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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
March 5, 2024
William J Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: 6:01 by Kevin Taylor

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Chair	Present
2	Martin	Weiser	Vice Chair	Present
3	Willow	Hetrick	Secretary	Excused
4	J R	Gates		Unexcused
5	Ed (Harold)	Horton		Present
6	Joel	Doner		Present
7	Scott	Crowther		Present
8	Lynette	Moreno Hinz		Unexcused
9	Bryce	Eckroth		Excused
10	Neil	DeWitt		Present
11	Matt	Moore	Chair Game	Present
12	Ernie	Weiss		Present
13	Nicole	Schmitt		Present
14	Kneeland	Taylor		Present
15	Joni	Earp		Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari.

IV. Guests Present: None.

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: None

b. ADF&G: None

c. Others: None



VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

- Joint Board Proposals- On-Time Comment deadline March 11, 2024. See table below.
- Update on BOF Upper Cook Inlet Meeting

Board of Fish adjourned today. Highlights by user group/issues:

Hatchery

- Proposal 43, trying to get production reduced by 25% of 2000 numbers as was promised in 2000. Proposal was unanimously opposed. Encouraged public to bring hatchery issues to Statewide meetings in the future. Virgil from Fairbanks AC submitted RC Jan 8th report that shows sockeye sizes are smaller on even years when pinks are present. First report showing there may be competition issues between species. Marty has copy of report if anyone is interested, also submitted as RC.
- Commissioner said that until peer-reviewed research shows there's direct impact on natural fish, won't reduce hatchery. Feel that limits best available science in fishery that is huge and dynamic; need data and analysis but not exclusively to make management decisions because can't always wait for research.

Personal Use

- Proposal 193 passed: Only change to personal use on Kenai, Anchorage was only AC who opposed it, all others supported it.
- Proposal 196 failed 2-5: Request for no anchoring in the dip net area for a boat.
- Proposal 190 failed 0-7: Personal use guides and licensure to have same licensure as sport guides. Dept of Law said BoF couldn't act on that because fishery prohibits non-residents participating in the fishery, but Constitution says that we can't prohibit other States' users from participating in a commercial activity.

Sport

- Most stayed status quo, didn't expand fisheries in Northern District. In Kenai River passed action plan for late run Chinook. Many of the proposals were superseded by the Action Plan. No real changes to guide time or areas. A few changes on bait and incidental catch of kings, ex: increased no-bait, single hook section below Skilak. Limit on Kenai for sockeye means 6 per day, limiting commercial use.
- Proposal 69 failed: To define bag limit as who hooked the fish.
- Flag nets to conserve kings but catch sockeye. Did not pass but Department was interested in learning more. Planning to issue Commissioner tags to test it out.
- Sport limits for sockeye were raised.



Board was reluctant to liberalize or restrict coho until they have a way to assess Coho. Department is being pushed to get data in Inlet but especially Kenai. Northern District only enumerated by Doshka weir, installing second weir.

Commercial

- Late Run King Action Plan. Shuts down any commercial fishing until 3 consecutive years of 15,000, one year needing to be 18,000. Expect to be in this Action Plan for 2 cycles. No commercial activity until ~14,000 late run kings, then the setnet fleet can fish with many restrictions.
- Proposal passed to allow dipnets in setnet fishery (saltwater). We don't know what each proposal looks like in regulation until the regs come out. Most of the passed commercial proposals were amended. Hard to get copies of what the changes are on the website. CFEC, who issues the permits, doesn't have dipnets as an approved gear type yet – Board got the ball rolling to start that process. Many feel that this was open-ended and not discussed thoroughly enough, need to see how this is fleshed out in regulations.
- There are Kenai kings caught in other fisheries around Alaska.
- Buyback for set-netters is in the legislature for second year.
- Wish fisheries had been managed for all to be able to enjoy – sport and commercial. Frustration that the RC process changes regulations past public/AC opportunity for comment. Overall feeling of sadness that we're at this place.

- Schedule AC Election Meeting for April or May

J R	Gates	June 30, 2024
Ed (Harold)	Horton	June 30, 2024
Joel	Doner	June 30, 2024
Scott	Crowther	June 30, 2024
Lynette	Moreno Hinz	June 30, 2024

Schedule for April 2nd at hatchery. No absentee elections.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting:
 - Joint Board Meeting: March 25-28, 2024: Ernie
 - Nicki will attend Fairbanks meeting and send email to sub-committee members early next week to get feedback on testimony.
- XI. Set next meeting date: April 2, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
- XII. Other: Matt Moore award for outstanding contribution to AC. Congrats, Matt!

Adjourn: 8:08pm



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, 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>			
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	9	Don't have enough time during the Board comment process (especially sub-committees) for two week notice; if someone wants to get on the AC, they don't need more public notice - they can get on the AC when there are out-of-term vacancies. This falls in excess of the State of Alaska guidelines for notice. 1 abstention.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	2	8	Oppose: Feel that it's easy to make it in-person and is better participation when in the room; Support: feel it adds accessibility
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	10	0	Support: Feel it allows new Board members to vote on leadership positions' Anchorage AC already does this.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	10	0	Anchorage AC currently does this, already in the manual feels is good codification
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	10	0	Support: Anchorage AC currently does this, already in the manual feels is good codification; Note that this would need to be amended if proposal 4 passes (2 years to 1 year)
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
	--	--	Take No Action See Proposal 7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	9	1	Oppose because feel that it takes power away from the elections; would rather see public appoint alternates instead of the committee. Support because provides representation and flexibility for rural ACs with members who will participate.
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		



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	0	10	Regional coordinators are already juggling various term lengths; effort for ACs to get full three year terms; Oppose because want all the elections to happen in the Spring, have uniform election date before the summer months
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	1	9	Oppose because sometimes there's not enough people to serve, don't want to limit people who participate. If this was to pass, estimate Southcentral would lose 100 AC members, could shut down whole Acs. Recognize that some AC members have been in too long and should move along, but don't feel a regulatory fix is the right move. Feel that experience can be helpful on an AC. Support because the AC system is stale and needs refreshing.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	9	Oppose because there are communities that don't have a non-consumptive users; hard enough to get active AC members and don't want to limit participation. What would be the definition of non-consumptive user? Taking language from proposal 11 provides clarity. 1 abstain.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	2	8	Support because have been to elections where hundreds of people attended; seeking to open up the system to non-consumptive users; designated seats exist on many other ACs. Oppose because don't get many people seeking these positions; don't want to get too detailed in user group designations; feel elections work out over time and encourage non-consumptive users to participate in the process as is; discussion that definition of "non-consumptive" is too vague.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	10	0	Common sense proposal that ensures fair participation
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	10	0	Common sense proposal.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	1	9	Oppose because current regulations are 3 consecutive meetings without excused absences and that seems sufficient; read this to



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			only apply to regularly scheduled meetings. Some rural ACs rarely meet, so half attendance is hard to get; don't feel it's needed. Support because it provides for permissive removal, not mandatory removal
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	0	9	Concern about extending meetings, seeing how it impacts Board meetings. Feel the Board process is sufficient for getting AC and community input. 1 abstain.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	--	--	Take No Action
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	8	2	Generally opposed to Board generated proposals; many in support of having another public review after BGP; comment that BOF generally waits for BGP to be taken up at the next regular meeting but BOG has written BGP and passed them same-day; RCs are so detailed and so vast, need more time than 24 hours to review; One comment oppose because haven't experienced this issue at BOF; other opposed because feels that this proposal is very needed but that the notice outlined in the proposal is not enough (need more than 24 hours)
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	8	2	Support because overall discontent with Board morphing proposals; some would only want this proposal to pass if proposal 17 passes to ensure there's public review of the proposals; many proposals can't wait three years (ex: caribou). Oppose because believe Boards should have authority to amend, don't want to hamstring that; concern about definitions of legal guidelines being ambiguous.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
	--	--	Take No Action

Adjournment: 8:08pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt
Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor
Date: 3/7/24



BETHEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

ADFG BETHEL OFFICE

February 27, 2024; 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: 18:35

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISHED QUORUM: *Present:* Sam Hancock, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Lucinda Alexie, Mike Glore, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance; *Excused:* Mike Riley, Rafe Johnson, Lucina Alexie, Jeremy Brink, Kara Domnick

WELCOME/INVOCATION: Moment of Silence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: (If any)

BOARD SUPPORT REPORT: *Joint Board :* Ms. Savannah Hollingsworth gives description

NEW BUSINESS:

ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISH & GAME			
Fish and Game Advisory Committee System, Board Process for Adopting Regulations, and Nonsubsistence Areas March 25-28, 2024 Egan Civic and Convention Center Anchorage, Alaska			
<i>Proposals No.</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Proposal Description:</i>
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Oppose	1	6	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Mike Glore Discussion/ Justification: This will have a negative impact on the ability to have meetings in a time sensitive manner. Question called; Opposed: 6; Support: 1; <i>Opposed</i>
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Oppose	1	6	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Mike Glore Discussion/ Justification: This will be costly for the Board Support to supply all the necessary equipment. Support (Alissa Nadine Rogers): This would be beneficial and give more opportunity for public and AC members to participate. Question called; Opposed: 6; Support: 1; Abstain: 1- Lucinda just arrived and didn't hear the proposal or discussion; <i>Opposed</i>
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Supporting the board support proposal to align the term seats with the officer seats.



			Question called; <i>Support, Unanimously Supported.</i>
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Ensure meeting minutes are turned in by the Chair. Question called; <i>Support Amendment & as a Whole;</i>
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	7	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Housekeeping proposal to change the name secretary to recorder. It is a lot of work to be the secretary. The AC believes that hiring a court reporter would be more beneficial and impactful for the villages. Question called; Opposed: 0, Support: 7, Abstain: 1 (Alissa abstained in support of the Amendment to pay secretaries/ recorders) <i>Support</i>
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: Tabled then took back up after Prop 7. Question called; Opposed: 8; Support: 0; Abstain: 1 (Alissa- It was already tabled.) <i>Opposed Unanimously</i>
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: This proposal allows for additional alternates that can sub for other communities. Question called; <i>Supported; Unanimously Supported</i>
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed as this proposal will lose participation of the public and those actively involved with AC's. The other AC's are already struggling to obtain, recruit, and retain public members. This proposal will be detrimental to the bush AC's. Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i>
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers



			<p>Discussion/Justification: Opposed based on no definition to the term, “non-consumptive.” We already have seats that are defined as non-consumptive.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Oppose	1	7	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Board support will be able to help declare vacancies. Putting a time limit on vacant seats means that the communities will have an extra 12 months to fill those seats. This will also include absentee seats (3 meetings= 3 years for Western Area).</p> <p>Question called; Opposed: 7; Support: 1 (Alissa Nadine Rogers- Support Board Support and AC’s retain and obtain quorum); <i>Opposed</i></p>
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed by the AC, because there is already language that is already put in place.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed</i></p>
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Give ability to AC’s to bring up additional recommendations during meetings (BOF, BOG, and Joint Board) with all AC’s Chairs or representatives that all agree on or oppose, based on their AC’s meeting minutes, public comments, and what is being presented.</p> <p>Question called; Opposed: 7; Support: 0; Abstain: 1- Alissa Nadine Rogers Proposal; <i>Opposed</i></p>
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed, Board proposals can be generated and will be taken up for a vote at a different time. There is already language that accommodates this.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Cole Nance</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: The unavailability to make amendments to proposals goes against the ability to make</p>



			<p>recommendations, a violation of freedom of speech and provides compromised options.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
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Representative: Get a hold of our board support, if any member would like to participate.

Next Meeting Date: Call of the Chair, additionally a meeting suggestion would be put in a place/ time at the call of the chair to have a BAC meeting during the fisheries season. Those comments and recommendations to be brought forth to the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group be addressed as recommendations to the fishery management group. AC recommendations are more valuable than single submissions. We will be looking at a meeting before April. The Board of Fisheries proposals out of our region deadline is April 10th. **April 9th, 2024; 18:30**

Adjourn: 8:21PM

Meeting Minutes By: _____

Alissa Nadine Rogers, Secretary

Approved By: AL S. HANCOCK

Chairman Sam Handcock, Chairman

Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12th & 13th

In person at the ADF&G office, 570 4th Ave. Bethel, Ak.99559

And by Teleconference or Zoom



AC03
1 of 5

CBSAC called to order by Chairman David Carl @ 2: 24 pm. Invocation led by Joe Asuluk from Toksook Bay.

Chairman David Carl welcomed the board.

Roll call by Stan Atchak 8 present, and 6 absent. Quorum established.

The member who joined in by telephone was disconnected several times, but quorum was maintained with and without him.

Stan read the draft agenda. Jackie C. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Stanley Tom. All approved.

Motion passed.

David C. asked if we should read the last minutes. Since we have new members, it should be read. Jackie Cleveland read the last minutes from November 11 & 12, 2022.

Susie Walters made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. Jackie Cleveland made a motion to second the minutes. All approved, motion passed.

David Carl talked about the low per diem and has sent a letter to the Department of Administration commissioner Paula V. Joe Asuluk, Sr. stated that the per diem is too low for the meetings.

David Carl discussed that different areas of the meeting we had by helping with each other.

ADF&G Chuck Brazil reported on the Kuskokwim area fisheries report.

David Carl asked what size gillnets will be allowed for fishing during the next season.

There will probably only allow 4-6" gillnets for the entirety of the season when there is openings.

Joe Asuluk stated that he used to work with Fish & Wildlife service and he observed the hatchery and when the fish hatched he asked the biologist what they were going to do with the hatched fish.

He responded that they will be destroyed.

The Yukon report was given by Deena Jalen. All the Chinook salmon are really low this year.

Stan Atchak asked if the regulations will be the same as recent years in the Hooper Bay area.

F&G responded they will know by January or later on the upcoming season.

Shane Ransbury gave a report on the Yukon Fall season.

Keith Oster, Fish & Game reported about the Mulchatna caribou. If the population goes to 30,000 then the hunt will open. The current population is about 13,000.

Nelson Island has 530 musk ox

40 permits, 10 male 30 female, will be given in Newtok.

Jan. 17th at 6:00 am to give out permits.

345 pm break.



Board Support Savannah H. said on the elections for the CBSA she sent letters to the villages and many responses on that. She asked especially the ones with no representatives. The ones with expired terms to ask the council members to keep you on the board show they could still go on.

26 to 28 March will be the Joint Board meeting.

Joint Board is half Board of Fish and half Board of game. Advisory Committees are able to send representatives.

David Carl suggested that members choose an alternate to get somebody that is not too old. He said that it will be good for the long run.

David Carl said that the letter sent to the DOA Commissioner will be reviewed by other people that are involved with the final decision. The price of food is getting too much and not matching our small per diem. The per diem is to reimburse for the food and other things spend while attending the meetings.

David Carl suggested that the Proposals are made mostly by the other people and they are not for them.

Meeting recess @5:56pm until 8:30am tomorrow morning.

Meeting reconvenes at 8:30am at the F&G offices.

Proposal #6-Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.

Jackie C. read the information on caribou information.

The Advisory Committee said that a period of ten years is too long. The rebounding of the caribou is slow and the current population is about 13,000.

The moratorium for the caribou is suggested to be 5 to 10 years with review every 5 years.

Stan Atchak asked the F&G biologist, Keith, how many offspring they have and how often.

Keith responded that usually they get a calf every year but, when the food source is not good they will skip a year or two.

Jackie Cleveland wants to amend the proposal with different ideas to make it better the proposal 6.

Jackie C. moved to amend the proposal 6 to say "request a moratorium be established for Mulchatna caribou herd for Unit 18 for up to 5 years until the population reaches the threshold of 30,000-60,000. To be reviewed every 3 years..."

Susie Walters made a motion to accept with additions, seconded by Janet Bavilla, All in favor, **motion to support with amendments passed**. Unanimous.

Proposal #7-Hunting season and bag limits for moose.

Lengthen the resident in Unit 18 to October 15 with registration to hunt moose. This will affect only the village of Quinhagak the RM617.

David Carl made a motion to accept the Proposal 7 the way it is, seconded by Joe Asuluk.

Motion to support passes, all in favor. Unanimous.

Proposal #8-Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

This proposal is the same as the Quinhagak proposal,

Susie Walters makes a proposal for **no action** based on action taken on proposal #7, seconded by Stan Atchak, motion passed, all in favor.

Proposal #9-Hunting season and bag limits for moose.

Stan Atchak made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Janet Bavilla, All in favor, proposal passed.

Support, unanimously.

Recess 10:30a-10:45a

Proposal #10 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose on the RMU around the Bethel Area.



Tommy Kusaiak made a proposal to take **no action** on the proposal, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., question called by Stan Atchak, all in favor, motion passed.

Proposal #11-Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.

Stan Atchak makes a motion to **support** the motion, seconded by Janet Bavilla, motion passed.

Proposal #12-Unlawful methods of taking big game,

Established a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18 . F&G recommendation is neutral.

Stan Atchak stated that the hunters take their younger brothers or grandchildren that use smaller caliber than .243.

David Carl said that you need to be an accurate shot, must know your range and animal for smaller guns.

Tommy K. stated that he always tells his sons to use smaller than .243 for moose and bigger caliber for bears or other big animals.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. made to **oppose** the proposal 12, seconded by Susan Walters, motion to oppose, all in favor to oppose, motion passed.

Proposal #13-Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Increased the bag limits for ptarmigans in Unit 18.

Increase the bag limit of ptarmigans from 15 to 50 and from 30 to 100 in possession.

Joe Asuluk doesn't support the proposal. David Carl said he has been seeing less ptarmigan.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. make a proposal to **oppose**, seconded by Susie Walters. Question called, motion passed.

Lunch 12:15p. Reconvened at 1:15p by Chairman David Carl.

Proposal #14-Hunting seasons and bag limits for musk ox.

Open a musk ox in a portion of Unit 18 with residents only. This would be by registration only or permit drawing.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. asked F&G if they are able to survey how many wolves or bears are on Nelson Island. They can't do predatory control for Musk Ox. Need about 300 for an in-land hunt.

Stan Atchak made a motion to **oppose** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Motion passed to oppose the proposal.

Proposal #15-Hunting season and bag limits for musk ox.

Allow the subsistence take of muskox in for cultural use on the mainland. If Board of Game open it on the mainland, many people will apply for the permits and F&G says it will damage the muskox population.

Worried about food security, but also worried about depleting the herd.

Susie Walters made a motion to accept it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr. Motion passed to **support** the motion.

Proposal #16-Furbearers trapping.

Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.

The wolves have about 10 to 12 puppies when they reproduce. There are not as many native trappers after the buyer quit. To help the Mulchatna caribou, but extending trapping season may not help.

Stan Atchak made a motion to accept it, seconded by Tommy Kuisaik. Motion passed to **support** the motion.

Proposal #17-Hunting season and bag limits for brown bear.

Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18 from one to two bears.

Janet Bavilla, Platinum representative, stated that there has been many brown bears and they don't consume them. Only one person hunts for brown bear in Platinum.



Susie Walter made a motion to change the season dates to September 1st- August 30th. Janet E made a motion to support it with the amendment, seconded by Susie Walters. Motion passed to **support the motion with the amendment**. All in favor motion passed.

Federal Proposals:

WP24-19-Extend moose season to October within the Kanektok and Arolik drainages.

Susie Walters made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Chairman asked for unanimous consent, all agreed. To align with the state and to support Quinhagak, our neighbors.

WP24-20-Modify moose harvest limit and expand delegated authority for winter season.

Tommy K. made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Motion passed.

WP24-21-Unit 18, Include

Janet Bavilla made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Susie Walters, motion passed.

WP24-22-Established a customary and traditional use determination for mainland hunt for muskox.

F&G opposed with this proposal.

Janet Bavilla made a motion for no action, seconded by Susie Walters. Janet rescinded the motion.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

WP24-23-Established for a mainland hunt for muskox.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to oppose it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., motion passed to **oppose** it.

WP24-24-Unit 18, (Kuskokwim River hunt area) closed to moose hunting except by residents of Tuntutuliak, Eek, Napaskiak, Kasigluk, Nunapitchuk, Atmautlauk, Oscarville, Bethel, Kwethluk, Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, Lower Kalskag and Kaksgak.

No Action

Proposal 2-Uniform rules of operation

Require all advisory committee meetings to be accessible via call-in.

We can't use Zoom or a computer. **No Action**.

Proposal 3-Uniform rules of operation

Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.

Tommy Kusaik stated that it could be a hassle and it is too short of a term. He also stated that he was worried about a complete take-over of the leadership.

Stanley Tom made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Joe Asuluk Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

Proposal 9-Uniform rules of operation

Limit the numbers of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve for 2 years

And 1 year off.

Janet Bavilla said it is already hard to find members and that it is tough in rural villages.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to proposal 9 to oppose it, seconded by Susie Walters., motion passed to **oppose** it.

Proposal 10-Uniform rules of operation



Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representative.

Janet Bavilla said, "In our village, everyone subsists." The AC agrees it would be hard to find this representative.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to proposal 10 to oppose it, seconded by Susie Walters., question called, motion passed to oppose it.

Advisory Committee To choose representative(s) to go to the meeting in Kotzebue on Jan. 25, 2024.

Motion made by Tommy Kusaia for the Chairman to choose the representatives to attend for the upcoming meetings. Motion passed.

The CBSA meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by David Carl Chairman



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th, Beginning at 12:00 PM, 2023
In Person at the Aniak Traditional Council, Community Hall Rd., Aniak, AK

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Call to order: *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Tim Zuakar	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
Present	X	X	X				X
By Teleconference					X	X	
Absent				X			
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Darlene Heckman	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u> Rebecca Wilmarth	<u>Alternate</u> Ricky Ciletti
Present					X		
By Teleconference				X			
Absent	X					X	X

- III. **Roll Call**
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; with 10 members
 - b. 8 members in attendance. Quorum established
- IV. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff*
 - a. ADFG: Dave Runfola, Chuck Brazil, Josh Pierce
 - b. Other Agency Staff: YKDNR-Laurie Boeck, AWT-Sam Thorvilson
 - c. Members of the public: Rachel Donkersloot
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Allen, Chad. Approved.
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From April 13th, 2023- Allen, Chad. Approved
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair’s report Nick Kameroff welcomed everyone and told them about the bison meeting he had attended. The bison are not ready to hunt yet.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports- Dave Runfola and Chuck Brazil gave report on Kuskokwim salmon runs and assessment projects.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Josh Peirce gave report on moose surveys in 19 A and E and harvest numbers from the Teir II hunt.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports – Savannah Hollingworth updated members on terms and what elections need to be completed. She also talked about the Joint



Board meeting coming up. Savannah reported that Nick Kameroff had written a letter to the Department of Administration commissioner about per diem and a stipend and that it had been sent.

- VIII. Public Comment – Rachel Donkersloot spoke about North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the Board of Fisheries. There were some questions about the Board of Fish trying to incorporate Traditional Knowledge. Savannah offered to email information.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Western Arctic/ Western Region Proposals
 - b. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals
 - c. Joint Board Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals			
January 26-29, 2024 Kotzebue, 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>			
9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Walter.
10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Teresamade a motion, 2 nd by Allen.
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Out of concern for wounded animals. 1 Abstention
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
NA			



16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		
Support	6	1	Predator control measure
17	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Doris Allain was unable to stay connected

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, 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
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Support	6	0	
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Allen With the limited light this time of year it would be a boon.
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa This is our proposal. This is only for a nested ANS for 19A, remove 19E.
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	For 19E. We would like to support the SHAC on their proposal.
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		



Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Denny
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	6	0	Chad made a motion, 2 nd by Allen
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	6	0	Our proposal. Motion made by Chad, 2 nd by Teresa
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny Denny said this would keep the hunt more local compared to the other proposals that address this hunt. Moose in the area are still low.
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Oppose	0	6	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter For a long time you didn't see any moose in that area although it was once one of the most dense moose populations. The moose are just starting to come back. The current regulations effectively keep the hunt small and mostly local people from Red Devil, Sleetmute, and Stony are able to get the permit easily.
69, 70, 71, 72	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19 Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
No Action	Did not vote but discussed the RM682 hunt and 19E	Based on the action taken on Proposal 208. These proposals are all targeting the same hunt area. The Central Kuskokwim AC would prefer Proposal 208, over these other proposals that would make the hunt more accessible. Proposal 208 opens up the hunt gradually and we prefer that solution over these other proposals, at least for now.	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		



Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
93-107	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round Proposals that address bear hunting regulations in GMUs 19 & 21		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Denny, 2 nd by Walter We support all of these proposals as a means of predator control but would like to see consistency in the regs between these bordering areas.

Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

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2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Support	6	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter Secretaries and all AC members should be paid for their time. Any person willing and able to be the secretary whether male or female can be a secretary.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
No Action	Rural villages have a different dynamic. It is hard to get people to participate and hard to find people willing to fill these seats. If this passes, rural villages need to be exempt due to the lack of public participation.		
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then		



	be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	6	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny

- XI. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Motion made for the chair to select attendance made by Walter Morgan and seconded by Chad John
- XII. Set next meeting date – March by call of the chair.
- XIII. Other – Teir II App process proposal to be written by Walter Morgan
- XIV. Adjourn – 5:40 PM



10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Walter, Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	6	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Teresa, Denny

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- XII. Set next meeting date – March by call of the chair.
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Approved By: *Nick Farnsworth*

Date: 1-29-24



Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
March 11 2024

Call to Order: 10:06 AM

Roll Call:

Members present: Josh Hayes
Mike Adams
Jason Lesmeister
Vince Beltrami
Billy Coulliette
Tom Lessard
Todd Donahue
Lorraine Temple
John Pearson
JJ Brown

Members Absent: Jeff Bryden
Jason Aigeldinger, Adam Swayne

Unexcused absence: Jeremy Lewis

Fish and Game present: Fari Sylvester

US Fish and Wildlife Federal Subsistence: Brent Vickers

Guests Present: Sue Stephenson
Donna Anderson
Mike Markie
Eddie Thomas

Approval of Meeting minutes: Vince Beltrami/seconded Billy Coullitte

New Business: Approval of Antlerless hunts in Units 7-14C-15B-15C- Unanimous in favor.

Proposal 1-Support- Lorraine Temple(allows more time to find information about meetings via emails and flyers) Oppose- Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, John, JJ, Jason- it would hamper the ability for AC's to do emergency orders in 7 days and address real time current conditions)
Abstain-Vince Beltrami(Valid points on both sides)

Proposal 2- Support- Lorraine Temple, JJ Brown. Oppose- Tom, Todd,Josh, Mike, Vince, John, Jason, Billy

Proposal 3- unanimously Opposed

Proposal 4- Unanimously Support

Proposal 5- Unanimously Support

Proposal 6- No Action Taken

Proposal 7- Support- 9 Abstain- Tom Lessard(not enough information to support)



Proposal 8- Support-Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Josh, Jason, Tom, Todd, John, JJ. Abstain- Billy, Mike, Vince(No strong opinion on position)

Proposal 9- Oppose Unanimously

Proposal 10- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Mike, Vince, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, John, JJ

Proposal 11- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose-Vince, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, JJ, John

Proposal 12- Unanimous Consent - Support

Proposal 13- Unanimous Consent - Support

Proposal 14- Support- Vince, Lorraine. Oppose- John, JJ, Josh, Mike, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh

Proposal 15- Take No Action

Proposal 16- Take No Action(Don't believe it is Cooper Landings AC's responsibility or right to shut down other AC's in the state)

Proposal 17- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Jason, Todd, Josh, Vince, John. Abstain- Billy, Mike, JJ(No strong position based on language)

Proposal 18- Oppose- Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, Vince, Jason, Billy, John, JJ. Abstain- Lorraine Temple Not clear on intent)

Proposal 19- Take No Action

Proposal 20- Take No Action

Public Speakers- Eddie Thomas- Wasn't happy with our proposal 167 being passed at the BOF meeting.

Mike Markie- Wasn't happy with Proposal 167 being passed at the BOF. Concerned about people with handicaps.

Donna Anderson- Wasn't happy about proposal 167 being passed at BOF. Talked about study done in 1991 about fish mortality, has concerns about 95 year old mother not fishing if she can't use bait in the area mentioned in Proposal 167. Wanted it noted that 9 members of the Cooper Landin AC are fishing guides. Told AC that if her brother may close Dots fish camp to guides because of proposal 167 being passed. Showed photo of mother with a nice silver at end of her question and answer session.

Old Business: None

Other Business: Ac members volunteered to help Donna and Sue with there pursuit of getting bait allowances for the elderly and the handicapped.

Set Meeting Date: Mid to Late October 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm

Minutes recorded by: Jason Lesmeister

Approved by: Josh Hayes

Date: 3/11/24





**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
March 11, 2024
Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Karen Linnell, Vice Chair. Chair, Alysia Hancock was unable to attend because she was ill and had asked Ms. Linnell to run the meeting.

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Term Expires	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Alysia	Hancock	Chair	Copper Center	6/30/2025	excused
2	Karen	Linnell	Vice Chair	Glennallen	6/30/2025	Present
3	Sarah	Galt	Secretary	Kenny Lake	6/30/2026	Present
4	Nick	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2025	Excused
5	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	6/30/2025	Present
6	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	6/30/2025	Present
7	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	6/30/2025	Present
8	Mike	Willard		Chitina	6/30/2026	Present
9	Robert	Cyr		Tazlina	6/30/2026	Present
10	Chuck	McMahan		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2026	Present
11	Wade	Sampson		Copper Center	6/30/2027	Present
12	Mercedes	Knighten		Glennallen	6/30/2027	Present
13	James	Horrell		Tazlina	6/30/2027	Present
14	Greg	Parish		Undesignated	6/30/2027	Present

Quorum Established with: 12 present – 2 Excused

List of Others Present: Mark Miller (NPS), Amber Cohen (NPS), Sterling Spilinek (Glennallen), David Hooper (AITRC), Tylor Byington (Copper Center), Kelsey Stanbro (Tazlina), Edward Greybear (Kluti-Kaah)

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Somerville, Tracy Hansen,
- IV. Guests Present: Mark Miller and Amber Cohen with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Kirk Wilson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chuck McMahan. Motion carried.



- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Jim Horrell moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Jim Oden, motion carried.
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair’s report – Karen Linnell, Vice Chair reported that the comments from the last meeting were submitted on time. She did not have anything else to report.
- VIII. Public Comment - There was no comments from the public at this time.
- IX. Old Business
- There was discussion on the email regarding the reauthorization of the cow hunts from the last meeting. There was no action taken as, a vote was taken based on the information provided at that meeting. It was not reconsidered.
- X. New Business
- Mark Miller, Ecologist on Resource Team at Wrangell-St. Elias NPS (WRST) had handouts several handouts. WRST is considering submitting 4 proposals. Mr. Miller explained the proposals and the thoughts and data behind them.
- The AC discussed the need to have Subsistence as a priority, to allow for early escapement runs to make it to the headwaters as the first runs go the farthest. Regarding genetics, it takes 3 days to get results, runs can change dramatically in 3 days.
- Mark Somerville, ADF&G Fisheries report.
Mark Somerville gave an Introduction to Copper River Salmon Fisheries report to the AC.

The Committee reviewed proposals going before the Joint Board of Fish and Game. See following pages.



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	12	7 days is plenty -
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	0	12	Should not be required – not everyone has good phone service or internet service. People who don't live in the area might be able to influence the committee. The point is to have local knowledge. Would require additional Department Support and be an additional cost to the Department.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	12	We need to have some sort consistency and two year terms work, Could be someone new every year, there is a lot to learn on who this process works
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	4	8	Required to Roberts Rules – These are lined out in the Roberts Rules. If needed to clarify in regulation it might not be bad.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	0	12	Spells out responsibility of position. This is some woke BS. It has always been that men could serve as a secretary.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
			See Proposal 7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	12	0	This is a way to fill vacancies and meet quorum.
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	0	12	People should serve until the next election. We already have staggered terms.



9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	12	We're lucky to get the people have. You also want people to have history. For the communities having difficulty filling their seats this is not a good idea.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	12	They have the ability to get elected they are elected by the community.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	0	12	Non-consumptive users can run for seats and get elected by the community if that is what the community wants.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	0	12	This is not an issue. This handled by Roberts Rules, the Chair, and by those present at the election. There is ample notice of meeting and elections. This could lead to campaign adds .
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	0	12	Terms should expire at the next meeting, not in the middle of summer. Serve until there is a new election. Elections are held annually. Terms are staggered. Unnecessary rule making.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	0	12	Some AC's only meet once or twice a year. This is not a Statewide issue. We supported an alternate being able to sit in on a meeting when necessary.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	0	12	We already do that. Unnecessary rule making.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	0	12	It is not right to deny public representation. It doesn't cost anything to keep them on the books. We don't have enough information on these communities. We have heard from some smaller AC's that they have not heard from Board Support. Department could have wrote more of a reasoning for dissolving these AC's. Passing the buck to other ACs
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Amended	12	0	Like the idea to have a waiting period and contacting the ACs for their input but, should also include those closest to the resource. How do they do they decide which AC they talk to. Move to Amend: All AC's with Jurisdiction should be provided the opportunity to speak to the proposal. And all AC's should be provided the opportunity to speak to Statewide proposals.



18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	12	0	We agree, the board should not change or reverse intent of any proposal. We should be able to review the board generated proposal prior to passing.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TNA			This is out of our area and we don't know enough about the area to take action
20	Establish Designated Seats in Prince of Wales AC		
TNA			This is out of our area and we don't know enough about the area to take action

- Board of Fisheries call for proposals, Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish. The Committee was told to think about any proposals they may want the AC to submit and bring those ideas to the next meeting. Proposals are due April 10.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting. No action taken. Chair can designate someone to go in her place.
- XII. Next Meeting is April 6, 2024
- XIII. Adjourn Adjournment: Chuck McMahan moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dave Sarafin. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Recorded By: Sarah Galt
 Minutes Approved By: Karen Linnell
 Date: March 11, 2024



Craig AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024-Craig City Hall

Call to Order: 6:13pm

Roll Call:

Members present: 11

13 total Members & 1 alternate

Number needed for a quorum: 7

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x		June 2026
Mike Douville	Vice Chair	Longline		x (excused)	June 2025
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x		June 2026
Mike Sheets		Trapping		x (excused)	June 2026
Dave Creighton		Charter	x (online)		June 2024
Ray Douville		Shellfish	x		June 2024
Braden Harding		Charter	x		June 2025
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x		June 2025
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound	x (online)		June 2024
Derek Anderson			x (online)		June 2024
Tim O'Connor			x		June 2025
Clinton Cook		Subsistence	x		June 2026
Madison Stumpf		Charter	x		June 2026
Kirk Agnitsch		Alternate		x	June 2024

ADFG Staff present: Craig Schwanke (ADFG sport fish), Kristy Tibbles (ADFG board support-online)

Guests present: None

Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 3.5.2024.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 12.5.2023 with amendments clarifying both Clinton Cook and Fred Hamilton were not present.

Vote: Unanimous approval



Reports:

Chair: At the Feb. 5 meeting we didn't make quorum but Ross Dorendorf did give a wolf management report.

ADFG: Craig S. gave an update on lingcod and rockfish harvest levels and the ADFG Emergency Order to change the Lingcod size limit that will be a slot limit for non-residents between 30"-35". The King Salmon management plan will be a big topic of discussion at the next SE AK finfish/shellfish meeting.

Clinton: The Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) is giving the WA tribes lots of trouble about king salmon management. Currently, there are 36 active lawsuits against various groups regarding king salmon management.

Derek A.: The WFC has a dummy office in Duvall, WA and various groups in WA have been fighting WFC for over a decade. Their main goal is to close down all the salmon hatcheries. They go after paperwork violations with the hatcheries.

It would be very wise if all of us user groups/locals band together to fight together against WFC.

WFC funding comes from Wal-Mart, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Kroger, etc. In WA state, WFC was getting contracts to increase the culvert/bridge sizes, then they turned around and sued WA state to close hatcheries!?

Ellen H.: Now they are going after the whole state of AK.

Kurt: HB201/SB171 Update: HB201 is currently stuck in the House Resources committee but SB171 just got its 2nd hearing and now is the critical time to write a letter in support to SB171. Personal letters from folks up north are very important b/c many of the legislators on the Senate Resources are from up north and need to hear from their constituents. There were several of us locals that tried to testify at the 2nd hearing and couldn't/got cut off.

Please write an email and/or letter of support for SB171 to senateresources@akleg.gov

Joint Board AC proposals:

Prop 1: Require 30 day public notice for AC elections and 14 day advance for regular meetings.

Moved and seconded to approve

Discussion: one month is difficult to enact and is burdensome

Vote: Unanimous opposition: **Do NOT support**

Prop 2: Require all AC's to be accessible via call-in option with meeting announcement.

No action

Prop 3: Reduce the terms for AC officers from 2 years to 1.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: Anyone that volunteers shouldn't be turned away. This could cause a decline in membership and increase the time needed in meetings.

Vote: Unanimous opposition: **Do NOT support**

Proposals 4,5,6,7 were not taken up at the meeting.

Prop 8: Allow AC's the discretion to set membership term dates.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: What are the comments from ADFG?

Kristy T.: Dept. comments are not finalized yet but they are neutral on this prop. This prop says to set the term limit to exactly 3 years so they don't expire in the summer.

Mike K. I'm not opposed to it since I see both sides of the argument.

No Action

Prop 9: Limit the number of consecutive terms AC members can serve.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: We disagree with limiting volunteers.



Vote: Unanimously Opposed: **Do NOT support**

Prop 10: Designate one seat on each AC for non-consumptive representation.

Discussion: We would never turn down anyone that wants to serve.

No Action

Prop 11: Did not take up @ meeting.

Prop 12: Clarify that AC members may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when the membership is not full.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Unanimous support

Prop 13: Did not take up @ meeting.

Prop 14: Adopt an absence policy allowing AC members to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Vote: Support 10-1. Clinton is opposed

Prop 17: Establish a process for developing board proposals.

Moved and seconded to support

Discussion: Lots of discussion to understand the prop. If passed, this would negatively impact the whole board process by slowing down decisions. This prop would severely impact the process and board cycles are every 3 years so potentially an important issue wouldn't get solved in a timely manner.

Vote: Unanimous opposition

Prop 18: Limit certain types of amendments.

Discussion: ADFG is neutral and this prop would delay actions and limit the boards to take action.

No action

Representative for Joint Board meeting: No one volunteered to represent the Craig AC @ the Joint Board meeting March 25-28, 2024.

Ellen H.: If anyone wants to volunteer to represent the Craig AC, they need to tell us at the meeting so it is on record.

Ellen/Mike K.: Report on the subsistence meeting that Mike K., Ellen H. and Mike D. attended and had positive remarks.

Clinton C.: Rural status in subsistence and in other areas will likely be threatened by expanding subsistence areas.

SE AK finfish/shellfish proposals:

Kurt W.: Prop 227 was submitted at the last cycle by the Craig AC. It passed for residents but did not pass for non-residents. Kurt read prop and suggests to submit the same prop so non-res can harvest one demersal shelf rockfish for non-resident anglers.

Craig S.: The board did break out Yelloweye from the other rockfish bag limits so they are a stand alone limit and there are now 4 different assemblages of rockfish bag limits. With better release mechanisms and better identification, the public is doing a better job. If non-res were able to harvest demersal shelf rockfish, an annual limit would be suggested by ADFG.

Ray D.: How many charter boats operate out of Craig/Klawock? If non-res were allowed to harvest demersal shelf rockfish, the charter sector could do some damage, especially if there was no annual limit.

Craig S.: About 120 boats. For many years, there were separate bag limits for pelagic rockfish and non-pelagic rockfish of 1/day of non-pelagic rockfish with no annual limit.



Tim O.: The commercial folks have not been able to harvest rockfish for the past 5 years so this f... allow charters to harvest rockfish but not commercial.

Ray D.: The population of the demersal shelf rockfish could be severely impacted in the primary charter area if it were opened up again.

Kurt W.: What did you catch the last time you dropped a line to the bottom? Quillback? They are everywhere. The opportunity to catch even just one fish is very important. Charters do not need lots of fish, we just need opportunities for our clients to catch a fish. If there is no opportunity, there is no charter industry.

Tim O.: The longliners do not have the ability to catch any rockfish as of 5 years ago, other than as bycatch.

Ray D.: Does ADFG have any data on black rockfish?

Craig S.: We are concerned if the harvest continues to ramp up.

Kurt: How does ADFG get rockfish data?

Craig S.: In other areas of the state, they use acoustical surveys but they don't in SE AK

Braden: Did other areas up N limit their rockfish harvest.

Craig S.: Yes

Raymond: Is there a lag with data, specifically in the lingcod harvest?

Craig S.: Yes, the data is collated after the season due to time constraints. We are reducing the slot limit on lingcod for non-res to 30-35" which is down from 30"-45".

Future proposals will be deliberated at/on the next meeting.

Next meeting: April 2 @ 6pm

New Business:

Kurt: Charter Industry Report

In an effort to be better neighbors, community members, boaters and charter operators I propose to create a Charter Industry Best Management Practices meeting. Below are some of the things the charter industry can improve on PoW:

- 1. Do not wake the fuel dock-ever.**
- 2. No wake zone means no wake zone. Throwing a boat wake in the immediate vicinity of Craig, negatively impacts boats that are unloading at the fish processors, boats fueling at the fuel dock, boats at the dock in the semi-protected harbor, all the boats transiting the area, kayakers, etc.**
- 3. Do not engage in disrespectful arguments with anyone on the radio/channel 16.**
- 4. Do not fish aggressively around any boats, especially non-charter/local boats.**
- 5. Know and apply the "Rules of the Road". Do not cut off commercial boaters-they have the right of way.**
- 6. Limit the numbers of charters/stop the industry growth. The charters need to be limited/limited entry.**
- 7. Unguided charters need to be limited/capped.**
- 8. Seasonal residents/pirate charters need to be stopped. HB201/SB171 needs to pass.**
- 9. There needs to be more equality. Charters don't pay hatchery fees, entry fees, processor fees etc. Some charters pay significant sales taxes to communities they operate in that charge sales tax but other communities don't charge sales tax and/or operators live outside the sales tax area and don't pay anything.**
- 10. Resources cannot sustain unlimited growth in the charter sector. There are no state requirements or fees to apply/receive a charter permit. The Charter Halibut Permit is a limiting factor but it isn't good enough. The entire charter industry has grown b/c of 1) seasonal residents/pirate charters, 2) unguided charters are growing like weeds b/c of their ability to harvest 2 halibut of any size/daily, 3) legal guided charters that do not have any requirements to guide salmon/lingcod/rockfish and are not limited. 4) no fee currently charged by the state to charter guides/outfitters.**

Lots of discussion from all members on the above issues and possible solutions.



Meeting adjourned: 8:38pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan

Date: 3.7.2024



Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024

I. **Call to Order: 6:30PM** by Chair – Tisha Kennell

II. **Roll Call:**

Tisha Kennell (Chair),	Present
Mike Bender (Vice Chair),	Present
Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary),	Absent
Jesse Cummings,	Present
Vern Aiton,	Present
Jacob White,	Present
Alan Waldo,	Present
Robert Matthews,	Present
Earl McNabb,	Present
Tim Webb,	Present
Carl Taylor,	Absent
Paul Dudgeon (alternate),	Present
Rusty Craig (alternate)	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 Number Present 11

III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Brandy Baker – Delta ADF&G Fisheries Biologist
Bob Schmidt – Delta ADF&G Wildlife Biologist
Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist (online)
Kristy Tibbets – Boards Support Section (online)

IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**

Don Quarberg
Don Bunselmeier
Neil Kelly
Tony Williams
Arthur Cummings (Fish & Wildlife Trooper)
Greg Turner
Amanda Pope - Online

V. **Approval of Agenda: VOTE: 11-0**

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: VOTE: 11-0**

VII. **Reports**

a. Chair’s Report – None



- b. ADFG staff reports
 - i. Brandy Baker – Statewide Stocking Plan is out available at the ADFG Office. Ice fishing continues area lakes.
 - ii. Bob Schmidt – presented harvest results for Gen season moose. Update on bison 26 cows/16 bulls
 - iii. Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen Area Biologist: Nelchina Caribou Herd Status update was presented. In a nutshell herd is in bad shape and will take years to recover.

VIII. **Public Comment - NONE**

IX. **Old Business - None**

X. **New Business**

- a. Action on 2023 – 2024 Joint Board Proposals - see attached

- b. Review 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals

This was delayed till FEB Meeting of the Delta AC

XI. **Set next meeting date: 27 MAR 2024**

XII. **Adjourned at: 8:05PM**



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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
<p><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></p>			
1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
			NO SUPPORT
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
OPPOSE	11		NOT ALL AC'S CAPABLE
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
OPPOSE	11		NO NEED FOR TERM LIMITS
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
OPPOSE	11		NO NEED
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.
NO ACTION			NOT SUPPORT
7			Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
NO ACTION			NO
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
OPPOSE	11		HARD ENOUGH TO GET MEMBERS
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
11			Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
12			Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.
NO ACTION			NO
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
NO ACTION			NO



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	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
16			Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>BOG SHOULD NOT DEVELOP PROPS w/out AC'S</i>
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.
<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i># 11</i>		<i>SEE ABOVE</i>
19			Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			

Paul Dudgeon

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 4:00 pm
Eagle Village Tribal Hall
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 4:03 pm
Chair Karma Ulvi declared vacancies for Sonja Sagar and Mike McDougal's seats, and appointed Helen Gilmore as an alternate
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Karma Ulvi (chair), Ben Juneby, Chalia Sleman, Don Woodruff, Helen Gilmore (alternate)
Absent: Steve Robbins, Andy Bassich, Jackie Helmer
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 4
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Aidan Hunter (Division of Wildlife Conservation)
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** none
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** *amended to add discussion on Wood Bison under old business.*
Motion to approve as amended by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** April 13, 2023 – *motion by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)*
- VIII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports – Kyle informed AC about 2023-2024 Board of Game Call for Proposals (includes changes to statewide regulations; e.g., unit boundary changes)
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Old Business**
 - a. Discussion on wood bison restoration project- *the AC will invite ADFG staff Tom Seaton and Luke Rogers to attend the next Eagle AC meeting*
 - b. Planning for Election Meeting – *tentatively scheduled for April 16th at 4:00*
- XI. **New Business**
 - a. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – comments due March 1st
See actions below
 - b. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th
See actions below
- XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**
BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: *____ to be determined*
Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: *____ to be determined*
- XIII. **Set next meeting date and location:** April 16th, 2024
- XIV. **Other**
- XV. **Adjourn** 6:23



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPOUSE	0	5	It is the responsibility of the department to ensure that Advisory Committee meetings are accessible by remote access when needed, but if required this could hinder AC's ability to conduct business. For example – if the internet or phone lines (or equipment) fails mid-meeting, an AC would be required to end their meeting.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
TNA			
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
SUPPORT	5	0	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
TNA			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
TNA			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
TNA			
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
TNA			
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT	5	0	
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
SUPPORT	4	0	1 abstention
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
TNA			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
TNA			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Minutes Approved By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Date: _____03-01-24_____



**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 14, 2024 Meeting**

I. Call to Order: 18:10 by acting Chair Mark Richards

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Richards, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, John Wisniewski, Gabriel Davis, Warren Giuchici, Lance Nelson, John Haddix

(Note: Bill Larry called into the meeting and was unable to vote)

Members Absent (Excused): John Siegfried, Austin Smith, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Tinker, Chuck Derrick

Members Absent (Unexcused): James Paine

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Lindsey ?, Andy Gryska, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen,

IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Jennifer Yuhas, Lenny & Diane Jewkes, Mark McNeely, Olivia Irwin, Katie Harms,

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by unanimous consent with the addition of:

1. Final discussion of HB 201/SB 171 Hunting License Residency Requirements
2. Replacement AC representative for the Wood Bison Working Group meeting
3. Appoint someone to represent the AC at the Region III Board of Game meeting

VI. Approval of Previous January 10th Meeting Minutes: approved by unanimous consent

VII. Reports

Chair's report: Mark Richards (vice-chair) reports that chairman Siegfried is stepping down due to personal reasons. The FAC will elect a new chairman at the March meeting.

ADF&G: Tony Hollis report on 20B moose, population down by 37% since last survey in 2021. Calf:cow ratios are very good though, at 40:100. Bull:Cow ratio a bit below the 30:100 we like to see, at 26:100. Declines likely due to the past deep snow winters, this winter so far things are looking good. No intention to propose Intensive Management control efforts at this time, we expect the population to increase under current conditions.

Antlerless authorization for 20B, we still want reauthorization but there will be no other cow hunts in 20B other than the Fairbanks management area where we try to take some to avoid vehicle collisions.



Al Barrette: How many moose are taken on potlatch hunts?

Tony: We estimate about 40 per year. Not overly concerned about potlatch harvest.

Mark R: Is the Department considering any IM proposals for 20B?

Tony: Not at this point, moose declines were from the bad winter in 2020/2021, expect population to grow.

Virgil: Do we have people from Southeast coming to the interior to do potlatch hunts?

Tony: probably some, but we don't see a lot of the records as there is no failure to report for potlatch hunts. So not everyone reports.

Mark Nelson: No updates, will be available to answer any questions on the NE Arctic proposals

VIII. Public Comment: No public comments

IX. Old Business: HB 201/SB 171 Letter (tabled til end of meeting)

X. New Business:

Gale Vick, fisheries subcommittee Chair: Report on Yukon River Panel. One of the major outcomes reached by the Commissioner and DFO, asking for a 7 year moratorium on chinook fishing.

Would like to set up a river-wide joint AC meeting, to discuss Yukon River Panel agreement. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to set up joint AC meeting, approved by unanimous consent. Date TBD

Would like the AC to support Marit Carlson-Van-Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and also to serve on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Discussion of Carlson-Van Dort's experience and standing on the side of fisheries conservation. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to send letter of support for Carlson-Van Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and to be appointed to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Announces that the next fisheries subcommittee meeting will be held in person on Feb. 21st at 6pm for a final review of the BOF proposals to be deliberated at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting that starts on Feb. 23, 2024.

We will be submitting our comments as a Record Copy, want to reconfirm that the AC gives permission for the fisheries subcommittee to send in our comments after the meeting on Wednesday.



Motion to approve fisheries subcommittee submit our comments to the Board of Fish, made by Virgil, seconded by ?, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Strategic planning for FAC Proposal 43 at the BOF meeting, all the other interior ACs are supporting it. Virgil will represent the AC at the meeting. Virgil Gale, and Chief Ulvi from Eagle Village will be submitting an op-ed on hatchery issues on their own, not affiliated with the AC. We have to start a dialogue on hatchery issues.

One last piece of legislation, SB 209, from the Governor, is something very important that we've been requesting for a long time, the monitoring of salmon vessels. Lengthy bill, haven't had time to read it all. Will discuss at upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Mark Richards: Thank you, Gale, and everyone on the fisheries subcommittee for all the work you do and time spent on such important issues.

Moving on to the Region III proposals, everyone should have a copy. The Game/Trap subcommittee met on Jan. 22nd, and Feb 1st, and spent over 7 hours deliberating on the Region III proposals. Only the proposals that we did not have unanimous consent on are flagged in red for the full AC to go over tonight. If any member wants to bring up any proposals agreed upon in subcommittee for further discussion, or any other proposals, now is the time to do that as we deliberate.

Let's start with proposal 50, to lengthen marten trapping season to March 15 we had some concerns on what the federal season was, looked it up and also ends last day in February. So this would not apply to fed lands, seasons would be different.

Al Barrette: So if passed it would apply to federal lands under state regulations.

Motion to support by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, passed by unanimous consent.

Mark R: Next proposal is proposal 82, the subcommittee decided that rather than comment on all of the Unit 19C sheep proposals, we wanted to make our position known via proposal 82, language you see in our comments of support were gone over by Mark R. and Mike Tinker, and open for changes now.

AC supports opening nonresident sheep hunting in 19C, but there needs to be limits.

Gabe Davis: don't want any biological concerns mentioned.

Lance Nelson: if we start saying crowding and conflicts are an issue, that sets a precedent for other sheep areas.

Mark R: AC can change opinion any time in future on specific proposals



Virgil: What about the other proposals, like the one from APHA?

Mark R: we did comment on that one, saying we can't support the recommendations of the 19C sheep working group as those recommendations are not yet known.

Virgil: Did they get a facilitator for the 19C sheep working group

Mark: not sure, they are working on it.

Discussion of past sheep working group and whatever came of it.

Mark R: back to proposal 82, motion made by John Haddix to support proposal 82, seconded by Warren Giuchici.

Virgil: okay, motion has been made and seconded, now I have a question. So we want up to 10 permits?

Mark R: No, we are asking to amend for a better balance of nonresident and resident sheep hunters based on what the Board thinks is best for the up-to number of permits.

Gabriel Davis: We also discussed whether this should be a draw permit or a registration hunt for nonresidents.

Mark R: I will ask for unanimous consent on proposal 82. No objection, so moved.

Mark R: I meant to mention this prior to going over the Region III comments:

It is unacceptable that the Department Analysis & Recommendations are still not published and available for review! Advisory Committees depend on Department information to make informed decisions. We need to know if there are any conservation concerns with any proposals and what the Department recommendations are. Without that information, the AC process can't work as it should, and ACs are losing trust in the Department. This can't continue to happen.

Have talked to Tony and other bios about this, it is not their fault, they have had their comments in a long time ago, Dept. comments are being held up in leadership.

Olivia Irwin, from the Minto-Nenana AC: also wanted to point out that it is a big problem not having the Dept. A&Rs out in time for AC comment deadline. Other ACs and TCC are considering sending in a letter to the Joint Board about this issues, and if the Fbks AC would like to sign on as well, would be good.

Mark R: this isn't something the joint board can fix, it's a Department issue and has happened in the past, understand that the Department is short staffed at HQ, but this needs to be fixed.



Moving on, to proposal 99. Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Virgil: I support this proposal to open brown bear hunting in the fall after August 10th, hides are in good shape, would be good to take more bears.

Discussion of liberalized bear seasons and whether the Department has any concerns with more bears being taken. Any skull size changes to be concerned about. Tony Hollis says that liberalizations have happened in steps over time, and they have not seen any negative effects in the units he oversees, however the Department does not do counts of brown bears, very expensive.

Mark R: hard to comment on this without the Department comments. Would those of you who support this proposal still support it if the Department opposes it? I don't want to get to where our AC is supporting proposals that the Department has conservation concerns on, that isn't a good look, I want us to be able to trust the Department recommendations regarding any conservation concerns. Where I'm going with this...how about if we offer support for proposal 99 and any other similar ones with the caveat that we support fall brown bear hunting seasons as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Motion to support proposal 99 made by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, with that caveat Mark mentioned. Approved by unanimous consent, to support proposal 99 as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next proposal is proposal 102 to open a fall bear baiting season in 19E, I can tell you that I don't personally support fall bear baiting seasons when moose and/or caribou hunting is open.

Virgil makes motion to adopt proposal 102, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Discussion: Virgil says he supports, brown bears good eating that time of year after eating blueberries.

Mark R: I agree! Very good eating!

Virgil: We had a blueberry bear in hunting camp once and everyone preferred it over other meats.

Mark R: We have plenty of opportunity to take grizzly bears, just don't see a need to open baiting in fall.

Gabe Davis: hunt and stalk very hard way to take bears, baiting would make it more successful

Lance Nelson: Good opportunity for residents to take a bear over bait

Gale: Lack of salmon in areas, grizzlies one of the few things to eat



Mark: just don't want to see hunters running into bait stations in the fall, that isn't a pleasant experience when you aren't aware they are there. Guides can set up to ten bait stations per GUA

Virgil: have made hundreds of pounds of bear sausage and tried to show people that fall grizzly bears in the interior are good eating

Mark R: no one is disputing that grizzly bears can be good eating. One other thing, I don't want the AC to be under the impression that this has anything to do with predator control or increasing the overall number of ungulates in an area by opening fall baiting seasons. We need to kill a large number of bears or wolves to have any efficacy in increasing ungulate populations

Question is called, vote by raised hands, 7 yays, 1 nay. AC supports proposal 102 because it provides more opportunity to harvest brown bears.

Mark R: Next is proposal 105, to take brown/grizzly bears over bait in Unit 21A, we were waiting for the Dept recommendations to support this, suggest we do as with the other proposal

Motion to adopt proposal 105 made by Virgil, seconded by Warren G.

Motion to support proposal 105 made by Lance Nelson, seconded by Warren G, to support proposal 105 as long as the Dept has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next is proposal 107, to open a spring and fall baiting season in Unit 21E

Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Warren. Call the question. Question is called, vote by raised hands. 7 yays, 1 nay. Support based on it provides more opportunity to harvest bears

Gale: would be interested in knowing what the Minto-Nenana voted on these fall baiting proposals.

Olivia Irwin: we have not voted on those ones yet.

Mark R: Proposal 112, this was discussed at the subcommittee meeting; we had questions about the nonresident harvest and how much of that was by nonresident military, had asked Jeff Gross if he could get us some harvest data.

Jeff Wells: was just sent these graphs and data by Jeff Gross (hands out the graphs to all AC members. Some mistakes on the first sheet, not quite right, the upper right graph is not correct, look on the back page where resident and nonresident harvests are detailed by individual zones.



John Haddix: my recollection, Jeff, is that we were trying to figure out how many of the nonresidents listed are first year military nonresidents because we didn't want to really limit that component.

Mark R: I did ask Jeff for that but it seems they can't break out the nonresident data by who is military and who is not.

Jeff Wells: Across all zones the last two years nonresident harvest has been 22 – 26% of the harvest

Mark R: do we know what the nonresident harvest is in Zone 2?

Jeff Wells: Yes, it's in the data on the graphs.

Gale: by nonresident do we mean non-local resident or out-of-state

Mark R: someone who doesn't live in Alaska

Virgil: question about the graphs... something doesn't add up

Jeff Wells: there was a mistake on that upper right graph, will be fixed

Virgil: I know a lot of military from Anchorage area come up to hunt caribou, as well as the soldiers here, has to be a large number of those within the nonresident harvest data.

Jeff Wells: we could break down better by looking at license data.

Virgil: motion to adopt 112, seconded by John H

Mark: the reason RHAK submitted this proposal is we were concerned with the decline of the Fortymile herd and we want to protect the winter subsistence hunt for residents. We did want to compromise with the transporters, which is why we left zone 2 open to nonresident opportunity.

Virgil: not in favor of this because I know a lot of military enjoy having the opportunity to take a caribou

Mark R: the herd is declining and at some point we will have to limit nonresidents, would like to do it ahead of time with this proposal that would still allow nonresident opportunity in Zone 2

Virgil: I was in the military at Ft Bragg back in the day when military were not treated well by the public, in the Marine Corp at Camp Pendleton....how the military used to be treated poorly, don't want to treat them like 2nd class citizens



John Haddix: Can we support this with an amendment that would say, limit nonresidents who are not military?

Mark R: We could, but I don't see a way for the board to institute that in a way to differentiate between types of nonresidents. We can certainly put something in there and let the board figure it out.

Lance: I don't support it, lots of military are up here and don't want to disenfranchise them. Am concerned with the winter hunt being closed, but don't agree with this proposal

Call the question by show of hands for support of proposal 112.
5 yays, 3 nays

Mark R: would like for whomever represents us at the March BOG meeting to make clear why the 3 nays voted that way, concern about disallowing nonresident military opportunity.

Let's take a break for ten minutes, come back at 19:52

Mark R: Call back to order at 8pm. Next up is proposal 114

Virgil makes motion to adopt seconded by Warren.

Mark R: this proposal is to allow proxy hunting of caribou in several units, and there was some disagreement among subcommittee on this, which is why it's before the full AC

Virgil: when we had proxy hunting it was abused on antlerless hunts and that abuse led to stopping proxy hunting in these units

Mark R: yes, abuse was the rationale to close proxy hunting for these hunts.

Discussion on how proxy hunting works, destruction of trophy value, number of times someone can proxy hunt for individuals.

Gale: as an elder who doesn't hunt caribou anymore I depend on my family to proxy hunt for me

Concerns that we don't want to prevent elders from getting meat via a proxy hunt for Fortymile caribou.

Virgil: I move to amend to only allow one animal to be taken by a proxy hunter per year, not have one person doing multiple proxy hunts. Seconded by Warren

Discussion of proxy hunting regulations and existing limits within the regulations.



Gabe Davis: this proposal would take opportunity away from the Fortymile caribou hunters under the registration permit

Mark R: Motion is on the table, how do we want to proceed?

Warren: Cal the question by show of hands to support proposal 114 as amended to only allow one animal per proxy hunter per year for the Fortymile herd

6 yays, 2 nays. Rationale for the nays is that too many caribou would be taken by proxy hunters on a declining herd.

Mark R: next proposal is #124, lengthen marten trapping season by two weeks, some concerns in subcommittee about fur still being prime in March.

Motion to adopt 124 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Passed by unanimous consent to provide more opportunity, believe fur is still prime in these units.

Mark R: next is proposal 139

Motion to adopt proposal 139 made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Mark R: this proposal was heard in Kotzebue and the board could not vote on Region III units within the proposal. The board amended the proposal to only include the northwestern part of Unit 23, and western portion of 26A. So I don't think the board will include these Region III units, may be best to take no action on this proposal based on actions taken at the Region V meeting.

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 139 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: next is proposal 140, again this was taken up by the Board in Kotzebue and the proposal was amended to put all nonresident caribou hunters in Unit 23 on draw only permits with an allocation of up to 300 permits.

Gale: I say we TNA this one

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 140 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: Next up is proposal 153, subcommittee had concerns over fur being prime

Lance Nelson: and denning during that time period

Discussion about whether hunting season for wolverine is open during this time frame.
Wolverine hunting ends March 31, not end of April.

Motion to support proposal 153. Proposal 153 is opposed by unanimous consent, based on the denning season happening

Mark R: proposal 154 is next, Mark Nelson or Jordan would you like to speak to the proposal from the Department?

Jordon Pruszenski: Central Arctic Herd has increased and is now at 32,000 – 37,000 which is above IM objectives, so there is a harvestable surplus. Average harvest is 420 caribou per year, which is much lower than the harvestable surplus. Proposal 154 increases the resident bag limit and season and the nonresident bag limit.

Virgil: so the harvestable surplus was supposed to be 1,000?

Jordan: the harvestable surplus is 1, 400 per year with the herd at current levels

Virgil: so nonresident bag limit goes from 1 to 2, I support this, would bring in more money to the Dept by purchasing two tags, increase opportunity.

Motion to adopt proposal 154 by Gabe, seconded by Lance

Mark R: the reason I oppose this is because when the herd drastically declined, the Department amended a proposal to increase the nonresident season to where the next year nonresident caribou hunters took the majority of the harvest of a declining caribou herd important for providing food for Alaskans. I can't support nonresidents being allowed to take more than one caribou after that, have seen meat care issues.

Mark R: can the Dept explain what the number of cows that can be taken by residents is, what upper limit of cows can be harvested before that portion would be closed

Jordan: we believe that 1% of the harvest can be cows

Mark R: are we confident that after the massive decline of the CAH in 2016 that these are all CAH animals? We've never seen a herd increase like this so fast.

Jordan: was nutritional stress initially, habitat seemed to improve, more recruitment, less cow mortality.

Lance: nonresidents I know take care of their meat, don't agree that nonresidents don't take



proper care of their meat. Shooting two bulls by nonresidents isn't going to do anything to harm this herd. Residents can shoot cows, have even more opportunity. I support this proposal.

Call the question. Show of hands.

Gale: want to clarify what the motion is

Mark R: to support the proposal as written

Show of hands: 5 yays, 3 nays, nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase

Mark R: moving on, proposal 155, to increase resident Central Arctic Herd bag limit and season

Take no action on proposal 155 based on action taken on 154

Mark R: Proposal 158

Motion to adopt proposal 158 by John H, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: rationale of this proposal is so the board can have a discussion on this issue, I think most of us agree about federal overreach issues, and the purpose of this proposal is have a discussion about why we let the feds allocate our sheep to guided hunters in ANWR. On other refuge lands, like Kodiak, or Nowitna, the board of game allocates sheep and moose via draw permits to the guide concession areas. This proposal doesn't seek to take the current allocations guides get under their contract prospectus agreement with federal land managers, only give the Board of Game the authority over those allocations so if we have sheep declines and those allocations need to be limited, the board can do that.

Virgil: the feds are going to go by whatever the management plan is, but there is no management plan for sheep in ANWR. We have an ANS for sheep, but nothing beyond that as far as allocations to user groups. What needs to happen is a management plan that outlines the harvest allocations of different user groups.

Mark R: the point of this proposal is to ask, why do we allow the feds to allocate our sheep in ANWR? Where do we want to go with this proposal?

Virgil: I think the board is aware of this already

Mark R: so if we take no action, do we want to offer any comments at all about this issue?

Lance: put a comment in there just saying that the state should have management authority, why are we allowing the feds to do this



Gale makes motion to support, seconded by Warren

John Haddix: at the subcommittee meeting it came up, is this proposal asking for up to 7 permits for each guide concession area, and does it include 2nd degree of kindred?

Mark R: yes for each concession area, would be up to the board whether to include 2DK nonresidents.

Gale offers friendly amendment, seconded by Warren to add 2DK hunters within the nonresident component, amendment passes by a vote of 7-1, amended proposal passes by a vote of 7-1

Gale: we are basically making a point on the record

Mark R: yes, that the state should manage/allocate our sheep

Mark R: proposal 166, to allow the trapping of grizzly and brown bears by bucket foot snares in Unit 25D. This was heard at the Yukon Flats AC meeting, would like Mark Nelson to speak to it. We have no Dept comments or recommendation at this time.

Mark Nelson: this is for both black and brown bears, black bears are listed as a furbearer but no trapping seasons are open for black bears in the interior. Brown bears are not furbearers so the only way this would work is if they are classified as a furbearer, or new methods and means would have to be allowed to take a big game animal with a foot snare. This was allowed in bear control areas.

Mark R: Is the Dept going to support this outside an IM bear control program

Mark Nelson: I believe the Dept would be neutral if it was just black bears, not sure since it includes brown bears. No real conservation concerns for bears in Unit 25D.

Discussion on how to avoid catching grizzlies if it was black bear only, smaller snare size.

Gale: Mark Nelson were you at the Yukon Flats meeting? And how did they vote

Mark Nelson: they supported it.

Gale: I'd like to go with their lead on it

Mark R: forgot to do a motion to adopt, someone please make a motion

Gabe makes motion to adopt, seconded by John H

Question called, proposal 166 supported by unanimous consent

Mark R: next is proposal 207

Gabe: wait, weren't we going to discuss the language of our support for proposal 181, to not include any mention of biological concerns? If we make that argument, it could come back on us to limit resident sheep hunters. And under FC management there are no conservation concerns.

Mark R: so what are you saying, do you want to change the language within our comments on proposal 181?

Gabe: I thought I made myself clear, I will not support it with language that expresses any biological concerns.

Mark R: so you support proposal 181 based on that there are conflicts and crowding with unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in 20A? But not based on any conservation or biological concerns?

Gabe: yes

Virgil: the way it works is the board has a policy that is based on the past harvests over ten years to determine allocations for draw hunts. You want them to go against their own policy for 20A. That's what proposal 180 does, the board went by their own policy that nonresidents were getting 25% of the DC 827 permits. That's how it ended up with 25% of nonresidents and 75% for nonresidents.

Mark R: do we want to bring proposal 180 on the table again,

Virgil: yes

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 180, seconded by Lance.

Question called, show of hands. 7 yays, 1 nay on proposal 180.

Mark R: back to proposal 181

Motion to adopt proposal 181 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: Gabe, so how can we deal with this

Gabe: conservation concerns is the first issue in proposal 181 and whether FC mgmt. is sustainable, can not support with that language



Lance: so going to a draw in 20A, how is this going to help?

Mark R: well there are conflicts and crowding, the guides are not happy with it either

Discussion on unlimited nonres sheep hunting, state constitution, other western states place limits

Question called, show of hands. Yays, 5, nays 3.

Mark R: if you want to include language on the rationale of the nay votes, that would be good for the board to hear

Gabe: if it was only crowding and conflicts I would support it going to draw only for nonresidents, but not with conservation concerns, the Department has no conservation concerns with FC harvests

Mark R: but the Department has said they have conservation concerns for the sheep in Unit 23 under FC management, which is why it's been closed since 2015

Gabe: that's only some of the Department and I don't agree with that and neither do a lot of biologists

Mark R: Proposal 207, from the western interior RAC, to do away with the age requirement for sheep, the rationale seems to be that if we go to FC only, it may decrease the sub-legal harvest. All of this will come up with the Unit 19C working group.

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 207, seconded by John H.

John H: question to Tony H about sublegal harvests, what is the percentage

can't hear the answer

Question called, proposal 207 opposed by unanimous consent

Mark R: old business, we had a meeting to discuss HB 201/SB 171, and it seemed like we were opposed to it if it didn't include any amendments to cover specific individuals who may be gone more than 180 days.

Gale: I'd like to support it with that type of amendment

Mark R: it seems that amendments would open a can of worms for legislators. It's had two hearings in House Resources so far.

Unanimous vote to approve Lance sending a letter opposing HB 201/SB 171



Mark R: We need someone to represent us for the wood bison working group meeting coming up next week for three days. Jeff Lucas is our representative but is traveling

Everyone is busy, no one can represent us at wood bison working group regarding release of wood bison in the Minto Flats area.

Mark R: do we want to let them now we approve the release of wood bison in Minto Flats

Motion by John H to approve release of wood bison in the Minto Flats areas, seconded by Lance. Approved by unanimous consent.

Mark R: we need to appoint someone to represent us at the Region III board of game meeting. Jeff has volunteered but he is gone right now.

Mark R: I nominate Jeff Lucas to represent us, approved by unanimous consent, with Austin Smith chosen as alternate

Lance: were we going to talk about the language for weapons-restricted hunts?

Mark R: Yes, thank you Lance, the language you see in all of our comments on archery only hunts is before you.

Lance: I would oppose adopting that as a policy, because we may want to approve weapons restricted hunts in future.

Mark R: the AC has typically opposed new weapons restricted hunts when they weren't necessary due to proximity to public trails, near roads, and in urban areas

Discussion on new weapons restricted hunts, providing more opportunity for a special class of hunters.

Lance: going forward, look at individual proposals to make decisions on whether we support new weapons restricted hunts.

Mark R: I appreciate the discussion, we need to move on, it's late, do we want to change the language on archery only and weapons-restricted hunts.

Lance: I am okay with leaving that language in now but in future we should vote on each proposal individually and not have one blanket statement on weapons restricted hunts

Mark R: all we were doing here was adopting language for why we opposed all the archery only hunt proposals, and agree we should look at each proposal individually down the line

Motion to adjourn 21:44



Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game & Trapping Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 5:30 pm
ADFG Conference Room (1300 College Rd)

- I. **Call to Order:** 17:35
 - II. **Roll Call:** Members present: Jeff Lucas, Virgil Umphenour, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Lance Nelson, John Haddix (alternate), Mark Richards
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: N/A
 - III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell
 - IV. **Introduce Guests Present:** Jim Simon, Olivia Irwin
 - V. **Approval of Agenda**
 - VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** N/A
 - VII. **Reports**
 - a. N/A
 - VIII. **Public Comment**
 - IX. **Old Business**
 - a. N/A
 - X. **New Business**
 - a. Continue review of Region III (Interior/Eastern Arctic) Board of Game Proposals (see draft minutes from January 22nd)
 - b. Review Joint Board Proposals (comment sheet attached)
 - c. Other subcommittee business as needed
 - XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):** N/A
 - XII. **Set next meeting date:**
 - XIII. **Other**
- Adjourn 20:25**



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1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
OPPOSE			The current public noticing requirements are sufficient
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
OPPOSE			We oppose making call-in options a requirement, but would like board support to continue to offer that option to Acs that want it
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
OPPOSE			We don't believe this is necessary, things working fine the way they are
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
TNA			
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
TNA			
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.
SUPPORT			We agree with the rationale of the Minto-Nenana AC and the Dept and support both proposal 6 & 7
7			Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 6
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
TNA			
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
OPPOSE			If passed, this proposal would harm rural Acs that have a hard time finding members within their communities to serve on the AC
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
OPPOSE			We can't find any definition of what a "non-consumptive" user is. Does that mean they don't hunt? Don't eat meat? Currently the Anchorage AC has three members who are part of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, so we see no need for designated seats for a "non-consumptive" user
11			Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and



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	Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 11
12			Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.
SUPPORT			No one should be blocked from serving on an AC as long as they meet the requirements to serve
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
SUPPORT			
14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.
TNA			
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.
TNA			
16			Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.
TNA			
17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
SUPPORT			Board-generated proposals should be rare, and when necessary we should go through an appropriate public process as we do with publicly submitted proposals
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.
SUPPORT			The Board of Game should adopt the same policy as the Board of Fisheries on amendments that are the opposite of what the proposal asks for
19			Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.
SUPPORT			This is a housekeeping issue

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH)
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, February 23rd, 2024 at 9:00 am
Native Movement Building
60 Hall Street, Fairbanks AK 99701
and by web/teleconference**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Chase at 9:20 am.

Roll call: Ken Chase, Shirley Deacon Clark, Rich Freireich, Chevie Roach, Bruce Werba, Kathy W. Chase, Nathan Elswick

Absent: Roger Hamilton Jr. and Eugene Paul.

Quorum established.

Guests: Robert Walker

ADFG Staff: Josh Pierce, Kyle Campbell

Approval of agenda, discussion to add two items, motion made by Rick to approve the amended agenda, Shirley seconded. Two items added were, cost of the bison project and the 21E and 21D boundaries. Motion carried.

Approval of the 4/17/23 GASH AC meeting, motion made by Rick and seconded by Bruce. Yes to approve, Ken, Shirley, Rick, Chevie, Bruce and Kathy. 6 yes votes

Chairman Ken gave a brief report on the GASH activities, setting up meetings, staying on top of proposals, public information on issues, he mentioned that there has to be someone stepping up to replace him as the Chair, getting school students involved, more people involved, talked about the boundary issue.

ADF & G Staff gave their reports

There was discussion by members of the GASH board on Area M. Robert Walker gave his input on Proposal 43.

Concerns: Proxy hunt, Josh gave out good information on this process. The boundary issue was addressed by Josh. 21E and 21D, the deadline for submitting this proposal is May 1, 2024. Josh will draft up a map and wording and will get the information out to the GASH board. Roll call vote, yes votes: Ken, Nathan, Shirley, Rick, Chevy, Bruce, Kathy. Motion carried.

Information on the bison history was given by Josh. 5 million spent in the last 30 years. 150,000 since 2015

Break for lunch at 12:35

Meeting back on at 1:35 pm.



Board of Game:

Proposal 47, motion to oppose, 2 no votes, 5 yes

Proposal 48, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 50, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 53, 54, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 59, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 208, 6 yes votes, 1 abstain

Proposal 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, support these, 7 yes votes

Proposal 73, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 74, 6 yes votes, 1 abstain

Proposal 75, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 93 - 107, support this, (Josh will provide the language for this)

Board of Fisheries

Proposal 43, support this, 7 yes votes

Joint Board:

Proposal 6 and 7, full support for quorum purposes, 7 yes votes

Ken Chase to attend meeting in Anchorage, March 15-22, 2024, Chevy might be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase
Minutes Approved By: _____



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6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
SUPPORT	7	0	
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
SUPPORT	7	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase
 Minutes Approved By: _____



**Homer Advisory Committee
November 14, 2023
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building
2181 Kachemak Drive**

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon, chair.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present (11): Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Andy Fetterhoff, Matt Hakala, Michael Craig, Bob Nathanson, Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone, Joe Brewer, Morgan Jones.
 - b. Members Absent: Malcolm Milne, Dan Miotke, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Tom Young,
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- IV. List of User Groups Present: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- VI. Guests Present: Emile Springer.
- VII. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- IX. Reports: None
- X. Public Comment: None
- XI. Old Business: None
- XII.** New Business: Decisions on Joint Board Meeting.



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
NA			
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Oppose	0	11 - 0	Not all AC's have the wherewithal to always comply with this proposal. Requiring this of AC's opens the door to frivolous lawsuits based on procedure, not substance.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose	0	11- 0	Having two-year terms provides more stability and moderates radical swings in membership. It shouldn't be that difficult keep track as to when elections should be held.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	11	0 - 0	While this is an obvious, common-sense description of AC chair responsibilities, perhaps it needs to be in writing in case someone wants to get too creative.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
NA			See #4
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
NA			See #7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
Oppose	2	5 - 4	This proposal doesn't apply to the Homer AC.
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
Support	11	0 - 0	Terms should begin soon after elections The Homer AC doesn't want to have elections/terms based on the state's fiscal year. This doesn't fit the reality of when people are available for or interested in meetings.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	11 - 0	The number of people interested in serving on the AC is limited, especially in smaller communities. Limiting the number of terms that a



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			person can serve would drain this pool of volunteers. Also, because of the complexity with the history of many proposals, there is value in having people serve for more than one or two terms.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	1	10 - 0	The definition of non-consumptive is nebulous. The vote for felt that having a non-consumptive seat would quell some of the contentions that often exist with these issues, and having a nebulous definition would allow individual AC's to define it based on their circumstances.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
Oppose	0	11 - 0	Most of the opposition to this proposal was due to its definition of non-consumptive. The AC did not agree that being an effective advocate for non-consumptive users requires no hunting or trapping experience for at least five years.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
NA			
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
NA			
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Support	11	0 - 0	Definition is needed to deal with problems.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	11	0 - 0	Board generated proposals need to go through the same public process as all other proposals
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	11	0 - 0	The board making amendments to proposals that change the intent creates confusion and bad will.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
NA			

Adjournment: 7:20

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: 12/12/24



Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
March 11th, 2024
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:33pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Dick	Dykema	Resigned		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	7:12pm		X
Jon	Essert	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Lisa	Gariel			X
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Greg	Springer	X		
Ron	Petty	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Scott	Daletas			Excused
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda



VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: Election Meeting April 8th, 2024 at CIAA starting at 6:30pm

XIII. Other

Adjourn



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>Due to the short duration between department comments and when AC comments are due is too short to not be able to have 14 days' notice between all meetings.</p> <p>We have many meetings throughout the year, with a 14 day notice it would become very problematic. We already do everything we can to give a minimum of a 7 day notice.</p>
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Opposed	1	11	<p>There are many ACs' across the state and people can attend a meeting in-person. Having the ability to hold a meeting be accessible is fine, but not required.</p> <p>Required remote meetings can delay meetings or invalidate meetings completely.</p> <p>Should be an option for personnel to be available and there should be funds available to help make this available.</p>
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Opposed		13	Like the current stability of the two-year term. Annual Officer elections could create more issues.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Supported	13	0	This just clarifies the responsibilities of the Chairman and the duties they must perform
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Supported	13	0	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Supported	8	0	No Action based on that it does not affect us. 5 abstentions



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7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
No Action			No Action based on proposal 6
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
Opposed	0	13	The current staggering of the board seats helps keep continuity on the board. This would make it difficult for Board Support to keep track of seats and board membership.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Opposed	0	13	Many ACs would not be able to fill seats, and this would create a huge negative effect. These seats are elected, and change could be made through elections. <i>We strongly oppose this proposal</i>
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Opposed	0	13	There is no need to make a specific designated, as At-Large seats already exist This would also take a seat away from some who could participate and many seats may not fill this seat.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
No Action			No Action based on 10
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
Support	13	0	Unanimous Consent
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Support	13	0	Unanimous Consent
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Opposed	0	13	This allows committees that have a small number of meetings within a year to remove non-participating members. Though Adding more complexity to a community venue for public participation could decrease overall committee members.



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			Our absence policy is three missed meetings, notification that your missing meeting is enough for an excused absence.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
No Action			No Action based on Special Meetings statute
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
Opposed	1	9	<p>Though they are inactive, having them there in case they are needed in the future will allow them to be recreated.</p> <p>There is plenty of overlap between these old ACs and current existing ACs.</p> <p>3 abstentions</p>
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Supported	10	2	<p>This would allow for proper public process to take place. It should be more transparent and difficult to pass a board generated proposal.</p> <p>Board Generated Proposals are only in proposal but are not codified.</p> <p>Could create a longer process though it is acknowledged that this proposal has some validity.</p> <p>Would like to also reference RC50 from the Upper Cook Inlet board of fish meeting that took place February 23rd – March 5th, 2024.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Opposed	1	11	There is a difference between an amendment and a board generated proposal.



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			Taking a public proposal and amending it to codified language is sometime necessary to have a proper regulation. 1 abstention
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Non-subsistence Area.		
No Action	1	4	This would shrink the area in the FNSA 8 abstentions
20	Establishment of Advisory Committees		
No Action			No Action

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: 03/11/2024 _____



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
February 27, 2024
Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Rm**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02 pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair
- II. Roll Call

Members Present: Alexis Kwachka, Paul Chervenak, Albert Tyler Schmeil, Andrew Finke, Ron Kavanaugh, Wallace Fields, Patrick O'Donnell, Oliver Holm, Rolan Ruoss, Coral Chernoff, Tollef Monson, Brandon Bartleson (Port Lions)

Members Absent (Excused): Rebecca Skinner, Theresa Peterson, Julie Kavanaugh

Members Absent (Unexcused): Garman Squartsoff (Ouzinkie), Jon McElwain (Port Lions), Duncan Fields (Old Harbor)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Kodiak-Processor, Kodiak-Big Game Guide/Outfitter, Kodiak-Large Boat Crab, Kodiak-Subsistence, Kodiak-Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Kodiak-West Side Salmon Gillnet, Kodiak-Trawl, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seine, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, Port Lions
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Nate Svoboda
- IV. Guests Present:
Alaska F&W Josh Boyle, Chairman of Big Game Commercial Services Board Jason Bunch, former Kodiak AC chair Dick Rohrer, 10 members of the public
- V. Approval of Agenda
Motion to Approve and Second. Amended to include a single person to approve minutes of this meeting for on time submission deadline of March 11. Passed with no objection.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion to Approve and Second. Amended to correct misspelling of Tollef Monson. Passed with no objection.
- VII. Reports
 - A. Chair's report: None
 - B. ADF&G: None
 - C. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business:



1) Transporter sub-committee report: Paul Chervenak gave an update on committee meeting of 2/16/2024. Biggest problem is past data collection by the state, it's not accessible. That has been changed, going forward we will have good data on who, where and when.

The committee is also following the proposals the BGCSB is working on: Potential stickers on vessels; two captains onboard; vessel safety and accommodations; and landowner consent above drop off point. These were originally going to be taken up at their March meeting this year but have been postponed until their December meeting.

2) By laws discussion:

A) The group is not in favor of filling a designated seat if there are no applicants. In the past there were concerns of not having it filled and having trouble meeting a quorum. This is not an issue as of late. Need to make more outreach to find someone to fill seat. If we can't fill the seat, potentially change the seat designation, especially with changing times (might be a new sector to represent).

B) The AC considered how or if AC members should declare a "conflict of interest". We recognize that most members of the AC have conflicts and it would be nearly impossible to get anything done if the bylaws restricted conflicted members from voting. Jason Bunch described the BGCSB process - members declare conflicts of interest, then the Chair decides if the member may vote. Work in progress.

C) Possible bylaw to specify that: a member of the AC is prohibited from representing their personal comments to the BOF, BOG or other bodies as being from the AC

Bylaws are a work in progress, they have not been voted on yet.

X. New Business:

1) Joint Board Proposals:

Proposal 1 – Require 1 month notice for election meetings and 14 day notice for regular meetings. Move to Adopt-Tyler Schmeil, 2nd-Alexus Kwachka

-it's hard to schedule that far in advance. Many members are frequently out of town and don't know their schedules.

-Regional support staff is not available until mid-September, making it more difficult to schedule early fall meetings

-there hasn't been a problem with the current requirements

Opposed 0-12



There was no interest in any other Joint Board proposals

2) Senate Bill 209/House Bill 294: Electronic monitoring of fishing vessels

- Discussion brought forth to keep everyone abreast of Bills.
- Observer monitoring is a good thing. Better data leads to more fishing time and more fish.
- Works well in the federal fisheries, with high accountability across the board.
- General support for the concept, but many issues need to be worked out: What is intent of data; Who owns data; is cost passed on to boats; which boats included, etc.

3) Ethics/Open Meetings Act Discussion:

- Discussion was to address an event that went down at the BOF meeting in January, 2024. An RC (RC044) was submitted by an AC member changing his personal position on an AC vote due to new information that came forth after the December AC meeting. 5 other AC members signed it before being submitted.
- The AC received letters from Northwest Setnetters Assoc., and from Lacey Berns alleging that the signers of RC044 may have violated the Open Meetings Act. The Chair said he received an informal opinion from BOF staff and Boards Support that they don't feel there was an OMA violation, but we are still awaiting response from the Dept. of Law.
- Members of the public believe it caused the BOF to not look at a Kodiak AC amendment and ultimately not support proposal 62.
- Members of the public and some members of the AC thought it undermined the AC work and process. Mr. Rohrer reminded us that the Kodiak AC has an excellent reputation before the Board of Game and he hopes we will repair our image in the Board of Fish process.
- The five current members of the AC which signed the RC all acknowledged that it was the wrong way to go about things and apologized. They had voted originally in good faith to try and bring something forward to the BOF.
- the correct way to do something is to file a motion to reconsider at a public meeting (must be done by an individual who previously voted in the majority)

Motion to file an ACR with BOF to reconsider proposal 62 by Rolan Ruoss, 2nd by Patrick O'Donnell

- Those supporting an ACR say the Open Meetings Act states that if there is an allegation of a violation, then the involved government body shall consider taking corrective action. The OMA lists reconsideration as a corrective action.
- Those opposed say it doesn't qualify as an ACR and that it would do more harm for the AC process



-2 members abstained as they were not present at original Dec. AC meeting

Opposed 5-5-2

Motion to write a letter to BOF by Alexis Kwachka, 2nd by Rolan Ruoss

- letter to detail our ethics and open meetings act discussion and lessons learned.
- letter to be written by AlexisKwachka and Rolan Ruoss

Passed 12-0

XI. Set Date of next meeting:

-To be determined, Chair will poll when meeting required

XII. Committee comments:

-RC's seem to be very effective. In the future we should submit an RC on important points brought forth by the committee so they are front and center to Boards and not lost in our minutes.

-participants on line have very difficult time hearing meeting, would like to look into a speaker system. Chairman will work with board support and Dept. to see what can be done

-Zoom meetings would be beneficial. Use of AI to help with minutes is a new thing and works quite well. Zoom has a function to do this. Chairman will look into it.

ADJOURN 9:19pm

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Chervenak

Minutes Approved By: Rolan Ruoss

Date: March 11, 2024





Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024

Call to order: Chair, Phillip Peter Sr. at 9:05 AM

- I. Invocation/ Moment of Silence
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Chair, Phillip Peter Sr.
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; 8 members were present. Because of dropped calls Some votes will show only 6 members. When quorum was lost due to dropped calls the meeting was put on hold until members could call back in.
- IV. Introductions
 - a. ADFG – Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support; Dave Runfola, Commercial Fisheries
 - b. Other agency staff – none present.
 - c. Members of the public – none who wanted to introduce themselves.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Approved unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From October 25-26th, 2023
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair’s report – Phillip Peter reported how the Board of Game meeting in Kotzebue. He thanked the AC members and the staff. He hopes to continue to help communities with these proposals. John Andrew, vice-chair, reported on different fish and wildlife issues that he has been involved with. Reports were made in Yupik and summarized in English.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Dave Runfola gave a brief summary of 2023 fishing season. Mr. Runfola said that they are preparing the completed season report right now; they are waiting on post season survey results for more info on subsistence. Mr. Runfola hopes they will be finished by the beginning of next month. The results will help with run reconstruction and then the department will prepare the forecast for the coming season.
 - ii. Preliminary Actions of the Board of Game made at the Western Region/Western Arctic Region meeting in Kotzebue was summarized by Savannah Hollingworth. The report is found in the meeting packet.
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business –
 - a. Robert’s Rules of Order – Savannah Hollingworth held class on Robert’s Rules of Order. The AC practiced what they learned as going through proposals.
 - b. Proposals to be addressed at the Joint Board meeting in Anchorage, March 25-28, 2024
 - i. Opinions expressed during the October Lower Kuskokwim AC meeting are retained in the chart below.

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1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
Support	6	1	Earl spoke in opposition. We are following the Open Meetings Act now. We already have a hard time getting together and this would be more burdensome. Feels that this is too long. May make it harder to meet. We are close to that anyway and don't see any reason to change it. Abstain – Adolph Lupic abstained because he thinks his village may be violating this rule. We are incorporated, not a city. This rule should be uniform across the board.
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
Support	8	0	We already do this.
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one. Earl, John Twitchell.
Oppose	1	7	Earl, John Twitchell. The AC worries that with one-year terms the officers will lose momentum and feel that a 1-year term is too short. Some members would like to change it to 3-year terms because we need to learn more about what we are doing. Nicholai Steven moves to change the term limit to 3-year terms. 2 nd by Earl. Why should even try if only 1 year? Staggered officer seats offer stability in the AC group. Members would like this to stay at 2-year terms and requests to make term limits for officers visible on the roster. Phillip Peter likes every year – “fine with me.”
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
Support			Earl, John Andrew
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder Taken from minutes of the 10/25-26/2023 meeting: 10/26-Support as amended 6-0. Amended to say that the secretary shall be a state paid position. The secretary should be a paid position or positions that covers all ACs in the state. Earl Samuelson, John Twitchell Sr.
Support as amended			Earl would like to add comments from last meeting. Approved unanimously. We have busy schedules out in the community. Henry will support because we all know we don't have secretary all the



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			time. A secretary can be one of the members or can be someone who is not on the AC. Earl said he would prefer statewide employee who fields all the AC meetings. Phillip Peter said we need a recorder paid by the state but he would like to see the recorder from the local area and who knows Yuktung. We used to have a recorder/translator who speaks and understands English and Yupik and whenever we don't understand she would help us interpret. John Twitchell thinks it should be up to the board to choose someone who understands Yupik and should be paid more than members because they are doing more work. Earl – suggests adding line to proposal “AC has the option of looking outside to hire for secretary/recording officer.” Lower Kusko requests that the Joint Board write a letter of support to the legislature, or whomever appropriate, to request that secretaries are paid for AC groups.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Draw	3	3	Earl, Henry. Henry asked if alternates can be elected by tribal councils. John Twitchell said alternates could be 2 nd choice to the main member chosen by the village. Tribal Councils could pick anyone by vote. Earl opposes because a quorum would be needed to appoint an alternate. Many members want their communities to choose their alternate and worry about going against the will of their tribal councils.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
Opposed	1	5	Earl Samuelson, Henry Parks. In Support: Earl said he likes 1-year terms for alternates because they can make sure that the alternate still wants to serve and likes this proposal much better than proposal 6, which would make it easier to appoint alternates. In Opposition: Henry voted no because he was voted on by IRA at a joint meeting. If I appoint my alternate delegate, there may be a conflict arise. If I appoint someone, if they decline that can be an issue too. Many alternates are chosen by the tribal councils or city




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			governments where they exist. Members do not want conflict with those government entities.
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
NA			Adolph, Henry
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
Oppose	0	7	<p>From 10/25-26 meeting: Opposed 1-5. Earl stated this is an important proposal. Adolph added that the members we keep are the ones we trust to get our voice to and should serve till they can't anymore.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson made a motion, Adolph Lupie 2nd. James Charles and Charlie Brown are examples of people who served until they can't anymore. Earl stated "we are supported by our communities through the votes. The voting process by the communities should stand. Last year we had a hard time reaching quorum."</p> <p>Savannah Hollingworth thanked the long-standing members saying that James Charles and Charlie Brown both served over 45 years, but the AC has John Andrew and Phillip Peter who have also served for multiple decades.</p>
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
Opposed	0	6	<p>From 10/25-26 meeting: Opposed 1-5. It would be complicated to fill this seat. A person who would fit the description would be hard to find.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson, Henry Parks. Comments are adequate.</p> <p>1 Abstention</p>
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
Support	7	0	<p>Supported 5-1. This would give flexibility.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson made a motion, John Twitchell 2nd.</p> <p>Adolph – When communities do not have members, we cannot reach quorum and we have to cancel.</p>
14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.
Opposed	0	7	From 10/25-26: Opposed 0-6. This proposal would be good if we could meet more, but we could only miss one meeting if this passed.



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			Earl Samuelson made a motion, Nicholai Stevens 2 nd . Earl – Since we only meet once or twice a year it would be a disadvantage for this group.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	7	0	From 10/25-26: Supported 6-0. Earl said he likes it. We have RCs already, but he sees no harm. Earl Samuelson made a motion, Nicholai Stevens 2 nd . Earl says he sees this as a tool that ACs could use at the meetings to increase participation. We have RCs but this gives another tool. When it comes to making regulations, it would give us a 2 nd chance to weigh in on it.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	5	2	Earl Samuelson made a motion, John Twitchell 2 nd . In Support: Adolph – When we were making testimony on 140 proposal, I think Board of Fisheries made a proposal themselves and we did not have an opportunity to express our concerns. Phillip said we don't have any chance when we have important questions. He said somebody should notify us before they decide important issues. Especially if we need to discuss. We need to know before the Board of Game or Board of Fisheries takes action and passes on to Fish & Game In opposition: Earl- think we have a fair system already where everyone has a chance to participate. This would put limitations on the Board.
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Earl Samuelson made a motion, Henry Parks 2 nd . Earl – I don't think this would hurt and could prevent situations like Board of Fisheries AYK proposal 136 last year and how that was amended. It displaced the intent of the proposal. This proposal would give them something to think about where they couldn't speak against the intent of the proposals. It was the opposite of what ONC had wanted. The Board changed it to their advantage.

XI. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting

- a. During the Lower Kuskokwim AC meeting on October 25-26th, 2023 Earl Samuelson was nominated and approved to attend the March Joint Board meeting in Anchorage.
 - i. Earl is still available and will attend the Joint Board meeting.
- b. Method to approve comments to submit to the Joint Board – the chair will approve.
- XII. Set next meeting date – Earl made a motion to set the next meeting date by call of the chair in the fall.
- XIII. Other
 - a. Earl thanks Phillip Peter for attending the Kotz meeting and the staff and hopefully will have a good summer.
- XIV. Adjourn – Earl Samuelson made a motion to adjourn, Nicholai Stevens 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.


3/11/24



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
March 6, 2024
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:02pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Herb	Mansavage	Chair	Present
2	Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game	Present
3	Gene	Sandone	Vice Chair Fish/ Secretary	Present
4	Birch	Yuknis		Present
5	Neil	DeWitt		Present
6	Dom	Nickles		Present
7	Steve	Bartelli		Present
8	Andy	Couch		Present
9	Austin	Manelick		unexcused
10	Aaron	Bloomquist		unexcused
11	Hunter	Hongslo		unexcused
12	Casey	Dinkel		unexcused
13	Danny	Lewis		Present
14	Robert (Bob)	Cassell		Present
15	Ed	Soto		Present
ALT	Colton	Connor	Alternate	Present
Alt	Bruce	Privett	Alternate	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

8/ 13 present, including Alternates

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

none

IV. Guests Present:

Pete Imhoff

V. Approval of Agenda

a. Danny/Gene



VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

already approved.

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business:

BOF UCI Report

Andy Couch and Gene Sandone provided a detailed report on the Board of Fisheries decisions. (See attached document.)

Joint Board Proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting:

- a. Herb Mansavage

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XII. Set next meeting date

- a. Next meeting date will be 3-27-24

XIII. Other

Adjourn 9:36 p.m.



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPPOSE	0	13	CON: dealing with many proposals. Difficult to give more notice on regular meetings.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	1	12	<p>PRO: brings in people who cannot attend in person; also, members that are out of the area can participate.</p> <p>CON: options for call-in and zoom may not be available; don't want to say that you can't have a meeting because of the inability to have a call in or ZOOM.</p> <p>Info: department should make this happen. Provide technology to ACs.</p> <p>PRO: good idea for listener call-in; but would not want it to be mandatory for a meeting.</p>
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
SUPPORT	7	6	<p>PRO: good to have the elections every year so people who want to be an officer can be nominated.</p> <p>PRO: there are new members every year; give new people a chance at being an officer.</p> <p>CON: takes a couple years for a new member to figure out the system. They would need a good grasp of Robert's rule. The officer who was in the position for two years could be a good mentor.</p> <p>CON: experienced members bring a lot of expertise to the Committee.</p> <p>PRO: gives the AC the opportunity to vote out officers who may not be doing a good job.</p> <p>Neutral: sometimes officers want to drop out; or want to resign but committed to the commitment.</p> <p>COMMENT: Mat-Valley has always elected officers for one year instead of two.</p> <p>PRO: gives opportunity to replace officers every year if need be. Officers can be elected for successive terms.</p> <p>Info: Proposal only changes regulatory language from two to one (years)</p>



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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
			PRO: secretary position is tough need to be elected each year
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
SUPPORT	10	3	PRO: not all ACs know the role of the Chair. Makes it clear to all ACs what the Chair is responsible for. PRO: no continuity over all ACs CON: already in the rules, no need to put it in regulation
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
SUPPORT	8	5	PRO: housekeeping; added recorder because some ACs though that the position should be given to a female. Info: the secretary/recorder does not have to be a member. CON: don't need a "recorder" addition; don't want to give credibility to the thought that secretary needs to be a female. Con: waste of time, makes the regulation book thicker CON: double speak; proposal is not clear. PRO: might need someone who is not a AC member to take minutes in some ACs PRO: department has a broad view; knows what is going on. Therefore, the responsibilities and duties of the recorder must be clarified.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
NO ACTION			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
NO ACTION			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
OPPOSE	0	13	PRO: this proposal would add a lot of complexity to the elections PRO: terms are set; there is no need to change them. if a member resigns, then the alternate could fill the seat for the term PRO: not a problem; don't fix it. CON: no more than 1/3 of the terms expire is problematic



9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE	0	12	CON: maintains experience members on the Committee CON: term limits are not a good idea. CON: half of our committee would be gone if this was the rule.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	12	CON: difficult to get someone to fill the non-consumptive seat CON: AC membership is not limited; anyone can seek a seat on the committee
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
OPPOSE	0	12	See Proposal 10 comments. CON: ACs make comments on consumptive regulations; It is not appropriate for ACs to have a nonconsumptive use seat. CON: We didn't have any nonconsumptive applicants for membership
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
SUPPORT	7	5	Housekeeping: AC does not have the authority to deny an elected member from taking a seat. PRO: if a seat is vacant, and there is no one to fill it, a person could nominate him/herself, vote for him/herself and be an elected member.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
SUPPORT	12	0	Housekeeping.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
OPPOSE	0	12	Con: Proposal is not specific, 50% of what? CON: already have regulations in place addressing this issue. CON: some AC have only have 1 or 2 meetings a year. How would this proposal affect these ACs
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
TAKE NO ACTION			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
TAKE NO ACTION			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
SUPPORT	7	5	CON: Board-generated proposals at board meetings should be banned. Some AC members voted in opposition to this proposal because they believe that Board-generated proposals should be banned. Info: the board will do what they want to do regardless of what this regulation says PRO; Gives the AC and the public a chance to review Board Generated proposals at Board meetings and comment.



18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	9	3	PRO: while some members support the premise, they believe that this proposal encourages the Board to make a board-generated proposal. AMENDMENT: REMOVE SECOND BOLDED UNDERLINED SENTENCE; <u>Each board shall not make amendments to any proposal that change or reverse the intent of a proposal. The board will defeat, table, or take no action on that proposal and then develop a board-generated proposal to accomplish the action they feel is needed.</u> VOTE 11-1
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TAKE NO ACTION			
20	Assign community designated seats on the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee by community.		
TAKE NO ACTION			

Adjournment: 9:36 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Gene Sandone
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage
Date: 3-11-24



McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee Election Meeting
Friday, January 26th, 2024 at 11:00 am
McGrath City Office

Meeting: McGrath Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024.

Time: 11:00am to 5:00pm

Location: McGrath City building, conference room, internet, and phone

In Attendance: Lewis Egrass, Brett Gibbons, Josh Peirce, Patrick Simasko, Jason Carter, Brad Sturm, Shane Ransbury, Doug Carney, Ken Deardorff, Jimmy Nikolai, Jesse Grady, Andrew Runkle, Daryl Petruska, Betty Ross, Clinton Goods, David Runfola, Luise Standish, Kyle

Actions taken:

1. Roll Call
2. Motion to approve agenda by Egrass, 2nd by Nikolai.
3. Motion to begin elections by Egrass, 2nd by Gibbons.
4. Motion to nominate Egrass for reelection, 2nd by Nikolai. Egrass accepts. Unanimous approval.
5. Motion to nominate Brad Sturm and Jason Carter by Gibbons, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval.
6. Gibbons opens nominations for Brad Sturm and Jason Carter. Unanimous approval.
7. Marty Runkle requests undesignated seat. Nominations are opened by unanimous vote, and closed by unanimous vote.
8. Officer elections. Egrass nominates Brett Gibbons for Chair, 2nd by Carter. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
9. Egrass nominates Jesse Grady for vice chair, 2nd by Gibbons. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
10. Egrass nominates Brad Sturm for secretary, 2nd by Gibbons. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
11. Reports.
 1. David Runkle gives report on Fish and Game Fisheries.
 2. Gibbons gives chair report. Discusses his involvement with the unit 19C sheep working group.
 - Petruska nominates Gibbons for AC Rep to unit 19C Sheep Working Group, 2nd by Egrass. Egrass comments on Gibbons as best option. Unanimous vote.
 - Josh Peirce gives report on area wildlife. Discuss Moose numbers, Hunting trends, Intensive management, Caribou monitoring, Proposal 66, Sheep data, Bison numbers.
 - Petruska asks Trooper Simasko if troopers are spread too thin in 19C. Simasko answers no.



- Petruska asks Peirce if November is the best time for counting moose. Peirc due to antlers and snow.
- Petruska comments that we need to be aggressive in protecting Sheep in 19C.
- Proposals.
 - 43-46. Egrass motion to TNA with comment that we wait for Sheep Working Group findings, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval.
 - 48. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval.
 - 49. Egrass move to Support with rivers Main stem Kuskokwim, Takotna, North Fork, East Fork, South Fork, Middle Fork, Nixon, Big River, Salmon, Innoko, Windy, and Pitka Fork, 2nd by Gibbons. Unanimous approval.
 - 50. Egrass move to oppose, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 51. Deardorf move to TNA, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous Approval
 - 52. Carter move to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 53-54. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 55. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 56. Gibbons move to support with amendment that unit 19a have a positive finding of 4300-5300 and harvest of 175-225, unit 19b have a positive finding of 5900-7200 and harvest of 235-290, and unit 19e have a positive finding of 3300-4000 and a harvest of 130-160, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 57. Grady move to support, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 58. Egrass move to support, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - 59. Egrass move to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 60. Egrass move to support, 2nd by Andrew Runkle. Unanimous approval
 - 61-62. Gibbons move to TNA with comment that we support the concept of predator control, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 63. Grady move to TNA, 2nd Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 64. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 65. Egrass moves to support, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 66. Grady moves to support with comment the this is to be implemented and managed at the discretion of the Area Biologist, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 67. Deardorf moves to support, 2nd by Andrew Runkle. Unanimous approval
 - 68-72. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 73. Grady moves to support, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 74. Grady moves to support, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval



- 75. No Action
- 76-88. Egrass moves to oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
- 89-90. Gibbons moves to TNA, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
- 91.
 - Gibbons moves to support, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - Gibbons move to retract proposal 91 vote, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - Gibbons move to TNA with comment we support 19D sheep management group plan development, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval

27. 92. Egrass moves to support, 2nd by Gibbons. Unanimous approval

28. 93-107. Doug Carney gives reasons for support. Grady moves to support with addendum A, 2nd by Sturm. Unanimous approval

1. Addendum A: Following

Black & Brown Bear Regulations for GMU 19 & GMUs 21A & E Standardization of Regulations.

The many proposals for liberalization of bear regulations for these GMUs, (93-107), illustrate the differences in regulation between them & the benefits of regulation standardization, as well as the need for liberalization of bear regulations, increasing deer harvest.

There is unanimous support the villages of 19E for proposals 10, 101, & 103, which are specific to 19E. This includes support for proposals that are for similar regulation change in all 19 and 21 subunits. There are resolutions of support from the Village Councils within 19E, Documents E, for these proposals and for the Bear Plan SHAC is submitting

Building on the content of bear proposals, many of which come from 19 & 21 advisory committees

- SHAC agreed that making 19B & C the same, and also making 19A, D, E & 21 A&E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- Listed below & in the table, are liberalization & standardization of seasons, bag limits, and baiting regulations in 19 and 21A & E. They will be positive changes for village safety, hunters, enforcement, and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in these subunits

Brown bear:

Unit 19B and 19C

Aug 10 - June 30

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 - June 30 & Aug 1 - Oct. 31

Units 19A, 19D, 19E, 21A and 21E (contain villages)

No closed season

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 - June 03 & Aug 1 - Oct 31

Black bear:



Unit 19, 21A, 21E

No closed season

5 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15- June 30 and Aug 1- Oct 31

No harvest ticket required

- Joint Board Proposals
 - 1. Carter moves to oppose, 2nd Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 2. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 3. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 4. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 5. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Sturm. Unanimous approval
 - 6-7. Egrass moves to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 8. Sturm moves to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 9. Petruska moves to oppose, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 10. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - 11. No action
 - 12. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 13. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 14. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 15. Grady moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 16. No action
 - 17. Sturm moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 18. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
- No one is assigned to attend the Fairbanks Board of Game meeting, or the Anchorage Joint Board meeting.
- Next meeting date is to be announced.
- Doug Carney expresses gratitude for everyone's involvement
- Nikolai moves to adjourn, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
OPPOSE	0	10	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
NO ACTION			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
NO ACTION			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
NO ACTION			
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
OPPOSE	0	10	



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14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		

Minutes Recorded By: Brad Sturm
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



Middle Yukon River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 9:00 am
JP Jones Community Center located at 2400 Rickert Street in Fairbanks, AK
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** Percy Lolnitz (Chair)
- II. **Roll Call:** Percy Lolnitz (chair), Arnold Demoski (vice chair), Howard Beasley, Fred Huntington, Leo Lolnitz, Tom Kriska, Michael Stickman (alternate)
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 7
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Glenn Stout, Kyle Campbell, Christy Gleason, Deena Jalen, Sam Decker, Angelina (NA)
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** Jeremy Havener, Marie Cleaver, Betty Ross, Jenny Bryant (Boomer)
- VI. **AC Member Introduction**
- VII. **Approval of Agenda** (Michael motion, Arnold 2nd) (Motion Carries, 7-0)
- VIII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** N/A
- IX. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports (Introduce Cade Kellam, Assistant Galena Area Biologist) (Christy Gleason, Fall Season Manager) (Deena Jalen, Summer Season Manager Updates) (Glenn Stout, Galena Area Biologist Report)
 - c. Others
- X. **Public Comment**
- XI. **Old Business**
- XII. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion on the Ambler Road Environmental Impact Statement (Erin ?, BLM)
 - b. Discuss House Bill 201 / Senate Bill 171 regarding residency requirements for hunting and fishing licenses (REP. Rebecca Himschoot) (Senator Jesse Bjorkman) (Support, 7-0)
 - c. Update and discussion on Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group (Michael Stickman)
 - d. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – comments due March 1st
 - e. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th
- XIII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**

BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: Tommy Kriska (Percy motion, Fred 2nd) (Motion Carries, 7-0)

Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: Michael Stickman (Arnold motion, Tommy 2nd) (Motion carries, 7-0)
- XIV. **Set next meeting date and location:**
- XV. **Other**
- XVI. **Adjourn** (Michael motion, Arnold 2nd)



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7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
SUPPORT	7	0	(Arnold motion, Tommy 2 nd)
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE	0	7	(Howard motion, Arnold 2 nd)

Minutes Recorded By: Arnold Demoski (vice chair)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, December 8th, Beginning at 10:00 AM, 2023

In Person at the St. Mary's City Hall, St. Mary's, AK

Draft Agenda

By Phone: 1(253)215-8782

Meeting ID: 886 6214 4229

Participant ID: 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88662144229?pwd=twgVo1otjdj7TSXClzwi6yorxxacZ.1>

Call to order: *Chair, Bill Alstrom.*

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Bill Alstrom.*

	<u>Mountain Village</u> Stanislaus Sheppard Alt. Mathew Waskey	<u>Andreafski</u> William Alstrom Alt. George Beans	<u>Marshall</u>	<u>Pilot Station</u>
Present				
By Teleconference				
Absent				
Abs/Excused				
	<u>Pitka's Point</u> William Riley	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson Alt. Wassily Alexie	<u>St. Mary's</u> Peter Tyson Alt. Sven Paulkan	
Present				
By Teleconference				
Absent				
Abs/Excused				

- III. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- IV. Welcome and Introductions: *Chair, Bill Alstrom*
 - a. ADFG:
 - b. Other Agency Staff:
 - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves.
- V. Approval of Agenda:
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 17, 2023
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports
 - ii. Wildlife Reports
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Western Arctic/ Western Region Proposals
 - b. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals



c. Joint Board Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals			
January 26-29, 2024 Kotzebue, AK			
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2			Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow.
3			Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A.
4			Align caribou seasons in Unit 26A and Unit 23 and reduce the bag limit.
5			Reduce the bag limit for caribou for RC907 resident hunters in Units 23 and 26A and change the nonresident hunt to a registration permit with additional restrictions.
6			Close the Mulchatna caribou herd to hunting for five to ten years in Unit 18.



9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
13	Increase the bag and possession limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		
17	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.		
Federal Subsistence Management Program 2024-2026 Wildlife Proposals			
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Committee and OSM			
WP24-20	Unit 18, Modify moose harvest limit and expand delegated authority for winter season.		
WP24-22	Unit 18, Establish a customary and traditional use determination for mainland musk ox.		



WP24-23	Unit 18, Establish a hunt for mainland musk ox		
Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals March 15-22, 2024 Fairbanks, AK			
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		



107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
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			communities.
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17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
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XI. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Meeting Dates	Topics	Location	Comment Deadline
Jan. 25, 2024	Work Session	Kotzebue National Guard Armory	Jan. 18, 2024
Jan. 26–29, 2024	Western Arctic/Western Region <i>GMUs 18, 22, 23, and 26A</i>	Kotzebue National Guard Armory	Jan. 12, 2024
Mar. 15–22, 2024	Interior and Eastern Arctic Region <i>GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C</i>	Fairbanks Pike’s Waterfront Lodge	Mar. 1, 2024

JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME Meeting Dates	Topics	Location	Comment Deadline
Mar. 25–28, 2024	Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Processes for Adopting Regulations, Advisory Committee Closures, and Subsistence Uses.	Anchorage	Mar. 11, 2024



- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, February 2nd, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Native Movement Building
60 Hall Street, Fairbanks AK
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 3:00pm (AK)
- II. **Members Present:** Carl Frank (co-chair), Olivia Irwin (co-chair), Kathleen Demientieff (vice chair), Charlie Titus Jr., Andrew Jimmie, Cameron Winfrey, Louis Silas, Victor Lord, Lawrence Ketzler, Eva Burk, Philip Titus (alternate)
Members Absent: Donald Charlie, Alex Hanna (alternate)
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Alida Trainor
- IV. **Guests Present:** Jim Simon-TCC, Mark Richards- Vice Chair of FBKS AC and Resident Hunters of Alaska, Rep. Rebecca Himschoot, Sen. Jesse Bjorkman, Joe Felkl - Legislative Liaison for ADFG
- V. **Public Comment**
 - a. Jim Simon- I'm pleased to see our representatives and senators who put forward these bills. I want to provide my support. My father would contact law enforcement, not wanting to give Chitna dip permits to folks they know are not residents.
 - b. Cameron Winfrey- Thank you to everyone for being here
 - c. Victor Duke Lord- Bills to do with the fish coming here from Nome, I appreciate if they will listen to that bill in Nome
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** January 16th, 2024 -Approved
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. House Bill 201 / Senate Bill 171 regarding residency requirements for hunting and fishing license
- Rep Himschoot: We appreciate you, you all are volunteering your time for your community
 - i. Problem: People come in from out of state who are considered residents technically due to having a domicile (Could be a boat, a storage unit, etc.)
 - ii. Started in Prince of Whales- Folks taking advantage of resident bag limits

-Will this affect Tribal member's ability to harvest Potlatch moose? No, 5 AAC 92.019 does not protect the right to harvest Ceremonial use to only Tribal members as the regulation exists, and section e specifies resident status must be held to go on the hunt



**Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent for AC to submit Letter of Support to Legislature on
HB 201/ SB 171**

Additional Comments

Duke: We see this problem in Nenana, I think this is an excellent bill to adopt

- b. Moose discussion with Tony Hollis on moose counts, results, department concerns, means and methods, surveys, maps, and questions from AC members

(See attached [Preliminary 2023 Moose Count and Antlerless Harvest](#))

Eva: 20B Harvest Rates? Tony didn't have them with him and couldn't tell us the Harvest rates

Charlie: Lack of Moose- could it have been the antlerless hunts? Tony, no it was that hard winter of 2021

Tony: 2009, Moose in 20B was high 20,000 so we had an opportunity to have an antlerless harvest

Moose survey → 45 minute arial fly, surveying one of those small blocks which represent randomly chosen areas to survey

Carl Frank: Can we have a Minto Flats Moose Management plan?

Eva Burk: Want to survey 20C!

Jim Simon: If our Tribes were able to secure funding, would the department be interested in a collaboration to do a more intensive count?

Tony: The problem is access to planes, we do have limited planes and a lot of people have to share them

Tony: We put 30 radio collars on Bulls to track them in the fall (so we know a better count) in September, exact location data is protected, Tony can share with us the range of where they were. Willing to take Carl and others out in Super Cubs

Carl: How will collaring bulls help the count?

Tony: It won't make the counts more accurate, but since we do surveys in Nov and people hunt in Sept we wanna see where they are when people are out hunting

Olivia: How can we be sure this real-time data isn't used for non-ethical purposes? This means that the department knows exactly where moose are within our Traditional territories at any given time, is there a guarantee that this won't negatively impact our communities?

Tony: I will have access to the data but it is protected by the department

Jim: Cited AAC Statute that ensure the department's protection of data



c. Joint Board Proposal 19- Fairbanks Non-Sub Area

1. Eva: Regulations are currently opening rivers for subsistence, folks up in the FBKS non-sub area would then be opened up to subsistence fishing that normally wouldn't be. Increased area open to subsistence area.
2. Charlie: Years ago Livengood made a proposal to open up an area of their community and it would have made everyone on the south side of the Yukon River subsistence fishermen, this proposal would
3. Jeep: Increasing opportunity for others outside our area?
4. "We can't afford any more nets in our river" Victor Duke Lord

d. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – *comments due March 1st*i. Antlerless Moose Harvest Reauthorization for Unit 20B ([Proposal 178](#))

1. Chair asked for a motion to be made, motion, second, vote: Unanimous Opposition
2. Andy Jimmie made a motion to reconsider, Charlie Titus seconded
3. Discussion
 - a. Charlie- Only supporting because of the small area that's identified in the proposal
 - b. Jim- Tony please clarify, you said you couldn't open up the Minto Flats Management area for antlerless hunts. If the proposal passes, Tony is then permitted to open it up if he wants. Regulation that allows antlerless hunt will remain on the books
 - c. Tony- Will not open the antlerless hunt permits outside of the city
4. Votes:
 - a. Any Jimmie: Support
 - b. Charlie Titus: Support- Our culture doesn't support antlerless/cow harvests, but if people are getting injured or Tony says we need to use them in a small area then yes, I support
 - c. Kathleen Demientieff: Support
 - d. Eva Burk: Support, however I don't support antlerless hunts. I don't feel like we have enough information about numbers, but if Tony says he would only open the hunt in a small area of the Fairbanks Non-Sub Area to avoid road collisions then I support- Hesitant to support
 - e. Louis Silas: Support



- f. Carl Frank: Support, I'm voting with my Elders, but I don't really support cow hunts, it's not what we do in Minto, but if Tony says it's going to save people from moose collisions in that little area then I'll support- hesitant to support
- g. Cameron Whinfrey- Support
- h. Olivia Irwin: Oppose, our AC has historically opposed this hunt, its against our cultural and traditional beliefs, the department needs to find other alternatives to human problems such as road collisions, killing off cow moose that would otherwise be supporting the growth of the population is not a solution

5. [Proposal 210](#) - Unanimous Opposition

- ii. Other Board of Game Proposals as brought forward for consideration by AC members

Charlie Titus: There isn't enough communication between Minto-Nenana, people making decisions without us. It's not like it used to be, we used to meet all the time to talk.

Kyle: I will say the department doesn't have funds to support another in-person meeting of the AC

- e. Board of Fisheries Proposal 43 regarding hatchery production of salmon – *comments due Feb 8th*
(see attached [Board of Fisheries Proposal 43](#) and [RC021 Clarification on Proposal 43](#))
 - i. Gale Vick asking to reduce hatchery production
 - ii. Eva: Motion to support proposal 43
 - 1. Proposal 43, Passes, Unanimous Consent
(see comments in table below)
- f. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – *comments due March 11th*
 - i. Proposal 6, unanimous support (see comments in table below)

IX. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**

BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: Eva Dawn Burk & Carl Frank

Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: Carl Frank & Olivia Irwin

X. **Set next meeting date and location:**

XI. **Other**

XII. **Adjourn 5:27PM**



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

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6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
SUPPORT	8	0	<p>This proposal will allow advisory committees with many villages/communities represented to have designated alternatives per community. It is important that the department recognizes the ACs which maintain the burden of holding space for multiple communities (ex: Koyukuk River represents 6 communities) have as much access to department resources as an AC representing only 1 community. There is no more travel funding for meetings for Koyukuk AC than Fairbanks AC, for example. Hosting in-person meetings for ACs such as Minto-Nenana is difficult and inaccessible. Therefore, without consistent in-person meetings, lack of funding for ACs growth, and difficulties reaching quorum, our communities continue to face inequities in the AC process. Our AC sees adding additional alternatives as a partial solution to ensure when we meet we're able to reach quorum, young people and community members are able to join in the efforts as alternates and learn the process. We see this as an opportunity for AC success, mentorship and expansion of this knowledge and advocacy onto our young people and throughout our communities, and equitable opportunities for all ACs, rural and urban.</p>

Minutes Recorded By: Olivia Henaayee Irwin

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Petersburg ADF&G Advisory Committee
12/13/2023
OBI Cookhouse

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Max Worhatch
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Max Worhatch, Bob Martin, Ted Sandhofer, Megan O'Neil, Joel Randrup, Kaleb Baird, Kirt Marsh, Paul Menish, Anthony Taiber, David Benitz, Ben Case

Members Absent (Excused): Jerry Dahl, Don Spigelmyre, Brandon Ware, Frank Neidiffer
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Thomas Kowalski, Jeff Rice
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. Approval of Agenda: passed unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: passed unanimously
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: Chair reported as of the Homer BOF meeting, Proposal 59 will no longer be taken up at the Kodiak meeting.
 - b. ADF&G: Advised that Jeff Rice is now the sport fish biologist for the Petersburg management area
 - c. Others: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: The Board voted to elect Anthony Taiber, Ben Case, and Jerry Dahl for additional terms. And voted to elect Nyle Thomas to fill the seat vacated by Clyde Curry. Passed unanimously
- XI. New Business: The AC adopted and voted on the following Joint Board Proposals

Proposal 2 Supporting a call-in option is a lot of work for the Secretary and Chairs. At times we make



it happen for meetings that we expect a large portion of the community will want to participate. However, we don't want to make it a requirement since sometimes its too hard to find a meeting space or equipment to use. FAILED 0-12

Proposal 3 Officers have been operating under two year terms and it has been working well for our AC. There is always the ability to step down if someone finds they don't have the time to be an officer. One member felt they may choose to take on an officer role if the terms were shorter. PASSED 11-1

Prop 4 The language in the proposal matches the practices of our AC, but there was opposition to the proposal by members that don't want additional regulations that could lead to mistakes and less compliance by the AC. PASSED 11-1

Prop 5 Members supported the clarification that someone other than the Secretary or an AC member can help take minutes for the meeting as a recorder. PASSED 11-1

Prop 6 Although the Petersburg AC does not have community designated seats, members had no problem with the idea of designating specific alternates to ensure a community is always represented at an AC. PASSED 12-0

Prop 8 Currently our member terms expire in the summer and we don't have time to get a quorum until the fall/winter. Essentially 1/3 of our Committee is expired for six months. This would provide more flexibility and reduce the amount of months seats are expired. PASSED 12-0

Prop 9 At times we struggle to get enough participants to keep our AC at the maximum 15 members. Members don't want to lose community members that want to show up and contribute over term limits. FAILED 0-12

Prop 10 Petersburg AC has a large number of undesignated seats that anyone can join under, members don't see a need to add this new seat designation that fewer of our community members would fall under. FAILED 0-12

Prop 12 Members support clarifying the current provision for nominations to empty undesignated seats. PASSED 12-0

Prop 13 This matches our current practices that expired terms stay on until we hold a meeting at which time we find out if members are interested in being nominated for another term or wish to vacate a seat. PASSED 12-0

Prop 14 In years that are not SEAK Board of Fisheries or Board of Game years, we only hold one or two meetings. This threshold is too high to remove members in these off years. FAILED 0-12

Prop 16 Members support removal of these ACs to reduce the amount of work Board Support has to spend on mailing and outreach to these ACs. PASSED 12-0



Proposal 17 Members are not supportive of the BGP process and felt this proposal may encourage or enable more of them. There was concern there wouldn't be enough transparency for the public at large if select AC's are able to review a BGP that would be voted on in less time than a regular proposal is. FAILED 0-12

Prop 18 Members liked the intent of the proposal, but had concerns it's not a black and white threshold to decide if an amendment is too far from the original. PASSED 10-1 1 Abstention

XII. Set next meeting date: To be determined in the fall

XIII. Other: none

XIV. Adjourn 8:28 p.m.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: ___Megan O'Neil___
Minutes Approved By: ___Max Worhatch___
Date: ___12/21/2023___



SEWARD FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

SEWARD REAL ESTATE OFFICE

THE SEWARD LIBRARY, ORIGINALLY THE DESIGNATED MEETING SITE, WAS UNOCCUPIED AND THE MEETING WAS MOVED.

1. CALL TO ORDER, JIM MCCRACKEN, 1925.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: JIM MCCRACKEN, WC CASEY, BOB WHITE, MARK CLEMENS. ATTENDING TELEPHONICALLY WERE AC MEMBERS MAILIE BRANSON , DIANNE DUBUC AND STAFF MEMBER FARI FERNADEZ. NUMBER NEEDED FOR A QUORUM 6.
3. STAFF REPORTS, NONE.
4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT, NONE.
5. OLD BUSINESS, NONE.
6. NEW BUSINESS
JOINT BOARD PROPOSALS ATTACHED.

KID FISH 2024: KID FISHING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18. A NEW VOLUNTEER, KARI BOULDEN HAS CONSENTED TO SPEARHEAD THE EFFORT WORKING THRU SEWARD PARKS AND REC. THE PREVIOUS HEAD, KEN CARPENTER HAS TURNED OVER ALL EQUIPMENT ON HAND AS WELL AS CONTACTS FOR DONATIONS.

ELECTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 3 YR TERMS: DIANNE DUBUC. MAILIE BRANSON, NATE SMITH WITH DEREK BRANSON ELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2-YEAR TERMS: JIM MCCRAKEN, CHAIR. DIANNE DUBUC, VICE CHAIR. ANDY BACON, SECRETARY.

THE SEWARD AC RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE REGIONAL GAME BIOLOGIST, JASON IN HOMER, ASKING US TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 3 GAME PROPOSALS. PROPOSALS 197, 198, & 199 ALL SEEK TO ESTABLISH COW MOOSE HUNTS IN THE PLACER RIVER, KALGIN ISLAND, & HOMER, AREAS. WE VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, TO THE THREE. THE NO VOTES WERE IN SUPPORT OF BILLY MILLER, A GAME GUIDE AND LONG TIME SEWARD AC MEMBER. BILLY MILLER SPOKE CLEARLY: "YOU DON'T KILL COWS IF YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN THE HERD. ANY RANCHER KNOWS THAT."

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2.
8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2115.



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	6	<p>Maker of motion, Dubuc. Casey seconded.</p> <p>The status quo is good enough. 1 month & 14 days are excessive. The public's attention span is not that long. We believe this proposal is outside of the Public Meeting Act as adopted by the State.</p>
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	6	0	<p>Dubuc, Clemens.</p> <p>All agreed this is a good proposal and should include Zoom also</p>
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	6	<p>Dubuc, White.</p> <p>The present cycle works fine. People are not standing in line to be elected to the Seward AC. It's hard enough to get people to serve.</p>
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	6	0	<p>Dubuc, Casey.</p> <p>We viewed this a housekeeping proposal. It is not unreasonable, will get everyone on the same page, and causes no undue burden.</p>
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	0	5 1 abstain	<p>Clemens, Dubuc.</p> <p>While we acknowledged the Dept. for attempting to become politically correct, Robert's Rules governs. Robert's describes this position as Secretary, not Recorder. Cannot be in direct conflict with Robert's Rules of Order.</p> <p>1 member abstained stating she didn't care one way or another.</p>
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
	6	0	<p>White, Casey.</p>

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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
			We agree that an AC member should be able to put forward a nomination if none is forthcoming from the community.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	No action based on prop 6.		
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	0	6	Dubuc, White. The South-Central ACs all have different election dates. If an AC wants to have a full 3-year term, they could hold elections 6 month earlier.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	6	White, Casey. There is little to no interest from the public in Seward to be involved in the AC. Experience counts. Familiarity with local issues, the board process, and personal relationships with other AC members, Board members, and Staff are vitally important.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	6	Dubuc, White. We have no designated seats on the Seward AC. All of our members are citizen sportsmen who have both consumptive and non-consumptive priorities.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	No action bases on Prop 10		
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	No Action		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	5	1 Abstain	Dubuc, Clemens. Does not apply to ACs with undesignated seats. Establish across the board regulations for all. Housekeeping.

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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
			The abstention stated this proposal did not apply to us.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	1	5	Casey, Clemens. Issue is attendance of members. Hard to get people to serve.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	6	0	Dubuc, Clemens. ACs have long felt not listened to at the Board level. If the Board wants additional information from an AC, it goes thru the chain to the Director of Board support, then to the Regional Board Support person who then brings it to the AC. If passed, ACs would get additional opportunity for input.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	1	4 1 Abstain	White, Casey. It's difficult to establish again if it goes away. Leave it alone. 3 towns have less than 100 people. Must have 5 members to hold a meeting. The abstention felt conflicted.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	6	0	Dubuc, White This proposal passed as amended. The amendment read: The Seward F&G Advisory Committee is not in agreement with BGPs which are contrary to the regulatory proposal process. How is it possible for the Board to be unbiased when voting to approve or disapprove their own proposal?
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	0	6	Dubuc, Casey. Often amendments are for the betterment not the detriment of a proposal. The Board should not have its hands tied. This issue may better be addressed under regulation.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
			No action on 19 & 20. Out of our area of expertise.

Meeting Minutes By: Dianne Dubuc
Approved by: Jim McCracken 3/11/2024



Excerpts from draft Minutes Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee March 6, 2024 pertaining to Joint Board Proposals:

NSRAA Meeting Room and Zoom Began 6 PM

AC members present:

Schuyler Mace Hand troll

Josh Chevalier Subsistence

Moe Johnson Seine

Karen Johnson At Large

Dick Curran Longline

John Murray Power Troll -vice chair

Tad Fujioka Processor- secretary

Spencer Chute Charter

Steve Ramp Resident Sport Fish

Eric Jordan At Large

Woody Cyr Trapping

Scott Wagner Alternate

Stacey Wayne Shellfish- chair

Aaron Prussian conservation

Joel Martin Alternate

AC members absent (excused): Luke Bastian-Guide, Moe Johnson-Seine, and Kent Barkau-Hunting

ADFG Staff present:

Annie Bartholemew- Board Support

Public: Cody Mosely USFS; Jeff Feldpausch STA; Kyle Rosendale STA; Eric Garner District Ranger USFS; J. Serio USFS; Ashley Bolwerk USFS; Greg Cain- charter operator; Forrest Braden SEAGO

M/S Proposal 1: Double the length of required public notice for AC meetings

- This would be excessive. ACs are already held to the same standards as the Sitka Assembly and local government has far more authority than we do.
- One week notice is the longest that we can tolerate. Anything longer would greatly impair our ability to operate since we frequently don't know whether or not we need to reconvene until the end of a meeting. We could only meet every other week if we had to give two-week notice. That would be very inefficient.
- The current system isn't broken. It doesn't need fixing

Proposal Opposed 0-14



M/S Proposal 2: Require AC meetings be accessible by dial-in

- This is too much responsibility to expect of a volunteer chair. While Stacy (current chair) and Heather (most recent former chair) have done a very good job allowing for remote participation, we have had a hard enough time getting someone to volunteer. If your only willing candidate didn't want to/didn't feel capable of incorporating remote participants, it would be better to have an in-person only meeting than no chair, and thus no meetings.
- This is addressing something that isn't a problem
- Annie Bartholomew: Some ACs currently don't have the ability to allow call-in participation
- It is more important for the Sitka AC to hear from local Sitkans than to hear from out of towners. We should prioritize listening to the people in front of us.
- Call-in option improves accessibility for members who are temporarily out of town

Proposal Opposed 4-10

M/S Proposal 3: Reduce length of officer terms to 1 year from two

- One year isn't long enough to get a feel for the responsibilities of chair; if you only serve a year you haven't had the opportunity to provide much service
- Under the current system we have staggered the terms so that the entire officer slate doesn't ever turn over. This provides stability.
- A newly elected officer can always resign if they find out that they decide that they don't want to continue in that role.
- This is a ADFG proposal. Why do they care?
 - Department comments justifying the proposal were read aloud
 - Yeah, I read them too! That's why I asked the question! That paragraph didn't explain why!

Proposal Opposed 0-13-1

M/S Proposal 4: Defining responsibilities of ACs chairs

- I support this if it helps Board Support
- This is another ADFG proposal. What was the intent? Why was it submitted?
 - Intent is to standardize the AC work
 - If access to technology isn't uniform, it is not appropriate to expect uniform output.

Proposal supported 9-4-1

M/S Proposal 5: Rename the Office of Secretary

- This proposal doesn't really do anything, but it is inoffensive.

Proposal supported 14-0

M/S Proposal 8: Allow flexibility in date of AC elections

- The current summer dates don't work for us, and probably not for many ACs in Alaska. Who can get a quorum in the summer?
- We already do this anyway. Let's get this changed so we don't have to hide it.

Proposal supported 14-0



M/S Proposal 9: Limit number of consecutive terms allowed

- Eric: While I have served 46 years on the AC, they haven't *all* been consecutive. I took two years off! Over that time, we have had invaluable committee members that have served for a long time.
- We have a hard enough time filling seats as it is without booting off an experienced willing volunteer.

Proposal Opposed 0-14

M/S Proposal 10: Require a non-consumptive seat on ACs

- This doesn't define non-consumptive
- We have a Conservation Seat. Would that count?
 - Conservation includes consumptive uses on a regular basis
- Sounds like this was submitted by someone with an anti-trapping agenda
- It would mean kicking someone off or adding another seat. In our case, we are already at the maximum allowable number of members, so it would require getting rid of a current member
- Local ACs should be allowed to designate seats as they see fit. There is a lot of difference between communities throughout the state.
- This could cause particular problems in multi-community ACs since adding a new seat or restricting access to an existing seat would potentially disturb the political balance
- I have a philosophical problem with telling another AC how they should designate their seats
- This seems like the proposer is trying to solve a local problem via a proposal that would affect the whole state

Proposal Opposed 0-14

M/S Proposal 12: Require that anyone who wants one be given a seat on an AC unless already at maximum number of members

- This would make it too easy to stack a committee. The seats are intentionally staggered so that only about 1/3 of them are up for election in any one year. This proposal would allow a special interest group to take over many seats at once
- There is an existing provision that AC members must meet certain minimum requirements regarding reputation and character. This would override that provision to the detriment of the AC system.

Proposal Opposed 3-11



Proposal 16: Remove certain inactive ACs

- Is it a problem that these inactive ACs remain in existence?
-Annie Bartholomew: Not really. They don't create any additional work for me. If this were to pass, they would need 5 members to restart an AC if they wanted to.
- Per the statutes, it looks like the Boards can already do this if these ACs have been inactive for a while.

No motion was offered;

M/S Proposal 18: Prohibit BoF/BoG from distorting a proposal to the point of reversing the original intent

- BoF has a policy against doing this already
- I support the idea of not changing the intent of the proposal, but the Boards routinely amend proposals, usually for the better. They need to continue to retain that ability.

Proposal supported 14-0

Minutes Recorded By: Tad Fujioka
Minutes Approved By: John Murray (by phone)
Date: 03/11/2024



Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
November 3, 2023 , 12:00 noon
Myles Gononganan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall
Unalakleet, Alaska
In-person and via Teleconference
Call 1-253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 495 277 1108 passcode: 1

I. Call to Order

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

II. Roll Call (7 quorum)

Jacob Ivanoff – Chair	Present
Renaë Ivanoff- Secretary	Present
Morris Nassuk – Vice Chair	Present
Wes Jones	Excused
Gary Eckenweiler	Present
Kelsi Ivanoff	Present
Matilda Hardy	Unexcused
Randy Takak	Unexcused
JD Richardson	Present
George Flynn	Present
Keasha Steve	Present
Dominic Richardson	Unexcused

III. Nominations and Officers Elections

Gary Eckenweiler nominated Clayton Mixsooke to be elected to the vacant Unalakleet seat.

JD Richardson moved, seconded by George Flynn to approve nominations and the election of Clayton Mixsooke. The question was called. There was no opposition.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sara Henslee, Alicia Carlson, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Georgie Phillips, Shawna Karpovich

V. Guests Present: Clayton Mixsooke, Reese Huhta

VI. Approval of Agenda

Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff. There was no opposition.



VII. **Review Previous Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2023**

Gary made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of April 26, 2023, during the next meeting, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. The question was called. The motion passed.

VIII. **Reports**

a. Chair's report

Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to approve Chair Jacob Ivanoff's verbal report, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. The question was called. The motion passed.

Jacob Ivanoff gave reminder updates on Board of Fisheries Summary of Actions that took place in February at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands and Chignik Area Finfish Meeting and action items that are current or have taken place following the failure to adopt proposal 140. He also informed the committee that there are several fishing vessels in Area M that were ticketed for "chum chucking" during the 2023 commercial fisheries season.

b. ADF&G staff reports

Kevin Clark summarized the commercial salmon and crab fisheries for the season. He noted mixed results for salmon, with overall poor escapement in eastern Norton Sound and adequate escapement in the northern subdistricts. He also gave insight to how seasonal weather patterns influenced salmon enumeration projects this season. There was discussion on depressed salmon returns relative to environmental conditions, heat stress, interception, bycatch, and high escapement pink salmon years. Suggestions were made regarding subsistence salmon openers; however, Kevin noted that Unalakleet and Shaktoolik would likely face more fishing restrictions in 2024 in efforts to conserve Chinook salmon. In addition, Kevin addressed regulation stipulations for opportunities to target pink salmon with beach seine gear versus set net openers.

Sara Henslee provided an update on moose surveys in GMU22. Upcoming aerial surveys are scheduled near Shatkoolik and Koyuk and will be dependent on weather. It is anticipated that a browse survey will be completed during the spring of 2024 in the Unalakleet area with an abundance survey scheduled for 2025. There was discussion regarding the winter moose hunt in GMU22. The RM844 winter hunt opens December 1 – January 31 with a quota of 10 antlered bulls.

IX. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

X. **Old Business**

c. Area M Fishery Review/discussion



Jacob Ivanoff gave an update on the Agenda Change Requests (ACR) 2 and 3 to reduce commercial fishing time, repeal chum salmon harvest triggers, and reduce commercial salmon seine depth in Area M and noted that both ACR's failed during the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game work session that took place in October. In addition, he noted that there is currently one bill in the senate and one bill in the house to close the Area M June fisheries. There was discussion regarding triggers or caps and the political scrutiny this topic arises and ultimately a consensus that the advisory committee shall proceed in any positive way to continue to support this ongoing issue.

XI. New Business

d. GMU 22A, RM841 discussion of extension

There was discussion to modify seasonal dates in GMU22A for the RM841 hunt (currently September 1 – September 30) and the RM844 hunt (currently may be announced December 1 – January 31). This discussion outlined pros and cons with extending the RM841 hunt into October and a consensus was made that any remaining quota of antlered bulls after September 30 should roll over into the RM844 hunt.

e. Board of Game Proposals (refer to page 5-9 for further discussion taken on the following proposals)

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to support proposal 2. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 3. The question was called. Kelsi Ivanoff, JD Richardson, and Gary Eckenweiler chose to abstain from supporting proposal 3. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 18. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Renae Ivanoff moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 19 with amended language "The hunter does not have to submit any of the horn surrounding the eye socket to ADF&G." The question was called. There was no opposition.

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 20. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Renae moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 22. The question was called. There was no opposition.



Kelsi moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 23. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.

Renaë moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 24 with amended season dates for the GMU22A RM841 hunt (August 1- September 30) and the RM844 hunt (December 1 – February 28). The question was called. There was no opposition.

JD Richardson moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 190. The question was called. There was no opposition.

- f. Joint Board Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals (refer to page 10-11 for further discussion taken on the following proposals)

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Keasha Steve to support proposal 3. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 9. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 10. The question was called. Motion failed 0 – 7.

XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s)**

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renaë Ivanoff for JD Richardson to attend the BOG meeting in Kotzebue occurring January 26 – 29, 2024 with Kelsi Ivanoff as the alternate. The question was called. The motion passed.

XIII. **Next meeting date**

The next meeting date is set for March 2024.

XIV. **Other**

Jacob Ivanoff gave an update on behalf of committee member Wes Jones to remind AC members that proposals for crab are due April 10. Action items for these proposals will take place during the next meeting scheduled for the spring of 2024.

XV. **Adjournment**

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renaë Ivanoff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.



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1	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in Units 23 and 26 for resident hunters when it is determined sheep hunting can be allowed in those areas.		
No Action			
2	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow.		
Support	7	0	With the Western Arctic caribou herd is continuous decline in recent years, effort to improve caribou survival, especially cow survival, by reducing human harvest is one way that the chances of a population rebound may increase.
3	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A.		
Support	4	0	There was discussion that nonresident hunters are targeting large bulls over cows. With proposal 2 addressing efforts to improve caribou survival, especially cow survival, there was input that nonresident hunters do not play a significant role in the decline of the Western Arctic caribou herd. Following that discussion, the amount necessary for subsistence users for resident hunters was addressed and there was input that subsistence opportunities supersede any other harvest opportunities by nonresident hunters. Sarah Henslee gave some additional information stating that harvest for nonresident hunters was 300 caribou with an overall harvest of 12,000 caribou for both resident and nonresident hunters. She also gave insight that the Department is neutral on this proposal and there is not a biological concern in GMU22.
4	Align caribou seasons in Unit 26A and Unit 23 and reduce the bag limit.		
No Action			
5	Reduce the bag limit for caribou for RC907 resident hunters in Units 23 and 26A and change the nonresident hunt to a registration permit with additional restrictions.		



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No Action			
6			Close the Mulchatna caribou herd to hunting for five to ten years in Unit 18.
No Action			
7			Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM617 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.
No Action			
8			Extend season dates for moose hunting in hunt RM617 in Unit 18.
No Action			
9			Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.
No Action			
10			Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.
No Action			
11			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.
No Action			
12			Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.
No Action			
13			Increase the bag and possession limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
No Action			
14			Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.
No Action			
15			Allow the subsistence take of muskox in a portion of Unit 18.
No Action			
16			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.
No Action			
17			Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.
No Action			
18			Open the caribou season in a portion of Unit 22A.
Support	7	0	There was discussion that there is a residency of caribou outside of areas known and that some caribou herd populations have strayed into GMU22A. With small strays of caribou populations in this area, the biological concern conserving the overall Western Arctic herd population is very low as concentrations of the main herd is further north of the



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			Seward Peninsula towards the Brooks Range. This proposal would prevent resident and nonresident hunters from being penalized for targeting caribou in GM22A.
19	Change the trophy destruction requirements for muskox taken in Unit 22 subsistence hunts.		
Support as Amended	7	0	<p>There was continued discussion regarding the important aspect of subsistence hunting by using as much of the animal as possible. This proposal would allow subsistence users to make use of the horn for crafts and other personal significances.</p> <p>The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee passed a motion to support proposal 19 with the following amended language: <i>“The hunter does not have to submit any of the horn surrounding the eye socket to ADF&G.”</i> In accordance with the following proposal, the hunter would still have to submit the jaw to ADF&G.</p>
20	Change the bag limit for Tier II muskox hunts in Unit 22 to one muskox every two years.		
Support	7	0	There was discussion on stipulations regarding the Teir II musk ox hunt as it is a weighted drawing based on a scoring system that awards subsistence permits to users that rank higher in the scoring system. This systematic hunt generally allows certain people to obtain subsistence permits year after year as they continue to secure their rank. This proposal would give a chance for other user groups to participate in the hunt that are less likely to obtain a subsistence permit even though applying year after year.
21	Establish season dates for the harvest of cow muskox in the TX095 and TX096 Tier II hunts in Unit 22C, beginning August 1st and ending October 31st.		
No Action			
22	Establish a minimum caliber for moose hunting in Unit 22A and a portion of Unit 22B.		
Support	7	0	
23	Revisit the Amount Reasonably Necessary for subsistence uses for moose in Unit 22.		
Oppose	0	7	There was discussion that the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for moose in GMU22A are being met and that this proposal does not pertain to all game management users in Unit 22. There was a consensus that moose from other areas are continuing to



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			move into the area. This proposal should focus on specific regional game management unit areas instead of the game management unit as a whole.
24	Modify the winter season for moose in Unit 22A.		
Support as Amended	7	0	Sara Henslee gave background information on this proposal to remove the requirement for the Department to announce the winter moose season in GMU22A and would give the flexibility to administer the registration permit hunt RM844 during the full range of season dates. The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee passed a motion to support proposal 24 with the following amended season dates: RM841 hunt: August 1 – September 30 RM844 hunt: December 1 – February 28
25	Close the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22C.		
No Action			
26	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22E by two weeks, to open on August 15.		
No Action			
27	Align the resident seasons for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E with those in Unit 22B.		
No Action			
28	Change the Unit 22D and 22E nonresident brown bear drawing permit hunt to a general season hunt.		
No Action			
29	Increase the number of brown bear drawing permits available in Unit 22B for DB685 to 40 permits or change DB685 to a registration permit.		
Support	7	0	There was a consensus that with the abundance of bears in the area, this would be beneficial to all user groups.
30	Extend the trapping season to year-round for muskrat in Unit 26A.		
No Action			
31	Liberalize the moose bag limit in a portion of Unit 26A and expand the hunt area.		
No Action			
32	Change the boundaries of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area and allow the City of Anaktuvuk Pass, the Nunamiut Corporation, and the Naqsrarmiut tribe to set the dates the CUA is in effect.		
No Action			



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33	Reduce the Unit 26A sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years.		
No Action			
34	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in portions of Unit 26A for residents only when it is determined sheep hunting can take place in those areas.		
No Action			
35	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries and expand the state hunt areas.		
No Action			
36	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
No Action			
37	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
No Action			
38	Close all nonresident caribou hunting in Unit 23.		
No Action			
39	Lengthen the brown bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to no closed season.		
No Action			
40	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year-round.		
No Action			
41	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year.		
No Action			
42	Consolidate the nonresident brown bear registration permits into a single, unit-wide fall registration permit and a single, unit-wide spring registration permit.		
No Action			
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.		
Support	7	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee supports this proposal submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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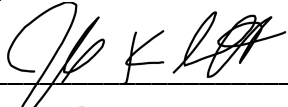
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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
No Action			
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
No Action			
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that it is difficult enough to fill election officer seats for rural advisory committees and reducing the terms from two to one years would not be beneficial.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
No Action			
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
No Action			
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
No Action			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
No Action			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
No Action			
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that it is difficult enough to fill election office seats for rural advisory committees and limiting the number of consecutive terms members can serve would not be beneficial. This proposal should focus on regional specific locations.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that part of the roles of advisory committee members are to be knowledgeable regarding consumptive use that is relative to Board of Game regulations. Designating one season on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation would not be beneficial without such knowledge.

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11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
No Action			
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
No Action			
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action			
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
No Action			
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
No Action			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
No Action			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
No Action			
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
No Action			
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
No Action			

Minutes By: Renae Ivanoff

Minutes Approved By: 

:  12/14/23

Date: November 16, 2023



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 11P.M.

Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377 (Chair) If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals, and meeting time is limited.”

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Doug Carney at 11 am

Chair then called attention to the Wildlife Safeguard info on agenda

Roll Call & Quorum

The roll call was done –

Red Devil – Barb Carson & Ruby Egrass present

Sleetmute – Doug Carney and appointed alternate Susan Hubbard present / Frank Egnaty unavailable

Stony River – David Bobby & Tom Willis absent

Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Ursula Graham present

A Quorum of 6 was reached.

Others Attending

Boards Support Regional Coordinator Kyle Campbell

ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist Josh Peirce

Alaska Wildlife Protection Trooper Patrick Simasko

SHAC member additions -

Are there any proposals members want the committee to comment on, other than those listed on this agenda?
No additions were asked for.

Approval of Agenda was given

Chair –

- The proposal indexes I sent out to members should help you with are discussions and approvals.
- There are quite a few proposals for us to go over. Most of them won't take a lot of discussion, since they are easy to spot as being for or against the best interests of the residents & prey populations of 19E, 19, and the Interior Region.
- The Joint Board proposals can be viewed similarly in regard to advisory committees' ability to function & their effectiveness.

Reading of & Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Nov.14, 2022 SHAC Meeting by Barb - approved
- Minutes of the Oct. 18, 2023 SHAC ACR Meeting by Doug - approved

Vice Chairman Barb – BOF / Fisheries Update

At the Jan, 2023 BOF Meeting, nothing SHAC proposed passed. The lower Kusko was closed quite a bit – Upriver was not. We still have dual management – a lawsuit is still pending.

Salmon escapement & health –

- King –Escapement goals were met, but the Kogruluk & Kwethluk Weirs were not running., **due to high water.** Data from other sources confirmed escapement was met.



- Red – Had good escapement / Kogrugluk was not running. Telequana weir had double the escapement of last year
- Chum – stronger than last year with better #s, but still poor. Kogrugluk still not running.
- Silver – Very strong run w/ good escapement, and fish were larger. Both Weirs were running.

Chairman Doug – Introduction

- ***SHAC's Agenda Change Request was approved by BOG on Nov.16. It has become Proposal 208 for the March meeting. The proposal promotes changes to some conditions of the RM682 hunt in 19E. They are - to allow Proxy hunting, to delete the "one permit per household" condition, & to add 5 days to the hunt, (Sept. 1 -10.)***
- There are 21 sheep proposals & 16 bear proposals – mostly brown bear.. A lot of those are duplicates of each other, so it won't take that long to go through them. There are a couple proposals that stand out, & there will probably be more discussion on those.
- The Joint Boards, (BOF & BOF members), proposals deal mostly with advisory committee makeup and regulations. If approved, these proposals will affect SHAC's ability to meet and continue to be an effective committee – either positively or negatively. An index of these proposals is attached to the same email.

ADF&G Area Biologist Josh Peirce Report

Did GSPE surveys of 19A & C. Described BCFA size

- GSPE Survey & Composition Survey results for 19E and McGrath Area were given, with discussion of herd health indicators. Gave data from both surveys. 40 bulls to 100cows / 28 calves to 100 cows
- 2023 Hunter success for RM682 was given 29 permits – 15 hunted, 7 killed.

Chair – SHAC Comments

I hope you all had time to go over the proposals online, as well as to look over the indexes I sent for both the BOG & the Joint Boards meetings.

March 15-22, 2024 BOG Interior proposals

Regional & Multiple Unit Proposals

- Josh helped explain & answer questions on 47, 49, 50,
- Discussion- Bad weather is main reason sheep crashed. Slow recovery rate – about 15 years the last time. Eagle predation is 30%.
- 49 – For purposes of this prop. - SHAC decided that the main rivers are the Kusko, Holitna, Hoholitna, Stony, Swift
- 50 – **Strongly Oppose – singed fur.** Doug will make a comment to the RAC, asking what they were thinking when they wrote it.

McGrath Area – Units 19, 21A & 21E

- BOG proposals 53-57 concern ANS & Intensive Management - Josh led discussion & answered questions on those proposals.
- Josh & Doug will come up with our own IM numbers for SHAC to give BOG for proposal 56 – IM harvest and population objectives for 19A, B, & E.
- 57 is to fix an admin. error. Replace 19A with 19E in codified.
- Support 60 - McGrath AC to establish IM in 19C
- 65 is ADF&G IM Plan.
- 66 McGrath AC proposal was made before comp count was done. SHAC will support if McGrath does.
- 67 - SHAC will support it, if McGrath still wants it
- Doug led discussions on proposals 68-72, & gave info on creation of CUA – 40hp in 19E. GMU18. people trying to udo conditions of RM682 hunt. Doug will send 1992 BOG summaries of Actions & Findings to SHAC members.



- The main reason the sheep population plunged is due to severe weather – they can't feed. There was much discussion on the various sheep proposals, where the committee agreed that 19C sheep should stay closed, and allow the BOG Working Group that is being formed to determine what is to be done besides the recent closure.. So SHAC opposed all sheep proposals – 43-46 & 76-90. SHAC then supported 91 & 92. 91 is a APHA proposal of support for the BOG Working Group. 92 will close non-res. sheep hunting in 19B.
- There was discussion on the brown bear proposals. SHAC supports 93 – 107, with a preference for 97, which includes raising the Brn. bear bag limit to 2 bears. There was agreement that standardizing the regs in the subunits of 19 and 21A & E would be a positive thing for hunters and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in those subunits.
- SHAC agreed that Josh & Doug will work on language for a program to suggest to BOG. Making 19B & C the same, and 19A, D, E & 21 A & E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- SHAC has 4 proposals – **54** is asking for an ANS setting for 19E / **100**- no closed season for Brown bear in 19E / **103** – increase Brn bear bag limit in 19B & C to 5 bears. / **208** – Is from our ACR that will change RM682 hunt conditions to allow proxy hunting, delete the one permit per household condition, & add 5 days to the hunt – Sept 1-10.

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The main view & statement by SHAC is that **“One size does NOT fit All ACs”**.

Also, SHAC members are disgusted with what they view as micro-managing through regulation telling us how to run our committee. IF the boards want a bunch of ACs that are hamstrung by regs that severely limit or make an AC's existence or function impossible, then that's exactly what they'll get.

- Term limits & regulations that force members off committees, bleeds them of experience & knowledge.
- ACs in rural Alaska represent small communities that meet once or maybe twice a year.
- These committees exist so these communities can express what they know about fish & game in their areas and what they would like to see regulations say.
- SHAC members don't think more regulation helps a bit with this
- Also, SHAC is **our** committee - we are capable of making decisions about who represents us and how they do it. This includes terms lengths.
- We do not want undesignated seats forced on us.
- We don't need or want “non-consumptive seats” mandated. For SHAC & other rural ACs, that would be bringing an enemy inside the camp.

There was discussion on most of these proposals, which is reported in the comment forms.

Adjourn

SHAC adjourned at 1:22 pm



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Oppose	0	5	This is far too long a time in advance. Weather dictates if/ when we meet more than anything else. 2nd to that is seasonal subsistence activities.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Oppose	0	5	The phones & internet often do not work in rural areas – both are on satellites. Some of the buildings SHAC meets in, don't have teleconference hookups.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose	0	5	This would be a disaster & not work or serve SHAC's ability to function. There are not that many people to choose from for members. The learning curve to be a contributing member would lose longtime members' experience & knowledge. Assuming the communities have the right to, they can select their members as they see fit. People don't like or want to be herded around, especially when an AC is there to represent a certain community.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	5	0	Clarification is fine. Don't add any more regulatory wording to it.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	5	0	The ability to use a recorder that may not be an AC member is a good one. Call the position whatever you want. Clarification is a good thing. But you must be kidding – since when does the word "secretary" confuse people as to gender? It's silly.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Support	5	0	Of course, this should be up to each committee! Appointing an alternate for these small, remote ACs must be done fairly often, and right before a meeting as well.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		



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Oppose	0	5	One-year terms loses the knowledge and experience of those who are interested and committed to the process. Let each AC decide this for itself
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
Support	5	0	Why not? This is another example of a reg that works in one place won't in another. Let the community that is represented decide this for their own committee.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	5	Again – one size does not fit all. This loses knowledge & experience of longtime members.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	5	Absolutely NOT! A mandate that is counter-productive. Why would SHAC want someone with a totally different worldview to be part of our committee? This amounts to bringing an enemy inside the camp. (see # 11 & 12 comments)
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
Oppose	0	5	This would be another mandate. Why force committees to have an unwanted member cause dissension at every single meeting? If approved, this would be saddling those ACs with someone adverse to most members' views and needs. (see #10 & 12 comments)
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
Oppose	0	5	Another mandate! SHAC does not want people from outside our area serving as members - causing division and dissension on our committee.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Oppose	0	5	While this might be a necessity for larger, urban committees, with a waiting list of people who want to be committee members, this is not the case in rural areas like ours.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Oppose	0	5	Mandate! This would create another dictatorial regulation.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Oppose	0	5	The committee didn't understand what this proposal was trying to say.



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16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
NA			SHAC knows nothing about this issue. Let ADF&G handle it
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
NA			SHAC has seen the boards generate proposals that have worked well. That ability has cut through a lot of red tape in the past (see #18 comment)
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Oppose	0	4 1abstain	This is similar to Proposal 17, and is an attempt to limit the board. We attended meetings where the board “saw through” attempted manipulations or misrepresentation of issues, and was able to clean things up very quickly once it became aware of the truth of a matter. (see #17 comment)
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Non-subsistence Area.		
NA			SHAC is not familiar with these issues. This is better left to the FBX AC, area residents & ADF&G

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

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Susitna Valley Advisory Committee February 27, 2024 Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Bryan Kirby
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Todd B., Todd K., Steve H., Robert. Mark, Bryan

Members Absent (Excused): Eli
Members Absent (Unexcused): Dave
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present: NONE
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Fari via zoom
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. Approval of Agenda Steve 2nd by Robert
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Amending of 12.14.23 Mark, 2nd by Todd B
 - b. 1.23.24 Mark, 2nd by Robert
- VII. Public Comment None
- VIII. New Business
 - Joint Board Proposals See attached
 - Discuss Submitting AC Generated Proposals for the BOG Central/Southwest Meeting Cycle- Due May 1
 - o Send email to Fish and game asking for Moose numbers in 13E, 14B, 16B, 16A.
- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. TBA
- X. Other NA

Adjourn: Robert 2nd Todd B.

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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	6	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	0	6	This would require Fish & Game to provide a meeting place and infrastructure for every AC meeting. Not all of the meeting locations have an infrastructure to support this. Example sometimes the Susitna AC will meet in a large room at a local eating establishment.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	6	0	This is what we do already as an advisory committee.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	6	0	This is what we do already as an advisory committee.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
			NO COMMENT
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
			NO COMMENT
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
			NO COMMENT
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	6	0	We agree with this
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	6	This would kill the Susitna AC. This AC was brought back to life by a group and we are always looking to get more people but if we are limited by terms then this AC in 3 years would not exist.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	6	We already have a hard time finding people to be on the AC. With having one seat designated this has the ability to keep us from making a quorum



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11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
			NO COMMENT
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	6	0	We agree that everyone has the opportunity to be part of the AC and a vote should be the reason someone does or does not make it on the board
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	6	0	This allows stronger wording for board members to be removed for not taking part in the AC business.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
			This is address by proposal 13
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
			NO COMMENT
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	0	6	By removing these AC's you are not allowing those areas to have a voice in the process. Susitna AC was dormant for a number of years until a group got together and wanted this area to have a voice once again. This would not have been possible if the AC was dissolved.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	6	0	This helps to provide checks and balances. This AC could see where it could be hard to get an AC meeting together within the 24 hour suggested time but also realize that the board needs to act on the action during their meeting
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	6	0	We agree that the board should not have the authority to make amendments to a proposal that contradicts the intent.



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19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
			NO COMMENT

Meeting minutes approved by Bryan Kirby
2.27.24



Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting **Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am**

The Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee discussed and voted on Joint Board proposals on February 15-16, and again on February 26, 2024. All of our votes on proposals are included in the comments below.

- I. **Call to Order:** 10:04 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Ray Woods, Robert Erhart, Curtis Sommer, Cliff Wiehl
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Olivia Irwin, Serena Fitka, Brooke Woods, Diloolo Erickson
- V. **Adjourn**
February 16, 2014 11:25

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 1:00pm

- I. **Call to Order:** 13:20 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Robert Erhart, Millena Jordan
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Allen Barrette
- VI. **Adjourn:** 14:10



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Oppose		7	Our committee acknowledges the value of more advanced public notice regarding AC business, but ultimately opposes this proposal. The passage of this proposal would inevitably hinders ACs ability to quickly identify and take action on local issues of conservation, unforeseen regulatory effects, and unexpected events that effect or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Support	7		Our committee supports this proposal as the call-in/Zoom option allows us to conduct our business. Additionally, the call-in/Zoom option provides the public with greater access to engage in the public forum for local fish and wildlife conservation and use.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose		7	Our committee unanimously opposes this proposal because the adoption of this proposal would reduce our committee’s ability to participate efficiently and bureaucratically. Our committee believes it takes at least one year for officers to learn the AC system effectively enough to accurately represent and advocate on behalf of multiple communities and users.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	7		Our committee supports the proposal to formally incorporate the chair’s roles and responsibilities outlined in the ADFG AC Manual into regulation.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	7		Our committee supports the proposal to formally incorporate the secretary/recorder’s roles and responsibilities outlined in the ADFG AC Manual into regulation.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		



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Support	7		A majority of our committee members serve multiple essential roles that keep our communities operating smoothly (road, runway, electricity, broadband, water and sewer maintenance, public safety, receiving gas and heating fuel, and postal services to name a few examples). The passage of this proposal would be a significant step to improve our committee's ability to conduct business and take fish and wildlife action on behalf of our communities.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
Support	7		Additionally, the adoption of proposals six and seven would make space for youth and Elders participation, the transfer of local and generational knowledge, as well as provide an opportunity for interested peoples to learn the regulatory system. The incorporation of youth and Elder perspectives to the AC system by way of this proposal promotes ACs ability to perform their functions under 5 AAC 96.050.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose		7	Similarly to the comment for proposal 3, our committee unanimously opposes this proposal because the adoption of this proposal would reduce our committee's ability to participate efficiently and bureaucratically. Our committee believes it takes a great deal of time and investment to learn the AC system effectively and accurately, and as stated in the prior two comments, our community members fill multiple essential roles making it challenging to conduct committee business
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose		7	Our committee values the intention of this proposal and recognizes the equity it seeks to implement. However, our committee strongly believes that our communities are heavily dependent on subsistence. Not only do our communities abide by State and Federal wildlife regulations, but the people in our communities are further governed by Indigenous and Traditional knowledge that has been developed over thousands of years and has been transmitted for hundreds of generations. The values and practices baked into our cultures are rooted in ecosystem management and sustainability, making space for humans and animals to live together in balance. The passage of this proposal would create additional challenges, hindering our committee's ability to operate efficiently and effectively.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Support	7		Our committee unanimously supports this proposal to clarify the process to fill expired AC seats.



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14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Support	7		As stated multiple times in prior comments, our committee members fill multiple essential roles in our communities. However, we also believe our committee members need to be invested in order to conduct committee business effectively.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
Oppose		7	Without timely access to relevant socioeconomic characteristics and resource data, our committee must rely upon our observed understanding of socioeconomic characteristic changes since the last time the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area was brought before the Joint Board in 2013. Whether or not areas of the FNSA have road access or not, the current area is highly accessible, therefore our committee fears reducing the nonsubsistence area would pose biological concerns for all those resources in the area. Because of the high accessibility, our committee believes urban land use characteristics are fairly reflected onto the rural undeveloped areas because it is largely those domiciled in the greater Fairbanks area using the resources.

Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman
Minutes Approved By: _____



**Upper Lynn Canal AC
February 15, 2024
Meeting held via Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 17:45 by Mark Sogge
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: 8 - Mark Sogge, Derek Poinsette, Rafe McGuire, Ryan Cook, Teresa Katzeek, Kip Kermoian, Jessica Plachta, Kathleen Menke

Members Absent (Excused): 8
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nicole Zeiser
- IV. Guests Present: Chilkat Valley News
- V. Approval of Agenda - approved, unanimous
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - approved, unanimous
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report – Mark Sogge reported on testifying at state legislative hearing on the governor's executive order to abolish Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council. Everyone who spoke at the hearing opposed the executive order. Only one in support was the governor's own appointee.
 - b. ADF&G - none
 - c. Others - none
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business - Joint Board Proposals (below)
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting - none
- XII. Set next meeting date - none



XIII. Other - none

Adjourn at 19:05

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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
			No action
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
			No action
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	8	Two years is a reasonable term for officers. It takes time to learn the job and one year isn't enough.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
			No action
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
			No action
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
			No action
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
			No action
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	8	0	This will make it more flexible for some committees to work around fishing seasons and other timing limitations.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	8	Experience is good for AC members and the AC process. Elections can replace seats as needed without relying on specific term limits.



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10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
			No action
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	5	3	This would promote diversity on AC boards, and provide a definition of non-consumptive users. OPPOSITION: This proposal is not necessary.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	8	0	This would promote inclusivity and clarification of process rules.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
			No action
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
			No action
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
			No action
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	0	8	We support maintaining Klukwan AC and all others in SE AK, even if they are not currently active. The cost of maintaining these committees on the books is nothing for the state. Local input on natural resource management is very important and should not be put just in the hands of State managers.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	8	0	More public review will help the board process be more effective and provide for more public scrutiny and opportunity for input.
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	8	0	Makes very clear that the intent of a proposal should not be changed by the board in its final amendment process.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
			No action
20	Assign seats on the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee		
			No action

Adjournment:



Minutes Recorded By: Poinsette
Minutes Approved By: Sogge
Date: February 15, 2024