



**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
**Game Subcommittee: Bass Pro Shop 10/10/2017, 10/17/2017 Wm Hernandez Hatchery, and**  
**10/24/2017 Full Anchorage AC meeting at the Wm Hernandez Hatchery**

**October 10, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: 6:31pm by Frank Neumann
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: J.R. Gates, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, and Tyler Loken.  
Members Absent: None  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3  
List of User Groups Present: Officer Darby from the Alaska State Troopers.  
Guests present: None  
  
At 7:30 changed from 7 voters to 6.

**October 17, 2017**

- III. Call to Order: 6:21pm by Frank Neumann
- IV. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, and Tyler Loken.  
Members Absent: J.R. Gates  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3  
List of User Groups Present: Dave Battle (ADFG) and Cassidy Colson (ADFG).  
Guests present: None

**October 24, 2017**

- I. Call meeting to order: Kevin Taylor, 6:33pm
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet: Complete
- V. Establish a quorum: 9 out of 15, quorum established. Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, Ernie Weiss, Shawna Williams, Bryce Eckroth, Kevin Taylor, and J.R. Gates. Excused Absent: Dino Sutherland, Brian Nelson, Marty Weiser, Frank Neumann, Kenny Rogers, and Tyler Loken.
- VI. Approve Agenda: Bryce Eckroth motioned to approved agenda, Neil Dewitt seconded.
- VII. Introduce Department Guests: Dave Battle (ADFG)
- VIII. Approve Minutes of prior Meeting: Neil DeWitt motioned, Phillip Calhoun seconded.
- IX. Public testimony: John Frost, MD came to discuss his proposals for this cycle (archery proposals, an improved methodology for drawing hunts based on overall hunt preferences, and same day flying/hunting). We also had David Lazer.
- X. Committee Reports: Notes: All proposals that were unanimously supported or opposed by the Game Subcommittee of the Anchorage Advisory Committee were changed to 9-0 and 0-9, respectively (the number of ACC members present).
  - Game - Matt Moore; Discussed proposals: 2, 5, 6, 24, 25, 30, 36, 37, 44, 46, 49, 52, 55, 59, 64, 69, and 164. Did not discuss 18-23 (related to falconry) as the proposers/user group did not show up as Requested and the AAC does not feel comfortable in the amount of knowledge on the subject to take action.



- Fish Chair-Kevin Taylor; Discussing proposals: 17, 22, 37, 38, 42, 42 at the November 7 meeting.
- XI. Old Business: Frank Neumann will be the AAC member present at the BOG meeting in November 10-17 in Anchorage, Alaska.
- XII. New Business: None
- XIII. Adjourn: 8:17pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Cabela’s conference room, located at 155 W 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6:30 pm Agenda will include finalizing comments on the BOF PWS proposals.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Support	9	0	This AAC supports this proposal because we believe it is better to not have as much gray area in the regulations. The statutory definition is different from the dictionary definition. The AAC supports looking for ways to clarify the regulations so that they know that they are not breaking the rules.
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
Support	5	4	Those that support this proposal stated that the youth are going to be with the adult and under supervision which means that they are safe. Getting the youth in the field and learning is the best way to raise children. Believe that the adults should be given the chance to give their children the opportunity to learn how to hunt. Starting at 8 years of age is supported. Because this is ‘youth hunt’ (not a general hunt), youth must take a hunter education course. This can be cumbersome and a hinderance in remote areas of Alaska. Members of the AAC support this as it would fall under the general season requirement. Some support the idea that adults should be able to hunt elsewhere in the State after their youth has harvested an animal. Those opposed because of the over-allocation of resources. The adults are being given a privilege to take their children hunting in the early season, should consider that to be enough. Suggest the author rewrite and separate into 3 different proposals.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
No Action	N/A	N/A	AAC thinks that the Department should discuss the idea. No AAC members felt strongly enough about this proposal to discuss.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed, because the current law is sufficient. Hunters can always salvage as much of the bird as they like.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	8	1	Those support because they think that this proposal attempts to clarify the regulation but think that it makes it more confusing and/or difficult in the field to determine. Considers the spike within the first two inches of the head. Support the Department in this effort. This proposal is focused mainly on spike forks and think that this proposal is in



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			support of the hunters. Opposition stated that there may be times that you could not see the extra tine within 2 inches of the head after weeks of studying; this complicates hunting.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Opposed	0	9	Opposition stated that some of the larger furbearers could be harmed by trapping and that the trappers are potentially profiting off the animal and there is no financial benefit to the State. Further, there may be people that set additional traps to ‘incidentally’ take more animals. Department opposes it because of the potential abuse.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
Support	9	0	Support because you can tie a string to the bow and shoot a beaver and easily retrieve it from a boat. This proposal attempts to clarify the regulations
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No action	N/A	N/A	Supporters discussed the idea of landing, calling, and shooting an animal. Support being able to hunt animals if a lot of time and effort (i.e. flying in) was made. The differentiation between wolf and wolverine as opposed to coyotes are that wolf and wolverine are considered big game species and not furbearers. If this proposal was to pass there would have to be a predatory control program per the Alaska Statute. Suggest taking no action b/c of the changing of the Alaska Statute.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	9	0	Support this as the coyote populations are high, support for reasons stated. Suggest there be no rules against killing coyotes.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
No Action	N/A	N/A	This proposal requests that the State be unified as ½ of it indicates the use of aircraft is ethical and ½ indicates that it is unethical. Think that this proposal captures that if this rule happened for sheep, it should happen for all animals. Do not want proposal #207 to be pushed to other species. We took no action; understand that this proposal makes sense and support the concept but do not know how the Board of Game would handle this proposal. This AC does not support repealing same day airborne hunts for all species.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	9	0	Support as written. Take this to the federal definition of harassment of wildlife. Would like to clean up some of the language to make it clearer and lessen the accusations of airplanes spotting for sheep prior to harvest. This proposal would align the state language with federal language. Our problem with Proposal #207 of the unenforceability. The AAC supports this proposal to clear up the language in the regulation but are still adamantly opposed to #207 and suggest it be repealed.
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	9	0	AAC has a long history of and strongly opposes #207.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Support	9	0	The Troopers want clarification to regulations that help them enforce the regulation regarding the use of cellular or satellite telephone. The AAC can support the discussion to help the Troopers better enforce, but would like to see solutions to the problems.



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			Would like to urge the Board of Game to consider the use of game cameras that are communicating via satellite link not be considered or made a specific allowance for the use of this technology regarding taking bears from bait stations or from bear hunting in general.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed to this proposal, especially if this is in an intensive management area. This is a federal subsistence issue. Support the taking of predators. Specific traditions are being followed in specified areas and do not want to limit.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Opposed	0	9	We support the harvest of predators, see comments above.
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Some opposed because believe that 100 pounds is not enough to kill a big game animal. AAC does not think that they have enough knowledge of the subject to comment. If this method of taking game has enough power to dispense an animal. Cannot support without more information.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	9	0	(Strongly) opposed to the use or airbows.
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
23	Update the falconry manual		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support	7	2	Supporters discussed opposing because DNR is collecting a fee for something that they have no control over and it is not enforceable. 14 days is not enough time for a bear



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			baiting season. Opposed to the idea of leaving the equipment in the field. Also, that means that the area has been 'claimed' by another, and therefore taking away another's hunters opportunity. Would also like the DNR to identify what the 'fee' would be; the AAC believes that imposing any fee is not a good idea.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Opposed	3	6	Those opposed state that the one negative is that this would make it more restricted to hunt brown bears. There are a lot of areas in the State where the killing of brown bears is encouraged to increase ungulate populations, think that this would be a hinderance to those hunters that may incidentally encounter a bear. All bears are required to be sealed anyways and the Department can collect data then. Supporters support for reasons stated. There would be no fees associated with the harvest ticket, this proposal would support the Department's statistical data on brown bears.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Support	9	0	The raffles are fund raisers for conservation, suggest the most people bid against each other to make more money for a special conservation tag. This is for minimal animals and there is no guarantee that an animal would be harvested.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
Support	9	0	This does not impact the Governor's tags. Department bases allocation on the historical data of an area. This codified that it would include the use of non-resident hunters because of the historical use. Suggest that it should be changed to favor the residents. This is for current draw hunts, statewide allocation policy.
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Repealed.
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
Opposed	0	9	This would allow a non-resident next of kin harvest a draw tag. Shifts the allocation from residents to non-residents. There would be a lot less people putting in for the non-resident tags. Also takes money away from the State. This would take the tag away from a resident and give it to a non-resident.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Opposed	4	5	This suggests changing the computer program to remove an applicant from the second, third, fourth choice hunt if the first choice was won. This would eliminate those that draw numerous tags that are not being hunted and not available to other hunters. Would support this proposal if hunters could determine which hunt would be the preference. This proposal has good merit but would like more details on how the species would be selected. If this proposal were to pass, the details on how the new computer



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			program would work would be worked out in later working group meetings/discussions.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Support	9	0	If a resident is putting in for that tag year-after-year, there would be a resident preference. This may remove the capability of non-residents of the opportunity to hunt, removing potential monies to the guides. Support this proposal because this would allow residents a greater opportunity to hunt the bison and muskox permits.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Support	9	0	Currently, draw hunts for moose can be up to 50% for non-residents in certain areas. Moose are not 'must be guided' species and this proposal does not address these areas. Suggest that it should be no more than 10%. Support for reasons stated.
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Takes second degree of kin out non-resident pool. A non-resident is a non-resident, even if it is a youth.
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	2	7	This would allow for a combo resident/non-resident party hunts only if there is a tag available in both pools. The non-resident would have to hire a guide for a must be guided species. This is not an allocation shift so it is not an issue. Opposed because this proposal complicates the 'hand-shake' agreement with the guide.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Support	9	0	Putting the non-residents on a draw tag which can be changed from year to year. Favor Alaskan's having increased opportunity. The quality of the sheep is going down (the sheep aren't as big). Opposed, there is not a biological concern. Opposed to putting non-resident on a Statewide Draw at this time.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Support	7	2	Supported for reasons stated. This would require that the hunt go to a draw. This proposal asks if 10% is a fair number. Opposed to putting non-resident on a Statewide Draw at this time and support the guiding industry as a necessary component of the Alaska economy. Think that 10% is a very tight number, suggest raising the number to 20 or 30%.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed. More restrictive to resident hunters.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Opposed	0	9	See comments from Proposal #38.
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
Opposed	0	9	Lessens the chance of non-resident hunters to pull a draw tag. AAC doesn't see the monetary suggestion of this proposal as a major consideration. Please see the ADFG



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			comments.
41 Opposed	0	9	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag All residents should be treated the same in terms of tags/stamps to be obtained to hunt.
42 Support	9	0	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts This AAC believed that people should not have to be guided to hunt moose and black bear in Alaska. AAC does not support the Board of Game making/helping business decisions for the guiding community. Support the proposal for reasons stated.
43 Opposed	0	9	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting If it took 30 years to get the population back to being able to hunt so should allow the population to recoup more prior to additional hunting.
44 Opposed	2	7	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions AAC would like more background on why proxy hunting is not allowed for antler restricted moose hunts and when the Board passed this regulation. The taking of more moose in areas such as in GMU 13 may harm the population. Proxy hunting tends to get abused. If there is an antler restriction, we can assume that there are less animals to be taken and this should be honored. Those that support the proposal are for the basic idea of 'proxy' – helping others that cannot hunt themselves but would appreciate the animal.
45 Opposed	0	9	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts Would add additional burden to the hunter and additional costs to the Department. This is already happening on the Kenai Peninsula where there are significant poaching concerns. Think that on the Kenai Peninsula they should continue to do so and see how it goes and reassess.
46 Opposed	0	9	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters Opposed because think that it an attempt to remove the responsibility from guides/transporters. Is not a lot of paperwork, doesn't take a long time. The Board cannot regulate guides, this is up to the Big Game Commercial Services Board.
47 Opposed	0	9	Modify the transfer of possession regulations The AAC support/second the State Trooper's comments on this proposal (also opposed; enforcement is efficient and reduces the illegal take.
48 Support	9	0	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements See Note: Board does not have the authority to impose regulations on guides. The AAC is also interested in the data that could come from the implementation of this proposal. IF the Board of Game does not have this authority, this AAC wants to know who would and have that organization product records.
49 Support	6	3	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold State Troopers believe that this would help with enforcement, the AAC supports/seconds the Troopers comments. The AAC supports the Department's endeavors to help with use tracking. Opposed because there is no thought to secondary or tertiary sales of said skins, skulls, and trophies.



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50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
No Action	N/A	N/A	See note at the beginning of the Proposal in the 2017/2018 Proposed Changes to Regulations.
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action	N/A	N/A	See Note at the beginning of the Proposal in the 2017/2018 Proposed Changes to Regulations.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	8	1	Oppose because this is an allocation issue and there are a lot of IM areas which restrict use by non-residents. Non-resident fees and licenses paid for a major portion of the current IM programs around the State. Support because this would allow for more residents to be able to be successful in IM areas and the residents typically need the meat for the rest of the year.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Support	9	0	Supported for reasons stated. There is a current bias in the formula and currently there is a rural preference. State Troopers suggest better enforceability (question modification) to the current (regulation) system.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Opposed	3	5	Support for reasons stated; clarifies regulations and gives the Department ability to regulate what animal can be taken (by sex, females with offspring, time frame, amount, etc.) and must have a valid hunting license. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject. Opposed because there is racial preference.
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose because there is a member of Ahtna Tene Nene' on the Board of Game which is thought to be a conflict of interest. This proposal is asking for racial and rural priority. The AAC has been opposed to the Community Subsistence Harvest hunt since its inception and will continue to oppose any and all proposals regarding community subsistence hunt. ANSCA was passed in the 1970's to treat all Alaskans equally, this reverts the law. The AAC is opposed to rural or racial allocation priority.
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because thought as a backdoor attempt to make it more difficult for urban hunters to form a community to participated in the CSH. See comments on Proposal #56 regarding the removal of CSH in general.
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. If hunters under the general season have salvage





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			requirements, then this hunt (should it continue) should as well and should be required to leave mean on the bone until out of the field.
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
Opposed	4	4	Those that supported the proposal were for reasons stated. Those oppose were because all residents should be alike and that there the following is too broad of statement: "customary and traditional uses...". 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	9	This would add additional costs to the ADFG. Would require all ages above 12 to have hunter education. Hunter education classes are potentially restrictive in rural areas and would limit the ability for those youth to hunt. Think that this is not necessary.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action	N/A	N/A	N/A
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	Cats are not endemic to Alaska and are harmful, sterilized or not, to other species, namely migratory birds. The AAC is strongly opposed to this.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	9	0	See comments on Proposal #63. Support for reasons stated.
64	Eliminate domestic sheep ( <i>Ovis aries</i> ) and goats ( <i>Capra hircus</i> ) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
Support	8	1	Those that opposed think that this puts an unnecessary burden on the farmers who want domestic sheep and goats. Those opposed don't think that there is an instance where disease could get out of hand. Those that support this proposal are for reasons stated. The sheep population is an invaluable resource to the State. It has impacted sheep populations in other states, cannot happen here.
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because you cannot fire from the road under law already. Things that are being done on the Taylor highway (excessive speeding on ATVs, etc.) are already illegal. This is an enforcement issue.
66	Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. This would clean up regulations and process.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. This regulation was implemented by the Legislature. The Department wants to clean up the regulation and the AAC supports this.



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68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
No Action	N/A	N/A	ADFG feels like they have this authority already, the AAC agrees.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	1	8	This is already happening on the Kenai Peninsula where there is significant taking of sub-legal bulls. This AAC thinks that on the Kenai Peninsula they should continue to do so, and see how it goes and reassess. Supported for reasons stated. Those that supported AAC likes the idea of more hunter education and the video/quiz is beneficial. Those opposed because they don't want to see this made mandatory State-wide. Would add additional burden to the hunter and additional costs to the Department.
164	Allow use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older		
Opposed	1	8	Support of those that have a physical disability or injury would be able to participate in an archery hunt. Can already apply for a medical permit to shoot a cross bow if disabled. Opposed, the fact that hunting with a cross bow is not the same as hunting with a Bow.

Adjournment:

**October 10, 2017 – 9:00pm**

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Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: October 25, 2017



# BETHEL Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 3, 2017  
ADF&G Office, Bethel

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**

**ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM:** *(6 for Quorum)*

**Robert Lekander**

**Thad Tikiun**

**Jaimie Kassman**

**Henry Hunter**

**Jon Lavalle**

**Henry Kohl**

**Alissa Rogers**

**Mike Riley**

**Hunter excused at 7:30pm**

**ELECT OFFICERS:**

**Chair: Jamie Kassman**

**Vice Chair:**

**Secretary: Jon LaValle**

**INVOCATION:**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** *In honor of Greg Roczicka*

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** *(List)*

**Sara Mutter resource specialist AVCP**

**Ken Stahlnecker; USFWS Manager**

**Jennifer Hooper; AVCP**

**Patrick Jones; area biologist**

**Tim Andrew ONC**

**Dave Runfola Subsistence**



## COMMENTS:

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: None
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**:
- Henry Hunter- Concerns about the fishing in the summer of 17, wanted to make sure we take up concerns on the next meeting.  
*(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)*

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Henry Hunter motion to approve agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon LaValle Motion carries

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 24, 2017

**Tikiun Motion to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kohl  
motion carries**

### NEW BUSINESS:

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS *(Comments due October 27, 2017)*
  - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26) Change the definition of “edible meat” for large game birds.
  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
  - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
  - **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
  - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
  - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
  - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
  - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
  - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
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- BOARD OF GAME (BOG) **ACR 1**: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A.
- FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD WILDLIFE PROPOSALS  
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  - **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
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  - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.*Crossover Proposals:*
  - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
  - **WP18-23** – Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.
  - **WP18-25/26** – Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.
  - **WP18-33/36** – Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.*Statewide Proposals:*
  - **WP18-51** – Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

**OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS (*Deadline Oct. 31*)
- ELECT AC REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO ATTEND 2017-18 BOG/ BOF MEETINGS.  
Alyssa Rodgers

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 6:00pm on October 24th**

**ADJOURN:** (TIME) 10:30



# Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
1			Modify the definition of bag limit
2			Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters
3			Modify the definition of regulatory year
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
Oppose	0	8	<p>Tikiun motion to support, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kohl. We don't believe we should be over regulated for the sport bird hunting season, if someone wishes to save those items, they may Over regulation is a concern</p> <p>Tikiun calls the question 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodgers</p>
5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
Oppose	0	8	<p>Kohl motion to support, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle Kassman-would lead to abuse.</p>
7			Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
Oppose	0	8	<p>Kohl Motion to support, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Tikiun would lead to abuse LaValle could lead to overharvest</p>
9			Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
10			Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game
11			Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
12			Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game
			<p>LaValle Motion to support, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Kohl Motion to Table 2<sup>nd</sup> Tikiun</p>
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
16			Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons
17			Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game
18			Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors
19			Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors
20			Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years
21			Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips
22			Allow the take of up to five eyes goshawks by nonresidents
23			Update the falconry manual
24			Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting
Support	6	2	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun Kohl/Rogers oppose they would like bear baiters to remove all equipment from the field
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Oppose	0	8	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun LaValle a harvest ticket requirement could lead to less harvest
26			Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit
27			Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits
28			Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy
29			Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred
30			Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
Support	8	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun



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	Number Support	Number Oppose	
32			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts LaValle Motion to support.
33			Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation
34			In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation
35			Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents
36			Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap
37			Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit
38			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents
39			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents
40			Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually
41			Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hunter Riley Motion to amend Riley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl Amendment: Change the dates of proposal from spring and summer, to April 1 <sup>st</sup> -Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> .
	7	0	
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
43			Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
	7	0	
44			Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions
45			Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts
46			Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters
47			Modify the transfer of possession regulations





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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
48			Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements
49			Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold
50			Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas
51			Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management
52			Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
53			Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
Support	7	0	Tikiun motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley
54			Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
55			Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches
Support	7	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle important proposal, there has been increase in take due to potlatches and ceremonies. The 1-5 items listed are important to our AC.
56			Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions
57			Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts
58			Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
59			Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts
60			Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
61			Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
62			Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild
Oppose	0	7	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rogers



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	Number Support	Number Oppose	
63 Oppose	7	0	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild LaValle Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl
64 No Action			Eliminate domestic sheep ( <i>Ovis aries</i> ) and goats ( <i>Capra hircus</i> ) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Kohl rescinds motion We recognize that it is potentially dangerous to our wild sheep due to disease, and would like this proposal addressed in the proper venue.
65			Close an area ½ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits
66			Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy
67			To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements
68			Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order
69			For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose

## Alaska Board of Game Central/ Southwest Region Meeting

February 16-23, 2018, Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
157 Support	7	0	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18 LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl
158			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B



160	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.		
NO ACTION			Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun Kohl rescinds motion Kohl motion to take no action
ACR 1	Open a registration hunt for moose in 19a		
Support as Ammended	6	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun LaValle motion to amend, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl Ammend to say: Registraion permits should be made available at all license vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage.  We want them available at all vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage because of the long history of tradition use from downriver villages hunting in this area.

### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
<b>WP18-27</b>	Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.		
Support as ammended	5	2	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun Jones-background on muskox on the island and harvest history  Riley Motion to amend, amend to add all federally qualified subsistence users of unit 18. Amendment passes LaValle, Kassman oppose, could really hurt the income of many residents of Nunivak Island if the guide industry goes away. Motion passes
<b>WP18-28</b>	Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.		
Support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
<b>WP18-29</b>	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle
<b>WP18-30</b>	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		



Support	4	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley Discussed populations, heard of declining populations. Rodgers, Tikiun, Lekander abstain We would like the dates to remain the same, so that coastal villages get an opportunity to hunt.
<b>WP18-31</b>	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
	3	2	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley LaValle and Kassman would like the season to stay aligned with the state.
<b>WP18-21</b>	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun We want it aligned
<b>WP18-23</b>	Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.		
No Action	7	0	Motion to take no action Kohl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun
<b>WP18-25/26</b>	Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.		
No Action	7	0	Motion to take no action Kohl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley
<b>WP18-33/36</b>	Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.		
	6	1	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lavalle Oppose Kohl, he likes the longer season.
<b>WP18-51</b>	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Signature]

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 10/24/17

# Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.



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**CALL TO ORDER: 7:02**

**ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: Quorum established: Yes**

Present: Mike Riley, Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Jaimie Kassman, Henry Hunter,  
Jon Lavalle, Henry Kohl, Alissa Rogers, Jerry White

**INVOCATION:** Robert Lekandar

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Patrick Jones Area Biologist, Dave Renfola subsistence division

**MEMBER ELECTIONS:**

Jaimie Kassman re-elected

Thad Tikiun re-elected

Leaving two empty seats

Alissa Rogers is the new subsistence seat on the board

Jerry White, clarification for title: Guides

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** *Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary*

Secretary- Alissa Nadine Rogers M- John Lavallve 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thad Tikiun , Unanimous Decision

Chairman- Jamie Motion- Mike Riley 2<sup>nd</sup>- Henry Kohl, Unanimous Decision

Vice Chairman- Henry Kohl M- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thad Tikiun, Unanimous 5- vote

**COMMENTS:**

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: (None)
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**: (None at this time.)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** M/M-Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>- Thad

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *October 03, 2017 M/M- Thad 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rogers, Unanimous*

**Changes:** *Add Mike Riley, Change Alyssa to Alissa*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS (*Comments due October 27, 2017*)
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game. (*Tabled from Oct. 3, 2017*)  
Introduction given by Jones, ADFG comments from AK Wildlife Troopers on the proposal. The use of cellphone and satellite technology.

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Lavallve- I don't see anything wrong with calling a buddy to plan a hunt. I have a problem with someone being airborne on a commercial flight then calling a buddy detailing the location of it for a kill. Currently there is already two-way radios.

Hunter- My concern is when you have a group of hunters and drive the caribou to a bunch of hunters by using a spotter on a hill.

Kassman- Clarification: One person said that they don't think that they should use them to aid when in airplanes not to use communication devices to locate wildlife. No hunting while hunting or flying or using by 2am the next day. No use of cellphone or satellite phone to contact someone else to use by 2am the next day. Not using the final stock for taking of any game.

**Recommendation to clarify the regulation as is:** Prohibit the use of cellphone and satellite technology in pursuit, in aid, during hunting, and/or taking of any game. Cellphone and satellites are to use any forms of any communication shall not be used to aid in of taking of any game. You can't use any communication device to assist in while actively taking of game in the field. You can take your cellphone into the field in use of non-hunting communication is allowed. No form of any communication shall be used at all times in the aid of taking any game.

Tikiun- **We are just getting down to the nitty gritty and we are starting to over regulate ourselves. Communication devises we are always going to be around.**

- **PROPOSAL 16** – 5 AAC 92.085: Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons as follows

**M/M Support-** White 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rogers

**Discussion/ Question:**

Introduction and Neutral recommendation by ADFG for proposal given by Jones, ADFG.

There was a discussion of air gun, description of caliber, history of air gun, and exposure of air guns such as television shows.

Reason for Opposition: There needs to be more research done before we can get into this.

**Opposed, 1-White in Support (because of his seat.)**

- **PROPOSAL 32** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts.

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**M/M Support-** Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>-

Introduced by Jones, ADFG with department recommendation. I don't think we have the money to pay for this or it is practical for our states capabilities. Kassaman said, I don't think we have enough programmers for this type of technology.

**Hunter-** Residents have a priority 1 every 10 years? If you live in Nunivak island and you want to hunt a muskox? It wasn't clearly defined for bison or muskox? I would like to see the residence to have preference over non residence?

**Opposed-** There isn't enough resources and money to pay for the practical use for our states capabilities.

- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19

**M/M to Support:** Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lavallve

**Discussion:**

In that proposal, there is not enough for subsistence. Yet, he wants to open for nonresident.

Pat- Opposed, the herds are hovering right around 300 or take. It just has been in access. We are still trying to grown that herd. It's just not a right time to open it.

Lavallve- Have an increase of the population before we open it up to non-residence.

Kohl- Entertain the idea to charge a drawing ticket price of 2,500.00 a piece.

**Oppose,** 1-White in Support, because it opens up the possibility for tourist hunter to harvest caribou.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- BOARD OF FISH ACR UPDATE- Against all fishery proposals for this cycle. Proposals did not meet the criteria, but will be taken up as fish proposals.

2019 Fish Proposal due April 2017

Hunter- Discuss the disaster fishing that we had this last summer. Come up with solutions with ADFG Board. Why wont they take discussion for amendments before the fishing season starts. They should tae them in beginning of the winter and have meetings when they are open.

Jen- Clarifies Cycles of Board of Fish & Game for Western Region Cycle.

- FISHING PERMIT UPDATE (above Aniak)

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Dave Runfolda, ADFG Subsistence Division- In general what we are talking about a permit for all Alaska residents and will be effective upriver from Aniak and fishing can start as no earlier than June 20<sup>th</sup> 1 per household up to 10 king salmon. We are still working on exactly how this is going to be ruled out, 1. Write the permit. 2 decide how and where 3.

Jan 2016: A lot of people feel like this is going to happen when this is going to be a federal takeover of the river. This can happen at any time.

Additional opportunity to get some king salmon in times when salmon fishing with lethal gear is closed. Hunter- if they are allowing permit holders to catch 10 king salmon. How many permit holders are going. Below Aniak, we have fisherman that are abiding by the king salmon role. Yet you are bringing up the King Salmon and yet you allow fisherman above Aniak for 1-1000 people to catch 10 king salmon.

Ideas came out. There was a proposal that came out to catch a few kings.

LAW- Discussion BOF/ Subsistence, AVCP, the AC voted on permits. "Any state waters" Middle Kuskokwim that permits were going to be ok. Lower Kuskokwim didn't want permits. Conservation 1: In the past several years they have felt like when there were opening the had shorter time periods that were close to down river opening and felt like they needed to use set nets they had to use 6 hours or more, because we are not as efficient in catching King salmon.

There is a threshold by the manager to close this fishery.

Lavalle- What happens if a family that catches 20 kings?

ADFG- allows for proxy fishing, like the same thing for hunting.

Needs to have a 24 hour reporting system.

ADFG Dave- 907-322-8737

**OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tentative: Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**ADJOURN m- Thad 2<sup>nd</sup> –kohl**

**Electronic Signature by Jon Lavallve, 8:30PM, 10/27/2017**



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Take Action by giving Recommendation To The Board Not in support or oppose or no action	Kassman Hunter, Lavallve Rogers White Riley	Tikiun Lekander Kohl	<p><b><u>Recommendation to clarify the regulation as is:</u></b> Prohibit the use of cellphone and satellite technology in pursuit, in aid, during hunting, and/or taking of any game. Cellphone and satellites are to use any forms of any communication shall not be used to aid in of taking of any game. You can't use any communication device to assist in while actively taking of game in the field. You can take your cellphone and satellite into the field for non-hunting communication to be allowed. <u>No form of any communication shall be used at all times in the aid of taking any game.</u></p> <p>Tikiun- <b>We are just getting down to the nitty gritty and we are starting to over regulate ourselves. Communication devises we are always going to be around.</b></p>
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
Oppose	8	White	There needs to be more research conducted before these items can be used in taking of big game.
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	6	3	There isn't enough resources to carry out such a demanding technology system.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose			There isn't enough resources to open up a nonresidential draw hunt for Caribou in Unit 8.

# CENTRAL BERING SEA

## Fish and Game Advisory Committee



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October 10-11, 2017  
ADF&G Office, 9:00am  
570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK  
Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

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### CALL TO ORDER: 1:15pm

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call by Stan M. Atchak with 6 present No quorum, asking to review the musk ox first. Musk ox discussion and HB 199 were discussed first. A quorum was determined after these discussions.

### INVOCATION: Annie Cleveland

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Passed on Oct. 11, 2017

Stanley Tom made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes, all minutes approve by everyone.

### INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Patrick Jones, Dave Runfola, Walter Blajeski (ATS), Jen Peeks
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Melanie Brown, Emily Andrew, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Hooper, Sarah Mutter

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017/18 Board of Game (BOG) Proposals:**
  - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds.
  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
  - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC 92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
  - **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
  - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
  - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
  - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
  - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
  - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
  - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.

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- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals.**

- **Musk Oxen:** Hunt opportunities for ceremonial purposes, proxy hunts and for widows/widowers. – *David Bill Sr.*

Patrick Jones, ADF&G report: On the island counted by Patrick Jones with 755 musk ox. Wants to keep them at 500 and there is enough food. 2014 was the last year they've been giving lots of permits to lower the population. Try to do 3 surveys Nunivak, Nelson Is.

Musk ox are spreading out all over the area. On Nelson Island, 300 total permits: 44% in Chefornek, 44% internet, the rest in Bethel.

David Carl noted that there are lots of musk ox and want to let Fish & Game issue more permits.

Reindeer and musk ox are afraid of open water. Patrick Jones said if you see musk ox on the open water they could take a picture and it is legal to kill it.

For funeral/mortuary harvest it has to be moose, caribou, and deer. Patrick Jones said someone could make a proposal to let musk ox be on the list.

Proxy regulations are available to hunt for other people only for moose, caribou, and deer.

Have to be in person to get musk ox permit. Whoever gets the permit has to hunt it.

Permits rotate between the villages, Nelson Is. cooperative with the five villages.

Only Alaskan residents can have the permits for the musk ox.

**Option to add musk ox to the proxy form or mortuary for funerals or celebrations through a proposal.** ADF&G can help with this.

Florence from Toksook Bay asked about the number of permits.

For the proxy or mortuary could be rough drafted in the villages or Advisory Comm.

And Fish and Game could help to fix the draft.

Florence from Toksook Bay stated they don't see caribou and deer and wanted to change it to musk ox for proxy.

Add musk ox to proxy and mortuary request.

No amount to the population to the musk ox

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- **Board of Fish (BOF) Agenda Change Requests (ACRs).**

Aaron Tiernan F&G – Allow the F&G to allow with set net with 5.5 mesh sizes. Raise the mesh size from 4 inch to 5.5 on the Kuskokwim river. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for **no action for ARC 03-07**, seconded by Benjamin Lozano, question called. Motion passed for no action proposals ARC 03-07.

- **House Bill (HB) 199: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection.** – *Melanie Brown*

Melanie Brown- Tribal person with the Bristol Bay area

HB199 to strengthen the salmon run.

Emily Anderson director of the salmon runs.

Explanation of HB 199

Training in law in Alaska and fish habitat.

HB199 put together

1. Expands fish and game habitat. To develop a fish habitat they don't need a permit. Navigable waters for the fish habitat
2. Habitat protection waters for the salmon fish.
3. Create II tier permit tracks.
4. Creates a way to say no if it's going to harm the salmon permits.

David Carl stated that there are animals hunting the salmon habitat and there are the Sportsman. They are the ones to look at that ruins the salmon habitat.

This law is only aimed at developers.

To get a permits if you are going to develop sometime that will damage the salmon habitat, like building a something along the salmon habitat.

David Bill, Sr. stated that the bottom fisheries are not hurting anything when the fish on the bottom. David has seen floating halibuts and other fish damaged by the bottom fishermen. The Eltion Strait is the trail for the fish and sea mammals and we used to fish halibut and get lots and now a days we don't get much fish. Walrus too have disappeared from that area. It is not only the Sports Fishermen that are damaging the fish habitat it is the Bottom Fishermen.

It's time to fix this problem before it is too late to the Bottom Fishermen.

Tommy K. there are lots of seals and fish on the sea. The elders said that if the bottom food is gone so will the fish. This summer there are not much for the families. These were cleaned by the Bottom Fish Trawlers. When the bottom fish net goes down to fish they really clean the bottom. When it is clean then there are no fish available for us.

You as F&G should somehow help us to get rid of the bottom trawlers who are damaging the habitat.

Evan Anderson with Alaska Center supports the salmon habitat the HB 199. Better protection the salmon habitat for all user groups to increase the number of fish in Alaska.

Need letters from support from our organizations to Juneau to the lawmakers.

- **Elect AC representative and alternate to attend 2017/ 2018 BOG/ BOF Meetings.** David Bill,  
David Carl alternate

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Annie Cleveland made a motion to close the CBSA, seconded by Stanley Anthony  
All in favor of the motion.

CBSA meeting formally close 12:20pm.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds Jennifer Hooper Regional Reps from Most of the areas of Alaska. A group of people that made this proposal. Andrew – History is that they have seen good edible meat in the dumps and want to make a law to change all this. To include leg and thighs of the big animal. On the birds to take the edible meat. He is with QNC and supports this proposal. Annie Cleveland makes a motion to the proposal 4 to support it. Seconded by David Carl. All in motion of the proposal. Passed.
Support	8	0	
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers F&G is opposed to this proposal. Would not affect this area but the other ones. Like Lynx close early and will be a loop hole for them. Stanley Tom makes a motion to oppose. Seconded by Annie Cleveland. Discussion: Interior trappers like for lynx closes early for the trappers would catch a lynx and want to keep it and not to give to F&G. David Carl asks why the prices of the licenses are getting high and F&G stated that the law makers are the ones that sets the prices. Willie Atti – Asks about this proposal and wouldn't affect this area on the YK delta. Wants to be neutral on this proposal. Question by Tommy K. Roll call by Jenn. Opposed final.
Oppose			
8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license Unlawful methods for taking furbearers: Exceptions remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license. Be able to shoot wolves and wolverines and F&G is neutral on this proposal. Peter Julius made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by Annie Cleveland. Could amend just to include wolves.
Support as amended	8	0	

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			Mr. Andrews said that wolverines are slow runners and wolves go fast. Too much wolverines would be taken if this proposal passes. F&G said wolverines and wolves live along where caribou and moose live and during the spring the ski planes could land anywhere. Amendment just to include the wolves. Amended by Annie Cleveland seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Unanimous.
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game On texting or emailing for the game. Tommy K. sort of don't like using walkie talkies or cellphones for hunting. Annie C. stated that to let the use of cell phones for the locals for the subsistence hunting and not the sports hunters with commercial services. AC agreed that they were okay with the use of cell phone for emergencies and when subsistence hunting, but not for guided sport hunts.
24			Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting To define the equipment use for bear hunting like barrets, cameras, or tree stands. F&G is neutral on this proposal. No action on this proposal recommended by the AC boards.
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide Require harvest tickets all brown bears. Most of the state don't require that. September-May opened for now. And needs to be sealed and F&G is neutral on this. Tommy Kusaiaak makes a motion to oppose the motion, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote. Motion failed.
31	0	8	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts. Would only affect musk ox on Nunivak Island. Many people apply to get musk ox and this proposal wants a point system. Merkoyuk resident says it might be ok like for the other people that have been applying for the draw permits and never gets it and some people have applied gets it. They said they don't support the proposal. Stanley Tom make a motion accept seconded by Annie Cleveland. Roll call vote

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			by Jenn. Motion failed.
41	9	0	<p>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.</p> <p>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.</p> <p>Rural residents don't need federal stamps now.</p> <p>ONC opposes all duck stamps and with the egg gathering. They don't want duck stamps. F&amp;G is neutral on this.</p> <p>, seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote. All in favor of the motion passed as amended.</p> <p><b>Peter Julius made a motion with amendment exempt from April 1- Nov. 1</b></p>
43	10	0	<p>Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting</p> <p>Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunt. F&amp;G neutral on this proposal. Bethel AC supported as the way it is. This would apply statewide.</p> <p>Stanley Tom make a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by David Carl.</p> <p>Next year sports hunters will be allowed to hunt emperor geese.</p> <p>This only apply to Sept. to December not during the subsistence spring hunt.</p> <p>Question called. 10 yes to the motion.</p>
53	10	0	<p>Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide</p> <p>Customary and traditional uses of game population want to include the waterfowl.</p> <p>Bethel AC supported this proposal.</p> <p>State wants to recognize the customary and traditional use on the waterfowl.</p> <p>Annie C. makes a motion to approve, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. All in favor of the motion, motion passed.</p> <p>How many subsistence information on bird harvest on the books. This information will be given to the Board of Game and next step is to develop ANS.</p>
55	10	0	<p>Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches</p> <p>Taking of big game for religious ceremonies and potlatches when the season is closed.</p> <p>Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept proposal 55, seconded by seconded by Annie Cleveland.</p> <p>Question called.</p>

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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		Hunting season and bag limits for caribou. Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 & 19. The Mulchatna herd is going down. Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Motion fails with 10 roll call votes.
Oppose	0	10	
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		The current population for the moose in the remainder of Unit 18 is about 20,000. This would be reauthorized every year. ONC Andrews stated F&G is right that there are too many moose on the Yukon area. To take no action on proposal 157.
No Action			
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		Brown bear tag fee exemption for the residents. Annie Cleveland moves to support the motion, seconded by Peter Julius. Motion passed.
Support	8	0	

## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

### WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
18-21	To decrease the caribou to 2.		Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
Support	10	0	



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18-21			
Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
18-23			
No Action			
18-25			
No Action			Stanley Tom made a motion for no action. Seconded by Edward Lozano. Roll call vote with 11 yes votes, motion passed.
18-27			
No Action			Establish a customary and traditional use for muskox on Nunivak Island for the residents of Nunivak Island. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for no action on this proposal, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Motion for no action passed by roll call vote.
18-28			
Support	10	0	Add winter moose hunt in and Platinum. Peter Julius states that he supports this proposal. Annie Cleveland made a motion to support the proposal seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote, motion passed.
18-29			
Support	10	0	Annie moves to support this proposal, seconded by Peter Julius. Question called. Motion passed with 10 roll call votes.
18-30			
Support	11	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18.
18-31			
Support	10	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18. Annie Cleveland make a motion to support, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes & 1 abstained. Motion passed.



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### WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

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10	to decrease the caribou to 2 Stanley 10m made a motion to support, seconded by White Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes and 1 abstained. Motion passed.	10	0	
9	Bear bait on Federal la 85 Peter Willis made a motion to support, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes votes and 1 abstained.	10	0	

Minutes Recorded By: *St. M. [Signature]*

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date: 10/27/17



**Meeting called to order (10:30) 12:41pm, Napaimute Office, Aniak**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Roll Call:** Lisa Feyereisen, Ricky Ciletti, Sophie Sakar, Lucy Simeon, Nick Kameroff, Tim Zaukar, Walter Morgan, Darlene Heckman, Mark Leary **Quorum:** (6)12:48pm

**Invocation:**

**Introduction of Guests:** Josh Peirce (ADF&G Wildlife), Jon Barton (ADF&G Wildlife), Eddie Hoeldt (secretary), Jeremy Havener (Galena), David Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division), Dan Gillikin,

Elections: Expired Terms/Vacant Seats, Officers: Secretary

**Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2017**

**Comments:**

- Chair's Comments: Lisa Feyereisen: Will try to run meeting quickly. Open the discussion to members of the public. Respectful of differences and refrain from commenting using people's names who are not attending meeting.
- Public Comments: None

**New Business:**

- **Moose Survey Update** – Josh Peirce, ADF&G (see presentation slides at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=187306>)  
Josh Peirce: Provided a presentation of the moose count survey. Last survey in Aniak was 2010. Unit 18 population is "booming." Survey results TM680: Harvest surplus is 165 (4% of total population) moose. 19A total surplus is 252 moose. TM 680: Most radical increase from 0.5 moose/mi<sup>2</sup> in 2006 to 0.7 moose/mi<sup>2</sup> in 2017. Unit 18 now has good moose establishment. 2017 great sample size. Calve to cow size is really good (objective is 30-40 calves per 100 cows, current is 52). Discussion of Proposal 165. SHAC did not want to support this this early: Sleetmute and SHAC want to wait one more year (2019). SHAC came up with several ways to limit the hunt. Suggest that the CK AC start thinking about their Tier II area moose hunt for the 2020 meeting cycle. Discussion on what to suggest to the Board of Game.
- **Board of Game Proposals (Comments October 27, 2017)**  
*Motions need to be stated to "adopt" or "accept" Proposal X. If you agree with the proposal vote "yea," if you disagree you vote "nay"*
  - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
  - **PROPOSAL 5**– 5 AAC 92.990: Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine.
  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
  - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
  - **PROPOSAL 10** –5 AAC 92.085(8): Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game.
  - **PROPOSAL 11**–5 AAC 92.085(8): Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
  - **PROPOSAL 12** –5 AAC 92.085(8). Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game.



- **PROPOSAL 14** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Prohibit the taking of bears in dens.
- **PROPOSAL 15** – 5 AAC 92.260: Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
- **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- **PROPSAL 42** – 5 AAC 92.069: Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
- **PROPOSAL 52** – 5 AAC 92.106: Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 54** – 5 AAC 92.070: Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident drawn hunt in Units 18 and 19.
- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 162** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **PROPOSAL 165** – 5 AAC 85.045: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
  - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
  - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
  - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
  - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
  - **WP18-33/36**: Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E
  - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.
- **Kuskokwim River Fisheries Permit Discussion**

Dave Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division) provided an overview of the status of the permit. Asked that people to help inform members of the public that this will be an optional opportunity to harvest during times of conservation.

## Old Business

- **Concerns/Comments of AC Members** (previously discussed)
  - 1) **Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).** *Tabled for next meeting.*
  - 2) **Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.** *Tabled until more members are present.*



3) **The lack of ethical hunting and whether could be addressed in Hunter's Education classes, posters, etc.**

Progress has been made. Jon Barton (ADF&G) is able to provide hunter education courses; plans to provide them in McGrath and Aniak. Jon Barton will look into now hunting.

4) **Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether they are or are not being compliant with local traditions. There appears to be over crowding in some areas (combat fishing). Tabled.**

5) **ADD to next meeting: Law Enforcement. Josh Peirce (ADF&G) encouraged writing letters to the legislature about fully funding LE positions. Ricky- supported sending a letter.**

*(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)*

**Other/Miscellaneous Business:**

- Reps for upcoming Board meetings: Statewide meeting: Lisa Feyereisen, Central/Southwest: Nick Kameroff

**Next Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjourn2**

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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	6	0	Discussion of what is important for edible meet.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	6	0	Discussion on current legalities. Lisa- This is just clarifying the regulations.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	1	Discussion that if people incidentally catch that they should be able to keep it. Tim- hard enough to make a living on trapping, so if they catch it they should keep it. Mark- maybe increase the number. Lisa- if you are trapping outside of a season there is often a lower quality of fur so people aren't likely to trap out of season.
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
			No Action. Board is unable to act on this.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	5	Walter- doesn't see any reason why not to fly and hunt the same day unless the population is of concern. Same day airborne will also keep meat from spoiling. Nick- it is going to benefit the sheep herders. Lisa- like the current regulations. Tim- seems like it is easier for guides. But it may make it easier to tell where the sheep are.



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			1 Abstained
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
			Not addressed
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
			Not addressed
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
No Action – see comments			<p>Lisa- should be allowed to have cellular for safety. Will be hard to regulate. Would not want to prohibit use for safety. Use any type of electronic device for non-game taking. In favor of the use of game cams for bear baiting sites for safety concerns.</p> <p>Walter- don't have a problem with that, can't afford to fly out to do stuff. Would allow us poor people a way to hunt. Don't see any problems with phones to help salvage. We have to have our phones for safety.</p> <p>Lucy- Would like to see their definitions before they vote on it.</p>
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Discussion of how hunting bears in bear dens is conducted. Mark- there would not be small cubs this time of year. Sophie- dad use to go bear hunting in the dens during the winter.</p> <p>Tim- Mother bears and cubs usually have a deeper den than the male bears.</p>
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose	0	7	Ricky- will oppose because it is similar to Prop. 14
24	Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting		
Opposed	1	5	<p>Lisa- not support bc she thinks the land should be returned to the way it was.</p> <p>Ricky- neutral because he doesn't use a tree stand. Think it's a DNR problem</p> <p>Nick- oppose this as well.</p> <p>1 abstained due to believing it is a DNR issue.</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Sometimes it is difficult to get it depending where you live.</p> <p>Ricky- Have to get it sealed anyways.</p> <p>Lisa- Additional requirement to turn in a ticket, asking to fill out more paperwork.</p>
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
			No action
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	7	0	Discussion, yes for rural expect the state does not discriminate between rural and urban.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Oppose	0	7	Nick- likes the idea of moose hunters having guides for safety.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	<p>Prohibit non-residents moose or caribou until management objectives have been met.</p> <p>Nick- agrees to keep it because we are still under intensive management.</p>



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			Walter- Thinks we should leave it alone, it is good how it is right now. Observation that we have more moose. Interested in another moose count. If there are enough moose and we get out of Tier II and perhaps we can hunt cow moose. Josh- the survey last year has shown an increase in moose.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	7	0	Lisa- We don't know what is happening statewide and don't have the information to make a decision. Walter- It doesn't include 19A, we are always getting left out and 19A should be included. Dave Runfola provided background for this proposal. This is for all GMUs and all migratory game birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	8	The WHOLE AC felt strongly against this. There is a reason that these factors are rated on the Tier II permit. Part of that deals with access to food at a reasonable price. People who live in this area pay much higher prices for food. Leave it as is. It is working
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Oppose	0	8	Nick- move to support this because it could help support feeding people during celebrations. Discussion on how people will use ceremonial moose. Josh- discussed how more urban areas at times have issues with this type of hunts. 1979 supreme court decision that mortuary moose must be allowed. Sophie- we only use this when someone dies or once a year they use a moose for a potlatch. Walter- the tribal council understands the situations. Lisa- would oppose this because it is too wide open and could allow a lot of people asking for the potlatch if this passed. Someone felt like the language was too "iffy"

## Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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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
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
Oppose	0	8	
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	7	0	Don't want to pay the additional fee.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	Ricky- same as 162, just different units. Only exempts residents.
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	6	0	Nick Kameroff motion to accept Prop. 165, Sophie Sakar second. Mark- is there a reason to sell the permits at the store? Josh- SHAC wanted it at the TC. Lisa- would be okay if the store is a vendor to sell them at the store. Ricky- support SHACs amendments to the proposals. Lisa- Don't support that it is done at a tribal office, but it should be done at a vendor. Support SHACs proposal but must be given out at a vendor. Discussion on where permits should be distributed. Support SHACs amendment.

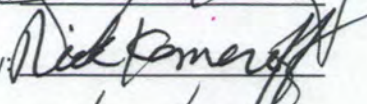




## Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife April 2018

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
WP18-21	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
support	8	0	Strongly supported this last year and would like to align it with the state regulations.
WP18-29	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
support	8	0	
WP18-30	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
Support	8	0	Amendment: to keep the dates as Aug. 10- May 30.
WP18-31	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
Support	8	0	It is just changing the date and may help rebuild the herd.
WP18-33	Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E		
No Action			
WP 18-36	Align the state and federal seasons and permit requirement in Unit 21E.		
Support	8	0	
WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	8	0	This would align with state regulations.

Minutes Recorded By: 

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Date: 10/27/2017