller villages Zoom, Teams and others virtual means are not practical. Meetings should not be postponed with some time sensitive issues needing action. For example, the Norton sound Red King crab commercial season and the delicacy of the current population. As things in the population change, they need to be addressed in a timely manner.



Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
119	Add Muskoxen in Tier II hunts. (Charlie Lean)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Tom Gray to support the proposal. No further discussion
129	Allow the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting excluding wolf and wolverine. (Ted Spraker)		
Opposed		10	Motion Made by Jack Fagerstrom, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Against it for rural Alaska, cannot afford multiple or larger caliber rifles. Proper shot placement is the key to big game hunting. The definition of the available bullets is vague.
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures. (ADF&G)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. No further discussion.
134	Allow use of camera sensory devices. (John Ryan)		
No action			Difficult to enforce.
190	Reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemptions. (ADF&G)		
Support	9	1	Motion Made by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. A means to show how many hunters are hunting Bear, this could be achieved with no fee charge by making the region a registration hunt area.
	<i>Proposal 120 was added to the Agenda and the AC deliberated on it.</i>		
120	Taking of game by proxy. (Roger Seavey, McGrath AC)		
Support as Ammended	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal as amended, to add Game Management Unit 22 to be covered by the proposal. No further discission.

Board of Fish

- a. Jim Menard Region manager for Fish reported that the 2019 Salmon harvest and return was not good, and the department is not sure why. The trawl surveys of 2015



did show that this might be the case but nothing definitive. By using the Trawl survey of 2016 data 2021 should be better.

- b. Red King Crab - the Board of Fish changed the winter commercial opening date to February 1st so the season will open then. This year for a commercial harvest looks to be like last year with no buyers and only two fishermen catcher/seller not looking to have a good harvest.

Tom Gray inquired about the 2021 summer commercial season; he is very concerned about the subsistence availability.

Wes Jones inquired as to what is the biomass of 5" males. Jim Menard replied that information is not available now and that is an allocative issue. He suggested if the AC disagreed with the Harvest Guideline we take it up at the Crab Planning Team Charlie Lean asked of Jim Menard, Have you read the regulation on how to manage the crab fishery in the King and Tanner Crab Management Policy? Jim replied that the guidance from the BOF had sunseted and that the crab planning team will be meeting next week.

Tom Gray stated that subsistence crab harvest has really taken a hit and the priority is subsistence and because the manager still focuses a commercial fishery while planning on having an opening for the commercial season.

8. Public Comment

Jack Fagerstrom for the village of Golovin, With COVID -19 we need to be able to get food with the least amount of gas usage. What resources are available to us? We need to be provided with information on the location of harvestable game.

9. Advisory Committee members comments

None.

10. The committee unanimously supported the Chair, Charlie Lean, to attend the upcoming board meetings

11. Next meeting date is to be at the call of the chair should an issue arise.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1618hrs.

Minutes prepared by

Kevin Knowlton
NNSAC Secretary

Approved

Charlie Lean
NNSAC Chair

Brandon Ahmasuk
NNSAC Vice Chair



**Nushagak Advisory Committee
December 7 & 15, 2020
Teleconference
Nushagak Drainage**

- I. Call to Order: 9:08 AM by Chair Joe Chythlook

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Dan Dunaway, undesignated, secretary
Gayla Hoseth, undesignated
Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok
Barbara Moore, Manokotak (Joined 10:13am)
Gust Tuguing Jr, Koliganek
Richard King, Ekwok
Todd Fritze, Dillingham
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham, Chair
Curt Armstrong , Dillingham
Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Vice Chair
Tom O'Connor, Dillingham
Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point
Travis Ball, Aleknagik
Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt
Joe Wassily, Clark's Point, Alt
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt
Steve Perkins, Dillingham, Alt at large
Kaleb Westfall, Dillingham, Alt at large (joined later in meeting)

- Members Absent (Excused):
Peter Walcott Sr Ekwok Alt
Walter Kanulie Togiak Alt

- Members Absent (Unexcused):
Moses Kritz
Chris Carr

- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8



List of User Groups Present:

- Subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering
- Commercial Fishing (Set and Drift)
- Sport Fishing
- Trapping
- Guided hunting and fishing
- Native Non-profit and For-profit
- Salmon Processing
- CDQ group and fishery consultants

III. Fish and Game & Enforcement Staff Present:

Tim Sands (Commercial Fisheries), Lee Borden (Sport Fish), Jason Dye (Sport Fish), Todd Rinaldi (Wildlife Conservation), Taryn Brito (Boards), Chris Peterson (Wildlife Conservation), Sergeant Dave Bump (Wildlife Troopers).

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge: Patrick Walsh, Andy Aderman, Kenton Moos

IV. Guests Present:

Robert Heyano, Angelo Brito, Bronson Brito, Rick Mauder, David Bendinger OBI, Gene Sandone BBEDC, Lindsay Layland, ony Zoch BBEDC, Gary Kline BBEDC, Jeff Regnart BBSRI, Gregg Marxmiller, Heidi Kritz BBNA, Jim Hurley, Jack Savo Jr, Mark Schwantes, Frank Woods, Billy (William) Johnson, Kenneth Nukwuk, Michael Link BBSRI.

V. Approval of Agenda - Susie move Tom O. 2nd to adopt

Peter Christopher discussed asked about an emergency antlerless moose hunt for 17 B&C. He also asked to add a December hunt for caribou.

Chair suggested taking those up when the proposals are addressed.

Kay Andrew asked to add a discussion on 17B&C winter moose under board of game proposals.

VI. Election of Members and Officers:

Four Dillingham designated seats, 1 undesignated and both alternate seats were open. There was a discussion whether to postpone elections until later and how to vote.

Gayla Move Susie 2nd to vote by email or text to Taryn. Adopted by Unanimous Consent
Dillingham seats Susie moved, Todd 2nd to open nominations.

Todd Fritze	by Dan	Final votes	<u>19</u>	seated underlined
Susie Brito	by Gayla		<u>22</u>	
Tom O'Connor	by Susie		<u>25</u>	



Curt Armstrong by Todd	17
William (Billy) Johnson by Peter	10
Jack Savo Jr by Andy Aderman	6
Dan Dunaway by Travis Ball	13

Undesignated and Alternates, highest count to seat, next 2 highest counts to be alternates. Susie Move, Tom O 2nd to open nominations.

	final count and seated
Dan Dunaway by Susie	<u>16 undesignated</u>
Steve Perkins by Dan	2
William Billy Johnson by Peter	8 Alt
Kenneth Nukwuk by Barb	3 Alt
Lindsay Layland By Susie	3 withdrew

Susie moved to seat all elected members. Tom O 2nd
Adopted by unanimous consent.

Officers

Susie moved to open nominations Gayla 2nd

- Gayla nominated Susie Jenkins-Brito as chair.
- Travis nominated Dan Dunaway as secretary
- Susie nominated Travis Ball as Vice Chair
- Peter nominates Joe Chythlook as Chair
- Joe declined nomination, is interested in retiring.

Officers selected by unanimous consent; no objections voiced.

Discussion: concerns expressed that several village reps terms have expired as far back as 2018. Reminders have been sent to all communities. Togiak AC representative may be elected by Tribal Council if Togiak AC does not meet.

Clark’s Point reps were recently re-elect, AC unanimously voted to seat Mariano Floresta as Rep and Joe Wassily as Alternate.

VII. Reports

- a. ADFG Commercial Fisheries Update AMB Tim Sands: discussed the 2020 season summary for Nushagak district. Major issue was low king salmon returns even with the extra precautions like the reduced commercial schedule. Kings are



approaching “Stock of Concern Status”. He then discussed the 2021 forecast of 51 million sockeye bay-wide and 14.76 sockeye total return expected for the Nushagak district stocks. . King salmon returns will continue to be of great concern. There was a discussion of the process and consequences if the kings are officially declared a stock of concern. Interest was expressed for a public discussion of management pre-season.

- b. ADFG Sport Fish AMB Lee Borden: Summarized the 2020 sport fishery: effort notably reduced in June and early July. Some increase in effort for coho and rainbow trout late July and into September. Department projects were reduced or halted due to reduced anglers in the fishery and declining budgets. One public comment also noted sport effort on Nushagak kings was noticeably reduced this summer due to Covid restrictions and many sport operations were curtailed or closed
- c. ADFG Wildlife Todd Rinaldi: Explained biologist Watine left her position in April. New area biologist Brian Riley hired for the Dillingham office; originally to arrive in November but Dillingham quarantine rules have forced postponement. Now hope to be on-site in January 2021. Mulchatna Caribou were surveyed very carefully but only 13, 500 animals estimated for entire range of herd, less than half the minimum population goal. There are some ADFG proposals designed to address concerns. Assistant Bio. Chris Peterson provided more details of caribou survey results. She is encouraged by good bull to cow ratio and young healthy bulls. 17B&C Moose population and harvest were discussed - “abysmal calf survival” apparently due to bear predation. Fall 2020 harvest was at levels similar to total annual harvest levels including winter harvests and a 2020 winter season is not justified - the bulls just aren’t there”. 17A moose populations appears strong hence an ADFG proposal is offered. Todd briefly described the process for requesting emergency hunts for moose and caribou in response to public comments and one Tribal Council request. Wolves were discussed briefly as well as a comment about Brown Bear baiting.
- d. ADFG Boards, Taryn O’Connor-Brito updated the AC on the meeting plans and struggles to hold Board meetings while meeting COVID concerns. There does not appear to be much support for remote regulatory meetings. Board of Game will meet for work session on January 21st to discuss possible meeting dates. She encouraged villages to update their representative elections.
- e. USFWS Togiak Refuge biologist Aderman provided updated the AC on Nushagak Peninsula caribou: Population has dropped to about 200 animals from estimate of up to 700 in 2019. 300 animals harvested in 2019-2020 hunt - seems like 200 animals cannot be accounted for. Therefore fall 2020 the decision on consultation the Nushagak Caribou committee was to allow Manokotak to take 5 bulls. NO other harvest will be allowed. Moose information to be discussed during proposals.



- f. Alaska State Troopers Wildlife, Bump: Main enforcement Wood River in-river is always a problem, some wastage of subsistence and commercial salmon. Not much sport fish enforcement as not much effort was out there. Lower effort in the herring or bear seasons, less nonresident caribou, and moose hunters. There were questions about reselling taxidermy, reports of headhunters and wastage in upper Nushagak, violations of the "sport hunting buffer", and seining salmon in the middle reaches of the Nushagak River.
- g. Bristol Bay Science and Research Inst. (BBSRI) Jeff Regnart and Michael Link: Brief discussion of the effort to revamp Nushagak chinook management plan (RC9). Expressed interest in keeping AC advised, the Board of Fish King committee was disbanded but kept working - no output available yet. Michael Link was ready to discuss more on the king plan when the AC takes it up.

VIII. Public Comment

None currently. 1:40 to 2:06 Lunch Break

IX. New Business

Address Central/ Southwest Board of Game Proposals

2:06 Roll call, 11 members present.

Proposals 6 to 22 addressed. **See proposal template for actions taken by AC.**

6:10 PM Travis asked to recess meeting to another day. AC selected Dec 15, 9:00 to resume the meeting by teleconference. Date selected in part to assure further public notice.

RECESS

12-15-20 Resume meeting under new business

9:05 call to order

Roll Call,

Members Present:

Dan Dunaway, undesignated, secretary

Gayla Hoseth, undesignated

Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok

Todd Fritze, Dillingham

Joe Chythlook, Dillingham

Curt Armstrong, Dillingham

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Chair

Tom O'Connor, Dillingham

Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Vice Chair



Billy Johnson, Alt
Kenneth Nukwuk, Alt

Members Absent (Excused):

Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt
Joe Wassily, Clark's Point Alt
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Moses Kritz, Togiak
Chris Carr, Portage Creek
Barbara Moore, Manokotak
Gust Tuguing Jr, Koliganek
Richard King, Ekwok
Peter Walcott Sr, Ekwok Alt
Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing hunting and gathering
Commercial Fishing (Set and Drift)
Sport Fishing
Trapping
Guided hunting and fishing
Native Nonprofit and For-profit
CDQ group and fishery consultants
Commercial Fish Processing

Fish and Game & Enforcement Staff Present:

Tim Sands, Lee Borden, Jason Dye, Todd Rinaldi, Taryn Brito, Chris Peterson,
Trooper Bump

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge: Patrick Walsh, Andy Aderman, Derek Thompson

Guests Present:

Robert Heyano, Pete Andrew, Robin Samuelson BBEDC OBI, Gene Sandone BBEDC,
Lindsay Layland, Michael Link BBSRI, Cody Larson BBNA, Mark Schwantes.



9:08am: Joe Chythlook move, Dan 2nd to resume meeting agenda.
No comments, no additions. Passed unanimous consent.

See Proposal Template beginning Proposal 23

Planning for Board of Fish Call for proposals

- Discuss subcommittee creation to review Wood River Special Harvest Area
 - Discuss subcommittee creation to review King Salmon Mgt Plan
- General discussion of both items together. Chair hoping AC can be proactive on these versus reactive to various proposals by possibly creating open working groups to discuss potential changes desired in both management plans. Given information shared by BBSRI, work is still being done despite BOF inactivating King Planning team. Comments shared indicated it may be worth waiting to see what they develop. Robin Samuelson shared his experience from original King Plan - need to have a large group of all stakeholders not a small group. Robert Heyano concerned if there is the appearance of an AC sanctioned effort it needs to be a very open process. BBSRI Mike Link applauds wanting to be proactive, take wide view of whole plan, avoid single user group “micro bandaids”. BBSRI may have recommendations prior to call for BOF Bristol Bay proposals closing but no promises at this time. Tim Sands warned about “side groups” that may come up with ideas that surprise public. Commercial fishermen need to know what to expect, haphazard and last minute does not work.

*** AC reached Consensus: There is a clear need to have future meetings to address these issues and to encourage maximum public participation. No group or subcommittees formed at this time.

Wildlife Food Security

ADFG Rinaldi acknowledge receipt of letter from Koliganek speaking to the need to have hunts for moose and Caribou and stating that the season closed early. The request will be forwarded through normal channels for further consideration, but it does not meet the criteria for identifying a food shortage or security issue. He emphasized there would be no emergency opening of winter hunts in 17 B&C.

X. Miscellaneous Business

Deadline, approval, and submission of minutes to Board of Game

AC asked Secretary to complete minutes ASAP. Travis moved Dan 2nd to have Chair approve and submit minutes to BOG. Adopted by unanimous consent.

Select representative(s) for board meeting: deferred to next meeting

Set next meeting date and location: deferred pending BOG workshop and meeting schedule



XI. Adjourn: December 15, 11:23

AC comments to proposal only. Wildlife proposals were introduced and explained by ADFG Biologist Todd Rinaldi.

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6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Joe C move Dan 2nd Joe this reduces paperwork, DLP process is cumbersome would like to reduce burden on shooter in DLP cases plus cannot keep skull or hide. I like no harvest ticket required; this exemption is simpler. Dan supports easier system to just seal bear if a harvest opportunity presents. Others commented on DLP system being complicated and can be avoided sometimes with this regulation.
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
Support as Amended	11	0	Dan Move Tom 2 nd Todd F - coyotes are like an invasive species, now I do not see as many foxes. We trap (snare mostly) wolves late and it is nice to be able to keep an incidental coyote. Discussion of how he adjusts snares to avoid nontarget animals. <u>Tom O move Todd F 2nd: amend Proposal 8 to remove GMU 17 and remain neutral on remaining GMU named.</u>
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
			Through a discussion Nushagak AC determined bows already allowed in GMU 17



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No Action			
12	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Dan Move Todd F 2nd</p> <p>Dan spoke in support, this has been an essential tool and herd needs reduction, good opportunity for meat.</p> <p>Joe C more like housekeeping. Widespread group support.</p>
13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Joe Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Extended discussion. Joe spoke on history how moose from 17C were allowed to move to 17A by area residents restricting themselves. Joe very reluctant to support this. Others spoke of the current greatly reduced opportunity to local residents of 17B&C - they are already planning to try in 17A. There may be considerable increase in local resident effort going over there and object to increasing opportunity for nonresidents and adding competition. We let moose move over there, we might need moose to move back to 17C if the herd stays so low.</p> <p>For ADFG to make this proposal and in this manner, seems like advocating for a single user group. Let that group speak for themselves.</p> <p>ADFG Discussion that current Non Res effort is very low and has not accessed the current 50 available.</p> <p>AC Comment: Then if so few are used, making it 100 sends the wrong message to the public.</p> <p>Discussion if guides are required. Not for nonresidents but on the Togiak Refuge only one guide has a concession for hunts on refuge lands in the area.</p> <p>TNWR noted moose are not uniformly distributed in the unit and adding more hunters may increase hunter competition where the animals are found.</p> <p>AC members expressed concern for added competition when there is local need. Frank former chair suggested if more moose need to</p>



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			<p>be taken, extend winter season for residents first by 15-30 days. Others present supported this idea.</p> <p>Several AC members expressed disappointment with ADFG. The current 17A moose plan was hammered out and coordinated after several long meetings, including villages, tribes, Togiak and Nushagak ACs, even the Federal Bristol Bay RAC. It was coordination and buy-in among villages that helped population grow so well. Why did ADFG choose to ignore that process in submitting this proposal?</p>
14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Gayla move Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG said this will reduce administrative burden make it easier for hunters to plan and maximize opportunity.</p> <p>AC, I support as long as its clear hunters must expect EO closure when harvest goals are reached. Gayla asked if the moose plan need all members to agree before this can be enacted?</p> <p>FWS is neutral.</p> <p>Comment that it would be nice to know what 17A villages thought of this but they haven't met yet.</p> <p>A review of fall hunt history and harvest was discussed.</p> <p>ADFG reminded group of goal to reduce herd size.</p>
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bow hunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Todd F move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>Todd F opposes, our herd can't support existing harvest let alone a special "set aside" hunt at prime time when success could be very high. Tom, I agree and in this country they still need to carry a firearm along, so who can tell which hole was made first? Rich, they can already hunt w a bow during normal season. Dan, I oppose this, agree w Rich, I don't like the concept of special gear hunts, - just designed to sell more gear. Joe and Peter also announced opposition.</p> <p>ADFG said the herd can't support added harvest.</p>



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			Before voting motion to adopt was amended to take proposals 15, 16, 17 as a block. Comments for 15 apply for 16 and 17.
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bow hunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
Oppose	0	11	SEE comments for 15
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	11	SEE comments for 15
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
Oppose	3	8	<p>Dan move Todd F 2nd</p> <p>ADFG reported harvest goal usually achieved in 3 weeks adding longer time not likely to add more most. Survey information indicated increase harvest not justified.</p> <p>Ekwok rep supports as weather is so variable now hunters might be able to have a chance at better travel conditions.</p> <p>New Stuyahok rep noted we have concerns for the herd in B&C, we would probably see more harvest, I can only support adding 2 weeks.</p> <p>ADFG noted all registration hunts are subject to closure by EO on short notice. This is a "May Be Announced" hunt if herd size warrants.</p> <p>Other AC members found a wider weather window appealing and believe the EO authority reduces over harvest concerns.</p> <p>Others opposed for now given the poor herd status. Not the time.</p>



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			<p>Another AC member expressed strong objection that ADFG described this as a “gravy hunt” and went on to firmly express how valued the winter hunt is to Nushagak villages</p> <p>Another suggested waiting to take this up in 3 years.</p> <p>A roll call vote was conducted.</p>
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
Support	11	0	<p>Dan move, Tom 2nd</p> <p>ADFG & Togiak Refuge staff described aspects of the review possibly including an intensive habitat analysis and vegetation mapping. It is required as part of the update to the Intensive Management plan (IM). Historical population records reviewed back to 1946 and may encompass 40,000 sq mi range. ADFG and Togiak Refuge on same page for this process. Also, UAA working on it. Seeking funding.</p> <p>If this results in changed population goals its likely harvest goals will change as well and most likely reduced.</p>
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
Oppose	5	6	<p>Todd F move Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG outlined the Tier 2 system. ADFG is required to submit this proposal due to poor herd condition.</p> <p>Comments how near Valdez some time ago, relatively new residents were qualifying for Tier 2 while longtime residents did not. Another noted similar observations around Naknek when the caribou hunt went Tier 2 there.</p> <p>ADFG expressed confidence such problems are mostly resolved in recent Tier 2 like GMU 13 and 16. If / when herd improves it might be possible to increase bag limit to existing permit holder’s vs increasing permits. Also suggested its possible many non-locals who hunted in the 90’s may be aging out of the hunt now.</p>



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21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
Support	11	0	<p>Joe move, Todd F 2nd</p> <p>ADFG noted this is an odd proposal as it is for Federal land, has many nuances, will have to go thru NEPA, other analyses and hoops.</p> <p>AC comment, hard to tell if current IM is helping and I'm losing enthusiasm for it. Upriver guys have taken a lot of wolves in recent years. Its likely new president's administration will oppose this.</p> <p>ADFG says IM in GMU 16 has helped as well as in upper GMU 17. Discussed GMU IM designed to accommodate village hunters. This is designed to supplement existing IM effort overmuch wider area.</p>



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22	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay		
No Action	?	?	<p>Joe move Tom 2nd ADFG noted this is an introduced population. Togiak Refuge noted their neutral position, this is a State action. AC question, would it have noticeable effect from current status. ADFG: ANS can be different from harvest-able surplus. There may be more objectives. Gayla asked for a review of Federal management and their Nushagak Caribou management group - this proposal could complicate the current process. Public: what impacts will this have on the original agreements with local villages and management TNWR? noted current management plan does not use State ANS, simply if one is a local resident then they are qualified to participate. AC : is this the place to spend State's limited funds - maybe there are better places. Public comment: re the existing cooperative mgt plan/group: if they have looked at it I'm ok but if they haven't seen it yet they should be allowed to review it first. We need to stay with original intent of that agreement. Some AC members and others spoke in agreement. One AC member who sits on management group does not recall this coming before them. The group should have an opportunity. Todd F moved for no action on this proposal. Supported unanimously</p> <p>meeting recessed 6:10 pm</p>
23	Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Joe Move, Todd F 2nd Todd F spoke in support and to history of proposal after wolf and wolverine were dropped from a proposal that included caribou in</p>



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			<p>2017. This is a long-time common practice in western Alaska and folks don't like looking over their shoulders. Its allowed in other GMUs.</p> <p>ADFG noted that since IM is in effect in much of GMU 17 they support. It would help moose and caribou populations but emphasized snowmobile must be stationary at time of firing.</p>
24	Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Billy move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG explained genesis of the proposal, there are numerous local accounts across SW AK that there are far fewer today. Noted locally known as jack rabbits. Study going on across western AK form GMU 9, 17, 18, 22,23. One animal collared. Low abundance across their range. Little is known about them.</p> <p>AC member Tom said he supports and asked ADFG to call him he has more information.</p> <p>Joe C agrees with this and this is almost housekeeping, it may have been an oversight to not address in the past. Several other AC members spoke in support, particularly since it protects the breeding season.</p>
32	Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10		
Support As Amended	12	0	<p>Gayla moved, Tom 2nd</p> <p>Dan noted to Boards on compiling BOG book that while many proposals on emperor geese included GMU, the Book only lists the proposals as applying other GMU mainly 9 and 10.</p> <p>Long discussion.</p> <p>Gayla spoke on history of Emperor management, AMBCC involvement and long widespread effort to help population rebuild. Only recently, a after closure since late 80's has harvest been allowed. Emperors are a valued subsistence species across western Alaska yet so many proposals in this book all seem to be directed to trophy hunters and possibly nonresidents. A lot of subsistence users sacrificed years of harvest and</p>



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			<p>egging to help restore. She noted Emperors are typically not in GMU17 during the fall hunt and it may have been why the proposal doesn't address GMU17.</p> <p>ADFG recounted recent harvest data estimates whole quota statewide was 1,800 birds, approx 150 taken across GMU 9 and 17 and that currently nonresident harvest is very low, residents take about 3 X the number harvested by nonresidents. Current pop estimate is just under 28,000</p> <p>Other AC members spoke to how few Emperors are around GMU17 and should be resident hunters only.</p> <p>Dan mentioned his experience in the Ak Pen and Aleutians where they are known as "beach geese" were prized in Sand Point and it took a couple years to get it across to not harvest them in late 80's.</p> <p>Long discussion on harvest permit process and data, what if population goes over 28,000.</p> <p>We need to be careful about liberalizing nonresident bag limit as they often hire guides and are more effective.</p> <p>Discussion on the numerous proposals after 32 to expand hunting opportunities.</p> <p>Gayla asked second to withdraw her initial motion and to submit a motion to adopt 32 with an amendment to include GMU 17. Second agreed and seconded new motion.</p> <p>Roll Call vote approved proposal 32 as amended to include GMU 17.</p>
33	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Gayla moved to address proposals 33 through 50 as a block. Fritze 2nd</p> <p>Discussion, GMU 17 not in one of 4 zones where nonresident hunting is allowed, this is probably when GMU 17 was left out of #32.</p> <p>Given our long discussion in #32 and final action let's stay on record to tell BOG we are opposed to increased nonresident hunting.</p> <p>Consensus to include in motion to adopt, the statement: Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</p>



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34	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50



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41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
47	Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17		



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Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
48	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
49	Establish resident and nonresident quotas per region for taking Emperor geese with reporting requirements, or offer a second drawing for un-issued permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
50	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50

Note: The AC began to address statewide proposals until it was noted the proposals had not been listed in the public notice and were intended for a later meeting. Proposal 169 was taken up first followed by proposal 132. This discussion can be found below.



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132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
			<p>Gayla move, Fritze 2nd</p> <p>Gayla discussed history of proposals like this came from large number of swans harvested near Bethel where only breasts were salvages created outrage among many users who salvage much more meat off large birds. BOG addressed in last cycle.</p> <p>Trapper seeks much more clarity as many trappers use the outer portions of the wings for attractants.</p> <p>Full discussion on what portion of wings of large birds like cranes and swans are used for trapping, maqui (steam baths) brooms other.</p> <p>Dan, represented this AC to BOG in 2017 and this issue was very thoroughly discussed.</p> <p>Tom, were the statewide proposals on the public notice for this meeting? Boards? Taryn NO.</p> <p>Gayla and second withdrew motion pending another AC meeting to notice and address Statewide items.</p>
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Fritze move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Todd, As a trapper I'm opposed, I can't control what goes in my traps. There are "piebald beaver and otters in our area."</p> <p>What about naturally white animals - hares, weasels, ptarmigan, sheep? This is poorly written.</p> <p>Don't parts of the state have hunting on snowy owls?</p> <p>Peter Christopher, Agrees with Todd on small game and trapping, could support protecting large white game like moose but not small game.</p>



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			<p>Peter Christopher Motion to amend to protect large animals that are white failed for lack of a second.</p> <p>Joe C, This is first time to ever see a proposal like this. It needs more work, and I do not support amending it.</p> <p>Peter Christopher, notes he would have supported the proposal if amended to exclude small game.</p>

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair
Date: January 22, 2021



Seldovia Advisory Committee
12/22/2020
Online via Zoom

- I. Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Walt Sonen, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Jordan Cameron, Jevon Chartier

Members Absent (Excused): Cutter Grahn, Brian Chartier alt.
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charity Lehman, Mike Booze, Holly Dickson, Nick Fowler, Jason Herreman, Andrew Garry.
- IV. Guests Present: Brian Korth, Tom Dunagan, Stan Dunagan, Jeremiah Campbell, Vivian Rojas, Troy Sandera, Dwayne Hollman.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Walt Sonen Motions, Keith Swick seconds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not finished. AC agrees to wait and Michael can approve.
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: none
 - b. ADF&G: none
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment: Tom Dunagan – Spoke of disapproval of eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Troy Sandera - Spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Stan Dunagan and Dwayne Hollman – spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Vivian Rojas - spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia



Jeremiah Campbell - spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia

IX. Old Business: Board of Fish and Board of Game Proposals

Proposed end of stocking kin salmon smolt in Seldovia – After public testimony and discussion among AC. The AC also disagrees with the proposed elimination of king salmon stocking in Seldovia. The AC designates Michael and Stephen to write letter in opposition of the stocking plan on behalf of the AC.

X. New Business:

Fishery proposal 241: Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier Seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery proposal 242: Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier Seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fisheries proposals 244/245 brought up but AC decided they did not pertain to the Seldovia area and not to deliberate on them

Fishery Proposal 255: AC agrees that clams in the area have been over harvested and closing the sport fishery is justifiable. Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 256: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 257: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 258: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 259: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 260: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 262: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Game Proposal 179: Alvin Swick motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Game Proposal 180: Alvin Swick motions, Keith Swick seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0
Jason Herreman brings ACR 6 to the AC's attention. Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Cutter Grahn had proposal 146 brought before the AC. After discussion the AC decided to support the proposal as amended to say only on the Kenai Peninsula. Alvin Swick motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 7:30 pm – Walt Sonen, second by Alvin Swick
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 1/28/2021