



**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

Joint Board: March 25-28, 2024

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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			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 thought 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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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	
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OPPOSE	0	10	
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OPPOSE	0	10	



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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=twgVo1otjdj7TSXClzwi6yorxxacCz.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			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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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.		
<u>Federal Subsistence Management Program 2024-2026 Wildlife Proposals</u>			
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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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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1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those



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			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.
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.



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17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.

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**



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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: _____