



**Draft Minutes**  
**Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, October 16, 2017**  
**Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers**  
**Naknek, AK**

- I. Call to Order: Everett calls the meeting to order 7:05
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, John Wise, Ralph Zimmin, Patricia Edel, Graham Morrison  
Members Absent: William Regan Jr, Marc Watson, Joey Klutsch, Gustie Tallekpallek, Alexander Tallekpallek  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 we have 8 present  
List of User Groups Present: Trapping, sports fishermen, local residents
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Richard moves, Joe 2nd to approve agenda passes unanimous 8-0
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: John moves to approve the minutes of 2/9/17 Richard 2nd. Everett said they were not completed yet and will be available on next meeting.
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Lee Borden
  
- VI. Guests Present: Pete Caruso, Nancy Morris Lions, Cody Larson, John Rhyshek
  
- VII. Elections: Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch and Richard Wilson all ran unopposed. Voted in unanimously.
  
- VIII. ADF&G updates: Dave Crowley gave a short update of his moose tagging of cows that his department started last spring. They tagged 24 cows and of which most if not all gave birth but weather and time did not allow them to see that every cow gave birth. 70% mortality rate of calves from bears and wolves.
  
- IX. I. comments on board of game statewide game proposals.

[record minutes]



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 - 17, 2017   Anchorage			
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
support as Amended	8	0	Joe moves, Richard 2nd with an amendment to the proposal to remove heart and gizzards from the proposal. State regulation already requires wings to be left on birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this proposal would extend and possible target certain species out of season to trap after the season for them have closed.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.
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	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. Everyone on the AC and general public all felt education of hunters is vital to ethical hunting and general safety of hunts in Alaska, but that it is just not feasible to require it everywhere.

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting February 16 - 23, 2018   Dillingham			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Richard 2nd. Everyone felt that this proposal continues to have wide support and continues to do so in our region.
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Joe 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that caribou in this general area are not present most time during the current hunt dates. Moving them 30 days would increase the chances of local residents to have a successful hunt. Looking at amending it to include the whole unit 9E and have the current start date of August 10 thru October 10.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
support	8	0	Joe moves, Ralph 2nd. The whole AC felt this proposal is what the unit 9



			needs to sustain the caribou herd population and gives the hunters access to them without being a tier II. Dave Crowley stated that he likes this proposal in keep an eye on the population and he feels this is the best way to manage the herd.
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. The naknek/ Kvichak AC are in full support of this proposal because this area of unit 9 C was closed because of the NAP caribou herd population concerns. Now with the NAP herd doing very well and currently having harvest levels available, this portion of unit 9 C is no longer needed to be closed.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Local hunters and naknek/kvichak AC feels that with the current weather patterns and local temperature levels the moose populations are not really moving around until the last few days of September hunt dates, which current closes on 15th of september. With the date change on this proposal it gives hunters access to dates when the bull moose are start to become active.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
support	8	0	Richard moves, Ralph 2nd. Richard was involved with the local advisory committee who came up with this regulation. The main reason was to get solid moose populations numbers from the department of game in all of unit 9 which with weather conditions we have never had complete moose population numbers. This topic went around the table for a while but most felt that moving it to an online permit it will give local residents more opportunity to obtain a permit because with fish and game fly to local villages and giving out permits isn't the most ideal way to get permits to locals to harvest moose
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Everyone on the naknek/kvichak AC and local residents understand the serious concerns of the ptarmigan population. Dave Crowley stated the most the unit 9 have seriously low population of ptarmigan and local and hunters in general have seen very low counts of ptarmigan in our areas
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that the people he has talked with in unit 9 all said they have seen very little or no Alaskan hares these last few years. Very little is known about them and there currently is no regulation to protect this species. Everyone believes this



			proposal is in the best interest of conservation of this species and needs to be adopted.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	John moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley state that the population levels of the mulchatna herd is not at the levels to support a non-resident hunt. Everyone within unit 9 understands the caribou populations levels and knows the effort need to harvest a caribou.
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, Patricia 2nd. Local trappers stated that know local trappers respect the environment and do not destroy any property to trap beavers. Dave Crowley said that you need a permit already to remove any dams from creeks which will harm chum salmon habitat. Salmon needs these dams for their juvenile salmon to survive.

Set date and location of next meeting, First 2 weeks in February as long as it works with all our schedules at the Bristol Bay Borough office

Adjournment: 10:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr Secretary

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
**Noatak/Kivalina Advisory Committee**

Agenda

October 23, 2017 – 1 p.m.

Noatak IRA Conference room – Noatak, Alaska

1. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m. by Enoch Mitchell, Chair
2. Roll Call: Enoch Mitchell, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Melford Booth  
Members present: 5  
Three Kivalina AC member terms expired; need to hold elections  
Number needed for quorum: 5  
List of User Groups Present: Hunting and Fishing
3. Approval of Agenda: Yes
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
5. Fish & Game Staff present: Brandon Saito (ADFG) Alex Hanson (ADFG) Hazel Smith (Boards)
6. Guests present: Ben Sherman Sr., Elmer Rentenaar, Vernon Adams Sr., Meeka Kelsey
7. Old business: None
8. New business – Board of Game

**Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting**

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

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		
Support	5	0	We have always taken all the edible meat of large game birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	0	
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No action			We always trap beaver. (Laughter often follows reading of the proposal.)
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Opposed	0	5	Noatak has a CUA during caribou hunting season and very much dislike airplanes.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Opposed	0	5	We don't get coyotes except for one or two and we oppose people who fly to hunt.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Opposed	0	5	We don't hunt bears very often but when we do, we often go to their dens to hunt them.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
No action			We do not take bear cubs or female bears with cubs.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Opposed	0	5	Too much paperwork to require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	5	0	
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	5	0	We like to help our elders and the disabled.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	5	0	If it helps DFG with better management, we support them.



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52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	We do not have intensive management areas in Unit 23 but support those that do who wish to prohibit nonresident hunting until harvest and population objectives are met.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	5	0	We have C&T for Canada geese and support the proposal to include all migratory birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	5	Oppose because it would remove rural preference and we like rural preference.
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	4		1 member abstained
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No action			We don't practice 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		
No action			We already teach our children to hunt and fish.

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A  
Support – unanimous.

9. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No action because we do not harvest octopus.

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No action because we do not have scallop dredges.

10. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

November 10-17, 2017 Board of Game Statewide Regulations

Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

March 6-9, 2018 Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;  
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish

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The Noatak/Kivalina AC unanimously supported naming Enoch Mitchell as their representative to any and all fish and game meetings. It was decided among some of the members that it is good the Noatak IRA pays the balance of per diem that other organizations and agencies pay. They all decided it would be good for all ACs in Unit 23 to have a big meeting and reevaluate needs.

11. Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Hazel Smith (AC Secretary has eyesight problems)

Minutes Reviewed by: Enoch Mitchell, Chair

Minutes Approved by: [Signature] Date: 10/25/17



Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017 – 3 p.m.

Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference Room – Nome, Alaska

1. Meeting called to order by AC Chair Charlie Lean at 1500hrs (3pm)
2. Roll Call conducted by Hazel Present: Charlie Lean Chair, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Brandon Ahamasuk Undesignated, Tom Gray Nome Lucas Frost Nome, Edward Stang Nome, Sara Okbaok Teller, and Davis Lincoln White Mountain. Eight members present, quorum requirements are met.  
Members not present: Nate Perkins Vice Chair, William Kakoona Brevig Mission, Adem Boeckman Nome, Tommy Obruk Shishmaref, Clifford Seetook Wales (excused weathered out), Charlie Saccheus Elim, vacant Nome.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Tom Gray and second by Luca Frost to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting held on 12/6/2016 at the Pioneer Igloo in Nome: Motion Made by Davis Lincoln and seconded by Lucas Frost to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
5. Alaska Department of Fish and Game that are present: Hazel, Warren Hanson, Justin Leon, Carmen Daggett, Bill Dunker, Kari Rasmussen, Letty Hughes
6. Guests Present: Ken Adkisson National Park Service, Dan Reed Self, Zoe Greeskin KNOM, Deanna Haecker Nome Nugget.
7. Old Business: Charlie Lean gave an update on the Caribou working group and advised that their next meeting is scheduled for mid-December 2017. The Advisory committee could make a recommendation of an individual to represent Nome at the working group. Kevin Knowlton made a motion seconded by Tom Gray to have Charlie Lean be the representative. Motion carries unanimous.
8. New Business:  
Department Reports:
  - a. Justin Leon with ADF&G Fisheries in Nome briefed using a power point presentation showing the fisheries season round up to include winter and summer commercial and subsistence King Crab as well as commercial and subsistence salmon. Tom Gray asked a question about the commercial king crab CDQ quota being taken on the tail end of the winter commercial crab season and how that affected the summer harvest. Charlie brought up how using the CDQ in the winter could affect the crab fishermen in eastern Norton Sound seeing as they have not had good ice for the past few years. The percentage of the GHF was also to help address the large pot loss factor when the fishermen pushed the season to the point of fishing on questionable ice quality. Brandon brought up whether Fish and Game were planning on doing any research as to the effect of nearshore mining of salmon migration. His office at Kawerak had received numerous complaints of miners working just off shore at the Nome River mouth or even in the mouth of salmon streams



during the salmon runs. He recommended to put a five mile boundary of the mouth of any salmon stream for mining. Charlie also led a discussion on Salmon Lake escapement and if there was a way that the department could monitor the run closer to allow quicker response to becoming more liberal with harvest restrictions once the escapement goal is projected to be met.

- b. Bill Dunker with ADF&G Wildlife introduced other members of the department and went over how the wildlife department is being reorganized to better meet the needs of the region. Bill then gave a quick overview of current populations of Muskox, and Caribou in the region. The muskox seem to be leveling off but this year saw a lower recruitment which does concern the department. Caribou are also showing some positive data with the stabilization of population numbers. Charlie asked where is the main population base of the herd. As of last week, the herd was still in its northern range but is showing some signs of beginning to move south. Carmen Dagget gave an update on 22Aa moose. The composition counts indicate high numbers of males and a total population near the upper end of the range capacity. Staff was questioned if the situation warranted an increased harvest opportunity. Lettie Hughes provide an update on Moose, bear and Muskoxen harvests. Bear and Muskoxen hunts are much as anticipated. Moose harvest in 22D was well above the goal and shorter reporting deadlines may be a solution. Warren Hansen Introduced himself and gave an update of new research projects. 22D moose range and animal condition studies are getting under way. Members Amasuk and Okbaok expressed their concerns of a lack of subsistence opportunity and a need to prioritize subsistence.

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1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
N/A			
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		
O U	0	8	Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, Seconded by Lucas Frost to support. Discussion focused on lack of availability of hunter education for youth within the region.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		





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N/A			
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
S	7	1	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
S U	8	0	Motion by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
O	0	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. 5 abstain from voting
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
N/A			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
S U	8	0	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
N/A			
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk. Charlie requested to hear what the Department recommended.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			



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13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
S	5	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Discussion of how this changes from current regulations, just addresses the use of current technology for reporting harvest. Some confusion, but majority would like consistent regulation.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
N/A			
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
N/A			
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
N/A			
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
N/A			
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
N/A			
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
N/A			
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
N/A			



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22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
N/A			
23	Update the falconry manual		
N/A			
24	Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting		
N/A			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
O	3	5	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
N/A			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
S U	8	0	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
N/A			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
N/A			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.



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31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
O	3	5	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Ed Stang. Too Vague on particulars.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
S	5	3	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
N/A			
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
N/A			
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
N/A			
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
N/A			
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
N/A			
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
N/A			
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
N/A			



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40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
N/A			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Tom Gray
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
N/A			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
N/A			
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Ed Stang.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
N/A			
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		



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N/A			
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		
N/A			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
N/A			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
N/A			Unit 22 is covered already
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
O U	0	8	Motion to support by Ed Stang, Second by Lucas Frost. Proposer is ignorant, and it shows.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
N/A			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
N/A			
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			



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58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
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		
O	1	7	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Admirable intent, not practical in remote communities.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
N/A			
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
N/A			
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Charlie Lean, Second by Lucas Frost.
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		
N/A			
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
N/A			



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66	Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
N/A			
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
N/A			
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Like in 22A moose.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
N/A			

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A  
Support 7 for 1 opposed Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.

c. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No Action

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No Action

9. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

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March 6-9, 2018 Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;  
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish





Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

Motion made to have Charlie Lean or his designated representative represent the advisory committee at the above listed meetings, Second by Davis Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 1928hrs. by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost, motion carried unanimously.



**Nushagak AC**  
**October 24, 2017**  
**Dillingham City Council Chambers**

I. **Call to Order: 9:05 AM by chair Frank Woods.**

II. Roll Call:

**Members Present:**

Frank Woods – Chair, Dillingham

Glen Wysoki - Koliganek

Todd Fritze- Dillingham

Dan Dunaway- secretary, at large Dillingham

Travis Ball- Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta- Clarks Pt.

Susie Brito- Alt, Dillingham

Walter Kanulie- Alt, Togiak by phone

Joe Chythlook - Dillingham

Richard King- Ekwok by phone

James Woolington- Dillingham by phone

Tom O'Connor- Dillingham - by phone

Curt Armstrong - Dillingham

**Members Absent:**

Gayla Hoseth- Dillingham, excused

Chris Carr- Portage Creek

Diana Gamechuk- Manokotak, excused

Peter Christopher- New Stuyahok

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**List of User Groups Present:**

Subsistence fishing and hunting.

Commercial Fishing drift and set

Trapping

Guiding

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt with the change to address GMU 17 proposals first and Statewide second. Approved with changes unanimous.

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt. Approved minutes unanimous.

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

Jason Dye, Lee Borden Sport Fish

Neil Barten Wildlife



Taryn Brito Board Support

Joe Wittkop **State Troopers Wildlife**

VI. **Guests Present:**

Catherine Carscallen public

Ted Krieg public

Gene Sandone - consultant BBEDC - phone

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Patrick Walsh, Allen Miller, Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge

Dave Bendinger KDLG News

VII. **Elections for AC Members:**

Dillingham designated seats open: Frank Woods, James Woolington, Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor.

At Large undesignated seat open: Dan Dunaway

Chair turned gavel to Board support for nominations:

Todd Fritze nominated Dunaway for undesignated seat.

Joe C. moved, Tom 2nd to close nominations. Dunaway re-elected unanimously.

Brief discussion on election process how to elect the 4 Dillingham Designated seats.

Joe C. nominated Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, James Woolington, and Curt Armstrong.

Woolington withdrew his name as his current situation makes participating difficult.

Catherine Carscallen nominated Susie Brito.

Travis moved, Joe 2nd to close nominations.

Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Susie Brito, and Curt Armstrong were elected unanimously.

Gavel returned to Chair Woods.

Dunaway spoke thanking James Woolington for his contributions to the AC.

Joe moved to seat new members Dan 2nd - adopted unanimous

**Elect Alternate:**

Susie nominated Steve Perkins to fill Alternate Seat vacated by Susie. Perkins not present.

Discussion on his interest to serve. He has sat on AC in the past. It was acknowledged if he is elected that AC needs to contact Steve and to assure he is interested and able to serve. If not we can elect someone else at the next meeting.



Joe move, Travis 2nd to close nomination. Perkins was unanimously elected as alternate - pending his acceptance.

#### VIII. **ADF&G Staff Updates:**

**BOARD SUPPORT:** certificates of appreciation handed to several long serving AC members Joe Chythlook, Glenn Wysoki, Chris Carr, Curt Armstrong, Dan Dunaway, Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Peter Christopher.

**COMMERCIAL FISH:** Tim Sands summarized the Togiak Herring and Nushagak and Togiak Salmon season. Best run EVER in the Nushagak District. Genetics estimate 2/3 of Nushagak River sockeye were Nuyakuk River system. Igushik and Togiak Towers, Port Moller Test, funded by non-State agencies and individuals BBSRI, BBRSDA, BBEDC, processors. Next year towers expected to be State funded as has been historic. Strong coho season. Post season flights and data suggest Nushagak king run was better than sonar counts indicate. Complete summaries of herring and salmon fisheries are available online or at ADFG offices.

Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10.

Gene Sandone BBEDC consultant encouraged all to begin preparing ideas NOW and he will be happy to assist writing proposals. ADFG staff also offered help. Don't wait for meeting.

**SPORT FISH:** Lee Borden Assistant Biologist, new to Dillingham in May 17, with ADFG since 2011, has extensive sonar experience. Lee distributed a 2017 sport fish management summary. Nushagak King salmon sonar index was a little over 56,000, below goal so June 21 an Emergency Order was issued June 21 to reduce daily bag limit from 2 to 1 and annual limit to 2 fish. Fall follow-up work suggests "average" king abundance on selected spawning areas and while 95,000 in-river fish count not met, spawning escapement likely adequate to sustain the run. Two other "EO's" were issued to expand sockeye salmon bag limits fro 5 to 10/day for the Nushagak and Wood Rivers when each system exceeded escapement goals. Increased bag limit is to provide more harvest opportunity. Sport Fish conducted the 1st of a 2 year study of Catch and Release mortality on sport caught king salmon in the Nushagak River. Of 107 fish caught and radio tagged, tentatively 6.7% died, similar to the lower range of mortality estimates in Kenai River studies.

**WILDLIFE TROOPER:** Officer Wittkop outlined enforcement activities for the past year. There were only a few sport fishing violations - sport enforcement might not have been as intensive due to reduced officer availability. One problem was some king salmon killed, roe removed and meat wasted. Still seeking suspects. There were only 39 commercial fishing violations often improper gear, gear ID, PFD or license issues. There were 32 misdemeanors, lost nets, over-limit



of gear, closed waters or fishing time violations. The huge run and liberal fishing time seemed to reduce the temptation to violations.

Wildlife violations, 7 misdemeanors, 12 bailable violations such as no license, no waterfowl stamp, no evidence of sex retained. Biggest issue is to improve compliance with DLG Bears and unsecured trash.

AC member Susie expressed concern for inadequately secured subsistence nets around Dillingham. Nets maybe insufficiently removed from the water and accidentally catch more fish - owners are unaware of fish. Fish get wasted. She would like to see phone numbers required as part of gear identification so owners can be advised.

SUBSISTENCE DIVISION: Gabriella discussed plans for a marine mammal survey next spring and summer. Still developing the plans. There is talk of basing a subsistence person in Dillingham again.

BREAK 10:12 TO 10:25

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: Neil Barten. Caribou studies: 80 calves collared, 40 near Nishlik calving area and 40 north calving area. Seeking survival rates. In north area 5 collars still active; bears, wolves and eagles seem to be main predators. Nishlik area survival is a little better at 35% alive in late June. Still looking for some collars.

Caribou population estimates were 30K in 2015, 27K IN 2016 - herd does not seem to be rebounding as had been hoped. Intensive Management is only in effect in part of the range; for several years weather has severely limited IM activities. Most wolf are taken by snow machine. Calf survival is poor and he would like to increase the Intensive Management (IM) area to the authorized 10K square miles which is much of 17B. Right now not all calving grounds are in the IM area.

He just did fall composition counts: 32 to 34 bulls to 100 cows; 23 or 24 calves to 100 cows. Prefer to see 30+ calves per 100 cows. Pregnancy rates are good, cow condition good, need to boost calf survival. Range seems good.

AC member Glen says maybe something else is going on.

Barten wondered if IM should go to Dept removal eventually. He suggested a longer aerial season might help. open earlier. Barten says he's eager to work with locals to come up with an acceptable plan.

Wolf Project: Barten seeks wolf abundance information in IM area each year to assess if IM is effective. 17 wolves in 4 pack collared. Trying to follow the pups in each pack. Hope to collar more next March in Mulchatna area. Could offer information on moose management as well as caribou.



Moose Program : A new project started this year. There seem to be a lot of large cows in good condition, good habitat; but few calves even in late May. Spring 2017 he put 35 collars on cows, 34 were pregnant. Collared cows to avoid handling concerns on calves. Few surveys during estimated peak of calving including around May 19. Early flights found 31 calves with the 34 cows but by now 90% of calves are dead and 4 cows died too - seems unusually high. Neil also collared 8 "short yearlings" to monitor weight etc. Average weight was 440 pounds - very good and bigger than found in many areas of interior Alaska. Barten observed 65% twin rates suggesting good range conditions. Hope is to do the study 2 more years to get a better picture. Generally the area seems to have a good moose population but very high calf mortality is concerning. Also some low bull /cow ratios in portions of the area. Plan to work west of Weed River and toward Manokotak.

King Salmon Wildlife collared 25 cow moose and found some of them make very long migrations to calve. They are also seeing very high calf mortality. Typically bears are early calf predators but maybe wolves are contributing here.

Fall moose harvest was about 173 - 174 bulls in GMU 17- a little above but close to recent years. Harvest cards are still trickling in and no analysis has been done. Indications that fly-out hunters in Wood River Lakes area did well.

Togiak moose harvest stands at 42, down from 48 last year but cards may still come in. Toigak moose estimate came in 200 animals above previous survey but within confidence interval.

Ptarmigan: Dunaway asked about ptarmigan abundance. During moose and caribou flights ADFG is noting bird abundance. Barten has noticed flock of 15 to 100+ across the area though he does not have experience with high populations here so hard to compare. Flocks observed seem an encouraging indicator.

Susie said her family has seen good numbers of ptarmigan on hikes. She is also seeing a lot of falcons, owls and ermine. Voles are super abundant.

IX. New Business:

1. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Central/Southwest meeting (see table below).
2. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Statewide meeting (see table below).

12:17 to 13:07 Lunch Break

14:45 Susie Brito departs quorum remains.

14:55 Curt Armstrong departs still have quorum

15:05 -15:18 break

15:50 AC member Mariano Floresta departs to catch flight. Short break to assure quorum remained. Tom O and Walter K remain on the phone. Quorum sustained.

16:10 Curt Armstrong returns to meeting.



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Dan move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Last cycle there was a similar proposal and I had several people come to me very opposed to being required to salvage gizzards, hearts, entrails and I have to oppose this; it goes too far though I use those parts myself. Some small geese are smaller than the big ducks.</p> <p>Seems like this is an effort to align the State regs with some Federal regs. But this might confuse sport regs vs subsistence regs.</p> <p>BBNA supports full use of food animals.</p> <p>Once parts are salvaged there is no requirement to use them.</p> <p>Enforcement officer said he'd enforce the rule however its written even if I have to go thru and match hearts and gizzards to birds..</p> <p>Some discussion that salvaging organs very offensive to some people, possibly some religions.</p> <p>Others expressed concern this goes too far.</p>
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>ADFG opposed due to potential abuse. Dan opposed , appreciates the quandary, has had the experience himself but is concerned about abuse potential on a statewide basis and where there may be a lot more trappers. Cody concern for precedent it will set and prefers to see trappers continue on the honor system and tradition.</p>
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No Action			<p>No Action - we already have Intensive Management option and laws in place.</p>
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Yes we need clarification of what is and is not legal. Does a remote control camera help a hunter get the animal. What about texting, satellite phones and cameras? We need to deal with all this new technology.</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>We should oppose as we just voted to continue the tag exemption for our area. And ADFG says its not an biological issue.</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
No Action			<p>Need more public education. Stamp is a hassle for bush residents. Likely not within Board authority so no action.</p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>BBNA addressing spring vs fall hunt. Wants to allow a hunter to help elders who can't</p>



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			hunt. Chair supports for the sport season.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	8	Joe move Dan 2nd Not that much more work for guides.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	1	8	Moved and Seconded More paperwork. Its nobody's business what or who I sell to just like for other furs. The sealing requirements provide all the biological info they need. But it wouldn't be hard to get the sale permit at the time of sealing. So what if most would get the sealing permit but never sell? Could open a can of worms, chain of custody hassle.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	Dan Move, Travis 2nd Kind of house keeping, regulatory review process requires reviewing C&T status but waterfowl issues fell through the cracks. Need to get current. Good to follow the policies and practices the State has set out.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
No Action			Nushagak AC discussed this for a while. Some felt qualification mainly by family size was strange and possibly won't meet state law requirements. Concerns were expressed for the many problems they hear about with Tier 2 in other GMU. Concerns for fairness, complaints of gaming whatever process is adopted and frequent exclusion of locals yet accessed by the slick operators. IN the end the AC felt we did not have enough information or experience to make an informed decision.
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	Moved and Seconded Could not be done timely by date set out. Not possible to reach all of Alaska. Too onerous, I thought Alaska has a system to cycle in young hunters with Hunter Ed to eventually have most hunters trained. Some of us had Hunter Ed so long ago but lost our cards - I tried to get a replacement card from Idaho but they don't keep records back that far.





## Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan move, Joe 2nd</p> <p>There are some local archers who would like this.</p> <p>Several members object as it is so common that archers carry or are backed up with a firearm; temptation to use firearm first could be high creating enforcement issues.</p> <p>Togiak AC also noted problems and issue with firearms back-up.</p> <p>One member strongly objects to the fractured, special interest and confusing hunting seasons found in many or states; we have a relatively long season use what you want.</p> <p>Special seasons pit users against each other and may be designed to sell more gear.</p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	9	0	<p>Dan move, Travis 2nd</p> <p>Dan supports the convenience of continuing this exemption. It is a great aid to local hunters who may want to opportunistically take a bear but are reluctant to buy a tag pre-hunt. In addition, the sealing requirements still capture the data needed by ADFG. This helps to encourage bear harvest in this area due to their suspected impacts on our moose and caribou. Brown bear are abundant here as well.</p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	12	0	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Essentially house keeping. This AC, Togiak AC, Govt. agencies, BBNA others worked hard to get the 17A moose plan where it is, we need to keep it going -its a good example of successful cooperation.</p> <p>The moose population is good and can support this hunt.</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			Follow lead of Togiak AC taking no action in preference to 138.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	11	1	<p>Susie Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>As written would eliminate nonresident hunt - I don't think that was the intent?</p> <p>We are clear, the Nushagak AC has NO intent to eliminate nonresident hunt- this needs to be addressed in the final action.</p> <p>Refuge supports proposal. Good data says there are plenty of moose in the area, over desired levels even.</p> <p>Long discussion whether meat is good or ratty / stinky. Some say its ok others strongly disagree. Up to the individual hunters.</p> <p>Concern for wanton waste if meat is ratty.</p> <p>Local villages really need meat and herd is strong and could supply more.</p> <p>This would increase harvest opportunity.</p>



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			<p>Chair and ADFG suggest AC make a list of options vs bogging on amendments: Togiak AC supported this proposal and asked for a 7 day increase. Togiak AC wants hunt to run later in the fall as moose move more later in season. The fall season could be started earlier a few days (+2?) , don't need to add all days at the end (+ 3 to 5 at end?)</p> <p>Concern for taking too many fall bulls, could increase cow harvest some to reduce moose numbers and herd reproductive capacity. Cow harvest might help avoid over harvesting the corridor area.</p> <p>Instead of fall hunt, what about liberalizing the winter hunt? Winter hunt based more on snow machines, effort and harvest might be spread over a wider area vs concentrated along river corridor.</p> <p><u>Emphasize</u> Nushagak AC favors the concept of more harvest opportunity and defers as much as reasonable to Togiak groups on this item and details. Also do not eliminate the nonresident hunt.</p> <p>We should allow more access (opportunity?) and let Board decide details in a single broad amendment.</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>May increase nonresident hunts but area mostly limited by Federal concessions. I Several comments would like to see increased local harvest opportunity before increasing it for nonresidents. Locals can't go the store for meat.</p> <p>If we were concerned for stinky meat in 138, this 10 days extension is worse.</p> <p>With the strong moose herd there may be a way to extend a little more nonresident opportunity but not this way.</p> <p>Concerns for more competition with local hunters is big.</p> <p>10 days is way too much.</p> <p>In the upper Nushagak one season a guide took 35 bull moose and the area has never recovered, I'm totally opposed to this.</p> <p>I'm very concerned what this guide is trying to do with this.</p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Moved, Joe 2nd</p> <p>Several AC members very strongly opposed.</p> <p>Such self-serving is offensive.</p> <p>This would take away opportunity / allocation from the existing registration hunt to serve a single guide.</p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>Several members opposed.</p>



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			<p>It's not in the moose plan to address allocation to guides - we prefer to move cautiously step by step with this plan.</p> <p>If we liberalize this hunt too fast we might lose track of what's effective and may derail the plan. This plan is the successful result of all of us together.</p> <p>Existing plan allows for liberalization, no need to make major regulatory changes outside of the plan.</p>
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Oppose	2	9	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>This is only for season in a portion of 17C west of Weary River.</p> <p>Proposer feels moose are less available in the area during early portion of current season.</p> <p>This would require a totally new registration hunt - more paper work.</p> <p>Data is limited and hard to extract from surveys of the overall area.</p> <p>There are problems getting complete surveys in this area data is limited.</p> <p>Some ADFG data tends to show a weak or declining population and not likely to support increased harvest that might occur with date changes.</p> <p>ADFG and Enforcement don't like rivers as boundaries - harder to enforce and temptations to "fudge" might be greater.</p> <p>This could attract more effort and from what we hear and that wouldn't be a good thing.</p> <p>We are hearing that ADFG is already concerned about the status of moose in this area and they are just starting a study. I tend to agree to wait for their study data.</p> <p>This area is NOT like over in Togiak R. where there is a lot of good data showing a strong and growing moose population.</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Togiak Refuge is opposed to this proposal and they think this population is stable or declining.</p> <p>Joe C: this whole area has a long history of a registration hunt, and to separate this portion out, I really doubt it would be helpful to the proposer. How permits would be issued concerns me as well and therefore I'm inclined to oppose this.</p> <p>Curt I like river boundaries and I tend to favor this. The season wouldn't be longer just shifted and would mostly be for the village of Manokotak.</p> <p>Much of the lands involved are non-Refuge Native lands, whether guides come in could be up to owners.</p> <p>Given uncertainty of the moose population in the area described, I don't favor this.</p> <p>FWS Aderman pointed out the proposal does 2 things: shifts the dates AND extends the General Hunt by 5 days.</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Frank and Susie agree with the concerns expressed by ADFG that data suggests caution. Let's wait for study results. Currently the science "isn't there".</p> <p>Extended season may not work well with the antler requirement - antlers more likely to be off by that time.</p> <p>It was noted the Togiak AC did not support this proposal as they agree with the biological</p>



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			<p>concerns of ADFG and FWS.</p> <p>We are sympathetic but Manokotak people need to meet with biologist and work out a better plan.</p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	1	10	<p>Joe Move, Susie 2nd</p> <p>Dan concerned for habitat damage, excessive access and greater harvest. Restriction probably in part to follow the Nushagak Area Plan where areas were restricted from motor vehicles and to protect locals' hunting. Lately near Dillingham 4 wheelers are being used more and more there are trails and mud holes forming damaging tundra. This would assist commercial operators to come into this area - the whole idea of the corridor was to aid locals.</p> <p>Concern expressed that this change if made, would likely go 1 way, once opened it would be impossible to close.</p> <p>Proposer pointed that his intent was to open this use to locals only , not the "Green Tag Hunters". "I intended it to help the subsistence hunters."</p> <p>Someone noted that even now Non Residents are allowed to get permits in the corridor and they would want to use ATVs.</p> <p>Knik River area where I grew up has been trashed by ATVs, its not the same, they do a lot of damage.</p> <p>Proponent encouraged to supply clear comments to the BOG by the deadline.</p>
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Joe Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Locals are having a hard time finding any caribou now, I'm not inclined to support this. As ADFG says, herd is far below management objectives even with Intensive Management; bull /cow and calf cow ratios aren't real good.</p> <p>I talked to a local pilot who flew around much of the area and could not find caribou to hunt - this proposal isn't a good idea right now.</p>
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
NA			<p>Joe move no action Susie 2nd</p> <p>AC agree, outside of BOG authority</p>
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Susie Move, Todd 2nd</p> <p>Chair recapped AC concerns regarding Prop 145 and those concerns apply to this proposal as well. Other AC members agree and are opposed.</p>



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148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	7	2	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Very very long and vigorous discussion on this proposal.</p> <p>Several strongly oppose the proposal as unethical, especially hard on caribou where many animals are disturbed vs individual wolf or wolverine. For caribou this activity happens in mid -late winter when caribou are most stressed already, hard on pregnant females and fetuses - its not responsible hunting, detrimental to health of animals and ultimately may reduce harvestable population..</p> <p>Others say its better to accommodate a common practice, work toward better compliance, reduce fear of citations to enhance more cooperation and hunt / harvest reporting. Allow some activity and work to educate operators on ethical practices, reduce abandoned animals, reduce enforcement hassles.</p> <p>A question Board, ADFG, Wildlife Enforcement need to address is a clear difference between "chasing (illegal)" and "positioning (legal)".</p> <p>Further, the AC members in opposition say this proposal says "positioning the animal" vs positioning the hunter, hence apparently allows chasing and would be very hard to enforce fairly.</p> <p>One AC member suggested agencies get together, decide what constitutes positioning vs chasing and develop a clear video or video cartoon as an instruction tool.</p> <p>We will need vigorous public education along with this positioning regulation.</p> <p>Some members were willing to separate wolf and wolverine from caribou and offered to support an amended proposal but not for caribou.</p> <p>Another comment was to change language to allow positioning of the HUNTER not the quarry; but this suggestion was not accepted.</p> <p>Some comments suggested the disagreements here reflect differing cultural viewpoints.</p> <p>One of the most outspoken opponents had to leave the meeting before voting commenced.</p> <p>Note from the total vote count, at least 2 other members had left the meeting for other obligations.</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>AC noted ADFG's concern for lost sealing data.</p> <p>Several comments were made that at previous meeting cycles, several GMU 17 beaver trappers have expressed concern for our long and complicated season and potential negative impacts on the beaver populations. Health of the beaver population is a</p>



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			<p>concern and has been a sensitive issue in the past.</p> <p>One very active beaver trapper, fur sewer, and AC member is strongly opposed: "this seems designed just to facilitate big game guides accessing small creeks and rivers with no regard for beaver biology. Kits need to be raised and taught to build, forage etc. This proposal would allow indiscriminate killing of beaver just for big cam hunters."</p> <p>Another member opposed this for: 1) beaver are not vermin and are an important food fur and income resource in GMU 17; 2) APA does not appreciate the moose habitat produced by beavers and their value to the moose population; 3) I have seen for myself that beaver dams are not a major obstacle to adult or juvenile salmon passage; 4) I can't believe APA risks their public image to support such an irresponsible proposal.</p>

### 3. Comment on proposals for the Federal Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council

#### **WP 18-21: Simplify Caribou regulations and align with current State regulations:**

Travis move Joe 2nd

Submitted be Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). This just gets the Federal regs lined up with the current regulations, less restrictive and simpler.

**SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no**

#### **WP 18-22: Rescind Federal public lands closure for Nushagak Peninsula Caribou:**

Travis moved Dan 2nd

Submitted be Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). Allows a State hunt when herd is big enough - estimated to be over 900 animals.

Local federal caribou planning committee (reps from villages currently qualified to harvest Nushagak Peninsula caribou) was opposed and wanted to keep restriction.

Considerable discussion and disagreement on RAC at the time it was proposed.

Herd is oversized now and could over graze.

Likely to open opportunities to more communities in the area.

At RAC meetings other communities expressed desire to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this action.

**SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no**



**WP 18-23: Add Customary and Traditional findings for caribou for residents of GMU 9C, 9E for Unit 17 remainder - specifically that portion of 17A and C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula :**

Travis move, Joe 2nd

Submitted by Gayla Hoseth of Dillingham.

Nushagak Caribou popular appears to remain above desired levels.

Designed to open opportunities to more communities in the area since the brood stock for this herd came from the Alaska Peninsula area.

At RAC meetings, other communities are eager to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this with some wording modifications recommended.

**SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no**

4. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals for the 2018-2019 cycle. Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10. Tentatively scheduled for call of chair during March 2018.
5. AC Representation at statewide meeting November 10-12. To be determined when members can review their schedules. Possible representatives include Joe Chythlook, Dan Dunaway, Tom O'Connor, maybe Frank Woods. Please let chair know ASAP.
6. Review and approval of minutes: While BOG is less critical regarding getting final minutes AC prefers to supply final version. By unanimous consent, secretary will submit draft to chair for his review and approval.

X. Set date and location of next meeting: Call of chair during March 2018.

Adjournment: 17:03

Minutes Recorded By:   Dan Dunaway    
 Minutes Approved By:   Chairman Frank Woods    
 Date:   10/27/17



**Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**September 28, 2017**  
**Met at the home of Gary Alcott**

- I. Call to Order by Chair John Schandelmeier at 6 pm.
- II. Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Gary Alcott, Steve Chmielowski, Alan Echols, Mark Schlenker,  
Members Absent: Lee Harper, David Hoffmeister, Greg Swope  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:

<b>Paxson Fish &amp; Game Advisory Committee</b>			
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Profile</b>	<b>Interests</b>
Gary	Alcott		1-4, 6, 9-10
Steve	Chmielowski	Secretary	
Alan	Echols	Alternate	2-4, 6, 9-11
John	Schandelmeier	Chair	1-6, 9-10, 12
Mark	Schlenker	Vice Chair	1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12

**INTERESTS REPRESENTED**

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Trapping           | 7 - Guiding                  |
| 2 - Sport Fishing      | 8 - Processing               |
| 3 - Subsistence        | 9 - Personal Use             |
| 4 - Hunting            | 10 - Outdoorsperson          |
| 5 - Commercial Fishing | 11 - Association/Corporation |
| 6 - Photography        | 12 - Conservationist         |

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not applicable
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins
- VI. Guests Present: Bryan Aber
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOG Statewide Proposal recommendations





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	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
5				Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Oppose	0	4		The regulations are complicated enough, this makes it harder and the potential for more sublegal takes 1 abstain
6				Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
Support	4	0		1 abstain
7				Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
Support	5	0		Potential for abuse
10				Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game
				tabled
44				Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions
Oppose	0	5		There is plenty of opportunity for this hunt in the federal & state areas, potential for abuse
56				Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions
Oppose	0	5		Dose not work for the good of the community
57				Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		By changing the definition we still have a community hunt, which we do not support
58				Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		Do not support the community hunts in any form
59				Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		Not necessary if there is no community 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
Oppose	0	3		Oppose as this won’t allow elders to hunt unless they complete the course 2 abstain

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Chmielowski  
Minutes Approved By: Chair John Schandelmeier  
Date: 10/19/2017



**Sitka Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
Sitka Sound Science Center**

- I. **Call to Order:** [610pm] by [Jon Martin/Chair]
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeffrey Feldpausch, Joel Markis, Luke Bastian, Tad Fujioka, Randy Gluth, Eric Jordan, Bradley Scheaffer, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Jon Martin  
**Members Present:** 12  
**Members Absent:** 5  
Brian Massey, Floyd Tomkins, Wayne Unger, Chris Whitehead, Andrew Thoms  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Randy Gluth, Jeff Feldpausch second
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Randy Gluth, Jeff Feldpausch second
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Steve Bethune AK ADF&G, Kyle Ferguson Alaska Wildlife Trooper
- VI. **Guests Present:** Heather Bauscher, Fran Johnson, Kenyatta Bradley, Mike Coleman, Carina Nichols, Stacy Meyers, Burt Meyers, Chris Kolms, Calvin Pfeiffer, Pat Alexander, Spike Arnold, Gene Arnold

**VII. Old Business:**

**Elections:**

**Trapping Seat:** Tad Fujioka nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Eric Jordan motion to close nominations, second by Joel Markis  
Eric Jordan motion to select Tad by acclimation, second Dick Curran  
**Tad Fujioka reelected to Trapping Seat**

**Resident Sport Fish:** Brian Massey nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Tad Fujioka  
Tad Fujioka motion to close nominations and elect Brian Massey,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Brian Massey reelected to Resident Sport Fish Seat**



**At Large Seat:** Brad Schaeffer nominated for reelection by Brad Schaeffer,  
Second by Jon Martin  
Randy Gluth motion to close nominations and elect Brad Schaeffer,  
Seconded by Jon Martin  
**Brad Schaeffer reelected to At Large Seat**

**Processor Seat:** Wayne Unger nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Randy Gluth motion to close nominations and elect Wayne Unger,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Wayne Unger reelected to Processor Seat**

**Alternate Seat:** Joel Markis nominated for reelection by Jon Martin,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Tad Fujioka motion to close nominations and elect Joel Markis,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Joel Markis reelected to Alternate Seat**

**SE BOG Proposal Cycle 2018- 2019:**

Reminder to get the word out to get proposals drawn up, or provide help and support

**Alaska State Board of Fish Annual Meeting in Sitka January 11<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

Jon Martin & John Murray- Point people on this event

**Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation:**

**Recipients:**

Dick Curran  
Randy Gluth  
Karen Johnson  
John Murray  
Moses Johnson  
Tad Fujioka  
Eric Jordan  
Bradley Scheaffer  
Jerry Barber

**Thank you for all that you do!**



VIII. New Business:

**BOG Proposals:**

i. **Definitions:**

**Proposal 1.** Intending to change language “take”, to language “kill” or “harvest”

**Support:** User Concern that “take” is too broad and given that it applies to any harassment of wildlife could implicate a “take” occurring even during pursuit of an animal in a hunt. Or spooking an animal without firing or harvesting. Null and voids wounding loss language, serious issue.

**Oppose:** Enforcement Concern that a person couldn’t be held accountable for criminal action unless they have animal in hand.

Motion to adopt Proposal 1 by Eric Jordan, Tad Fujioka second; Brad Schaeffer call question, John Murray second

**Vote:** 2- support, 10- oppose

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 2:** Definition of a youth hunt to allow 8yr- 17yr and remove Hunter Ed Requirement

**Support:** Allows advantage for early season hunts, and inclusion of younger kids. Hunter Education requirement could be difficult to meet in rural communities, should already be taught by family/mentors.

**Oppose:** Seems like contradictory language, and not successful in combining the two stipulations to one proposal. Hunter Education is important but not required everywhere. Maybe an urban vs. rural perspective issue.

Motion to adopt Proposal 2 and call the question to vote by Randy Gluth

**Vote:** 0- support, 11- oppose, 1- abstain

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 4:** Change definition of edible meat required for harvest on Large Game Birds to include gizzards and heart in addition to back, breasts, and wings.

**Support:** Support full utilization of the resource and discourage waste.



**Oppose:** Not a reasonable expectation of Bird Hunters when users are not required to keep heart and liver in big game harvest. Also enforcement concern. Due to the wide geographic range of game birds it is unknown where a bird may have been feeding which contributes to potential lack of desire to harvest the gizzard.

Motion to adopt Proposal 4 and call to question by Randy Gluth

**Vote:** 1- support, 11- oppose

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 5:** Clarification on limits for take on Moose regarding brow tines.

**Support:** Intent of proposal to make it easier on users in following hunting guidelines. Anytime L.E. seeking clarification usually to help create additional harvest opportunity regarding various antler configurations.

**Oppose:** Concerns with enforceability, and becomes difficult for hunters to keep track of what can be taken legally and what cannot. Not fair to hunters, too much variety in Antler types and regulations based on varied antler types.

Motion to adopt Proposal 5 and call to question by Eric Jordan.

**Vote:** 11- support, 1- oppose

**Motion Passes**

## ii. Unlawful Methods:

### Proposals 10-15: Discussion

- Impacts areas other than Southeast but local people that live here do go to other units to hunt Sheep
- Contention seems to grow over Sheep issues every year “Sheep Wars”
- Three main issues in all sheep proposals:
  - o Aircraft use
  - o Allocation of state resources (res. Vs non res.)



- Point systems and tags- how opportunities are offered for residents, youth, and non-residents
- Maybe easier to draft a response collectively to the multiple proposals related to sheep.

**Proposal 13:** New technology, use of Cell Phones to take game i.e. real time trail cam video streaming to phone, streaming video from a drone to cell phone, etc...

**Support:** Technology should not be allowed in any capacity to assist in the take of an animal. Clarification of specific technology will aid in enforcement in attempts to allow regulations to keep up with advances in technology.

**Oppose:** Concerns with limiting users' ability to use phones or sat phones for safety communications. Concerns of government oversight going too far.

Motion to adopt Proposal 13 and call to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support- 10, oppose- 1, abstain- 1

**Motion Passes**

### iii. Hunting Permits & Harvest Tickets

**Proposal 26:** Allowing the sale of Governor's tags to be bought through auction or raffle.

**Support:** Intent is to raise money for conservation organizations, and non-profits, as well as to help fund the Department of Fish and Game. Generates large amounts of money that can be put toward conservation. Does not change number of animals taken and therefore does not pose a biological issue.

**Oppose:** The idea of buying a tag outside of bag limits is found to be offensive. The idea "capitalization of wild game" also not supported. Caters to trophy takers.

Motion to adopt Proposal 26 and call it to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support- 2, oppose- 8, abstain-2

**Motion Fails**



**Proposal 31:** Asking for effort to be put into considering a points system to be put in place rather than a random drawing

**Support:** Interested in finding a way to distribute tags that is more fair and equitable than random drawing system. Should find ways to mitigate concerns like commercial issues.

**Oppose:** This would be a huge burden on staff, administratively difficult, and require large allocation of resources. Opportunity for commercialization puts the youngest and oldest Alaskans potentially at a disadvantage. Feelings that the current system is working so why change it.

Motion to adopt Proposal 31 and call to question by Joel Markis, second Jon Martin

**Vote:** support-0, oppose- 9, abstain- 3

**Motion Fails**

#### iv. Hunter Education

**Proposal 60:** Hunter Education Requirement

**Support:** Hunter Education is very important for safety in the field and for learning ethical take of wild game.

**Oppose:** There would be potential difficulty for remote users to have access to an approved and accredited Hunter Education course. This is an “urban solution” the rural solution is family based, or often linked to cultural education and traditional subsistence practices within a community. There are plenty of options and resources available to get the Hunter Education certification if one so chooses, but it should not be required as that would be burdensome. Established users who have spent their lives hunting do not want to be required to take a Hunter Education course in order to continue hunting.

Motion to adopt Proposal 60 and call to question by Eric Jordan, Randy Gluth second



**Vote:** support- 1, oppose- 11

**Motion Fails**

**v. Possessing Live Game**

**Proposal 62:** Allow for release of sterilized feral cats into the wild

**Support:** Collars now exist to reduce success of feral cats in hunting wild birds.

**Oppose:** Feral cats have significant negative impacts on wild bird populations and have been attributed to the cause of extinction of certain species. This is obviously a terrible idea.

**Vote:** support- 0, oppose- 12

**Motion Fails**

**vi. Misc. Topic**

**Proposal 64:** Wild Sheep Foundation Proposal

**Support:** The spread of disease from domestic sheep and goats to the wild population is the greatest threat to our wild populations of sheep and goats

**Oppose:** It is not within the Board's power to regulate domestic animals

Motion to adopt Proposal 64 and call to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support-10, oppose- 2, abstain- 2

**Motion Passes**

**Proposal 69:** Requirement to watch a video for access to harvest Moose

**Discussion:** Classic example of a proposal put in "because we have to.... so should everyone else"





**Future Meeting Dates:**

- **November 1<sup>st</sup> – (Groundfish) Herring Proposals, 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> - (Shellfish proposals and Shellfish seat election) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 15<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish excluding Herring) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 29<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish/Herring Proposals) 6pm Centennial Hall**

Motion to Adjourn by Jon Martin at 8:13pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Heather Bauscher

Minutes Approved By: Jon Martin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee  
Agenda  
October 26, 2017 – 12 noon  
Community Building

1. Wade Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Wade Ryan, Chair  
Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary  
Matilda Hardy, Member  
Alexander Niksik, Member  
Frank Katchatag, Member  
Wes Jones, Member  
Morris Nassuk, Member, attempted to attend but the plane left his village before he could board. He tried to participate by teleconference but there was too much static for him.
3. Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to Approval of Agenda
4. Jacob moved seconded by Wes to Approve of Meeting Minutes – 12/8/16 Meeting Minutes approved on 12/22/16
5. Fish & Game Staff present  
Bill Dunker and Hazel Smith participated in person; Letty Hughes and Justin Leon participated by teleconference.
6. Guests present – None; Clarence Towarak participated towards the end of the meeting.
7. Election of Officers,  
Wes made a motion seconded by Frank to keep Wade as Chair and Jacob as Secretary.
8. Old business - None
9. New business – Board of Game

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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		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Opposed	0	6	Wes made motion Jacob seconded to approve. Wes said due to the complexity of the



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			proposal he is against.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
No action			
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
No Action			
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved Wes seconded to approve. Wes stated it opens the ability to abuse trapping towards specific harvested animals.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No Action			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wade doesn't like the proposal due to the amount of conflict with DOL. Wes stated that there are already so many rules with land and shoot.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it starts meddling with making adjustments for all game.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
No Action			
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
No Action			
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes said that if we take up the airbow method that it does not align with a normal use of a bow.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
No Action			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes will vote against because our current requirements of harvesting the bears is sufficient. Wade agrees with Wes that we have no issues with the current regulations
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
No Action			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
No Action			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
No Action			
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
No Action			
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
No Action			
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
No Action			
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
No Action			
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	6	0	Jacob move seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said the difficulty of obtain duck stamps for Federal and if the Federal stamp was removed it aligns the state with it.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
No Action			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade stated we have proxy hunting everywhere else. Wes asked if there was limit on the hunt and supports the proposal.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes asked if we cannot currently proxy hunt in our region. Bill stated that in 22A there is no proxy hunt allowed.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		



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Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes will vote against because it will require the Department will have to seal the antlers, it will add undue cost to the Department.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said that it keeps the guides inline if opposed.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
Opposed	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it keeps everything inline if opposed.
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded Matilda to approve. Wade said it will be smart because the state can keep a record the transfer of meat.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wade asked how much the permit will be. Bill stated that it will be free. Jacob said it will help the state keep track of the hide and sale. Wes asked if the main goal is to see what is the harvest in the state for the Department to keep tab of the harvest of bears.
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			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
No Action			
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
No Action			
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Opposed	0	6	Matilda moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes stated that it does have some good components but it's hard to see a justification. Jacob asked if they already use the household size as a point system. Bill said they do not. Jacob stated there would be to many changes that would need to take place if this was adopted.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
No Action			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
No Action			



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57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
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		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes stated that the way we need to go is to have a hunter’s certificate. It is unrealistic to have our young residence to obtain a hunter education certification. Wade stated that education is good but with the state budget it is not feasible.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes thinks this is a poor way to go to release sterilized cats. Cats become an invasive species. Wade thinks that no one should be releasing any type of animals into the wild.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve.
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	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade said this is a good idea for some areas but for our area is unnecessary. Wes think it would be a good idea for areas that require specific antler size or brow tine.

163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve.



Area Biologists Bill Dunker and Letty Hughes gave updates to the AC on current projects in the Southern Sound Area and upcoming areas of research. Bill also gave updates on personnel changes in Region 5. Justin Leon, Fisheries Biologist was going to give a presentation but the AC moved quickly.

Elder Clarence Towarak relayed his concerns to the AC about certain proposals and wanted to know how they voted which he agreed with.

10. Adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary

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Signature Date

Minutes reviewed/approved by: Wade Ryan, Chair

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Signature Date



## Minutes

### **Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19 & 20**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Carney at 2pm

#### **The Roll Call & Quorum**

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer attended by telephone/ Faron Bobby was absent.
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney was present / Terence Morgan was absent
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & John Zeller were present

Sleetmute rep /chair Doug Carney Appointed Frank Egnaty to serve in Terence Morgan's place.  
The 5 members present establishes a quorum.

#### **Others Attending -**

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist
- 17 community members, besides the SHAC members, attended the meeting –a large turnout for any meeting in Sleetmute.

#### **Members' Concerns - Chair**

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? *Besides comments on the statewide proposals, SHAC will address the ACR1 that was submitted by Henry Hill.*
- Any proposals besides the ones listed - *None*
- Anything for future meetings? *Nothing brought up.*

#### **Approval of Agenda –Approved**

**Reading & Approval of Minutes** - from the Dec.8, 2016 teleconference meeting. The minutes were approved as read, with one change pointed out by Josh Peirce. It is the McGrath Native Village that pays \$150 for each wolf & bear brought in – not the McGrath City Council.

#### **Fred Bobby** - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area

*Freddy was absent, so the Chair gave a short narrative of Fred's concerns. He wants to see bear control occur in the Lime Village area. Folks up there are having bear trouble. Fred's smokehouse had the whole back torn off by a bear, and fish eaten. Fred's wife had run into a brown bear as she was entering the washeteria in Lime.*

#### **Chair –**

- *The next Region III meeting is in spring, 2020*
- *Reviewed handouts for SHAC members and community members to use during the meeting.*
- *Discussed the possibility of splitting 19A into 2 subunits*

#### **Josh -**

- *Had some handouts, including printed versions of his power point presentation.*





- Josh gave a short history of the moose closure.

**Josh Peirce** – Nov. & Feb Moose counts moose surveys

As Josh went through his power point SHAC and community members asked questions and took part in the discussion.

Some of the points made, and discussion involved the following -

- He started with a map of 19A, explaining the different hunt areas and where predator control occurs
- Went over the Nov. 2016 and Feb. 2017 moose surveys
- Spoke of the \$150 bounty the McGrath Native Village Council offers for bear and wolves
- Explained that a harvestable surplus is generally considered to be 4% of extrapolated # of moose.
- ANS and harvestable surplus were explained and discussed
- Spoke of Tier II – explained conditions / younger folks can't get points for a permit
- Spoke of twinning rates and what they indicate –good feed = fat & healthy cows = more twins
- 20% calf survival is at the low end of maintaining a population, but don't want it any lower
- 40% of a wolf population can be killed every year, and wolf numbers will have bounced back by the next year
- 19A Intensive Management goals / 7600-9300 in 19A - presently at 6300
- Drawing hunts pros & cons were discussed

#### **BOG Statewide Meeting / Nov. 10-17 / ACR1 Discussion, proposals & comments**

Discussion was led by the Chair-

Chair - Before addressing the proposals in the book, we'll discuss **ACR1** submitted by Henry Hill.

The BOG changed from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle.

We are in Region 3 – the Interior – we were in cycle in 2017 – Region 3 meeting was last Feb.

The next Region 3 meeting is in 2020.

So this ACR is an attempt to get the BOG to consider an opening before 2020.

Oct. 4 - BOG will have a teleconference to decide whether or not they will accept this ACR.

Sept 29 is the comment deadline – The public, including SHAC has the opportunity to comment on this, urging BOG to accept or not accept the ACR.

**SHAC voted to OPPOSE ACR1, urging BOG NOT to accept the ACR - or if accepted - to table it for an opening no earlier than fall, 2019.**

It is clear that although people in our area would like to see a hunt, they are cautious about having an opening, when numbers are still so low in the closed area of 19A.

**The Chair** asked for and was given approval by SHAC members to write and send comments on the ACR by the deadline of Sept. 29 to BOG for the Oct 4 teleconference, and to address a possible registration hunt opening as needed at any future BOG meeting, including making SHAC's hunt recommendations available to BOG if ACR 1 is accepted OR when it is appropriate for a hunt opening that would occur not before fall, 2019.

Discussion went on for 2-3 hours, and was both thorough and productive.

The committee allowed the public to take part all the way through, to make sure all were clear on several points – How registration permits work, ANS, harvestable surplus were all important topics for those unfamiliar with them.



**Gail Vanderpool** suggested that SHAC learn how McGrath and GASH control hunting in their areas – Hunters must register in villages, fly in & out with scheduled airlines to state maintained strips, and their meat must stay with them.

**Sandra Derendy** – We need to be conservative and not open too soon or allow too much hunting. Maybe hunters should be required to bring the meat out on the bones.

**Doug Carney** – Without law enforcement, with an opening even more abuse will occur in 19A, since with the new registration hunt there will be some legitimate hunting going on in 19A.

No one present wanted to see the herd lose the little ground it has gained, and would rather see the area remain closed, rather than risk a hunt that would destroy that.

From this discussion, SHAC used its list of hunt options, added others, and came up with conditions SHAC believes would contribute to a cautious, prudent, and limited registration hunt opening.

**Using the list of options for a hunt, the latest survey information, and through discussion of this list and other issues, SHAC agreed on a list of conditions for a registration hunt. SHAC believes these conditions would offer a hunt in the area that would still allow the herd to continue to grow, as well as limit the ability of some to abuse and possibly over harvest moose in the area. The list follows –**

### **SHAC's Hunt Recommendations for an Experimental Tier I / Subsistence Registration Hunt in 19A/East**

#### **Considerations -**

- **Moose herd #s are very low in the Closed Area / 0.6 moose/sq. mile**
- **There is a lack of law enforcement in the area**
- **Most likely will not get a checkpoint installed.**
- **Boat hunters claiming they killed moose in 19B, but actually killed in 19A will continue & increase.**

#### **Conditions -**

- On the Kuskokwim River , (GMUs 18 & 19), **only one permit hunt can be applied for in a season.** This presents enforcement difficulties, (There is no Wildlife Protection Trooper in Aniak). It may be difficult to verify that persons getting permits for this hunt don't already have permits elsewhere. **Make it a large and presumptive penalty for having more than one permit, or other violations of the hunt restrictions.**
- Hunters accessing the Holitna Watershed by boat, (at least within the Holitna Hohlitna CUA), can hunt moose in 19A and 19B only if they possess this 19A registration permit. (2008Region 3 BOG Meeting / SHAC Prop13)
- **5- day hunt opening /Sept. 1-5.** Have the hunt coincide with other permit hunts in GMUs 18 & 19 / Have 19A east hunt opening occur at same time as 19A Tier II , GMU 18 reg hunt, 19D registration hunts.
- **Permits will be issued in July, and issue dates will be determined by the area biologist.**
- **The area biologist should be authorized to issue up to 75 permits , and adjust the number issued up or down, according to moose survey results.**
- **The 1<sup>st</sup> hunting season should not occur before Fall, 2019.** After the McGrath Bear Removal Program, there was a 5-year moratorium on moose hunting in that area, so that there would be another generation of cows mature enough to bare calves. SHAC would like to see the same delay for a hunt happen in 19A.
- **In the 1<sup>st</sup> hunt season, 30 permits will be issued for 1 antlered bull.**
- **10 permits will be issued in Stony River, and 20 in Sleetmute**
- **Permits will be issued in July at the Traditional council offices on 2 successive days - 1 day in Sleetmute, and 1 day in Stony River.** (Dates in July are to be decided by the area biologist)Wording should be, "permits available within the hunt area- **in person only**"
- **Only one permit will be issued to a household.**
- **Proxy hunters for elders will be allowed for this hunt.**



- **Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of hunt closure.** Failure to turn in a report will result in no permit eligibility for the next season.
- **It is understood that if or when moose #s in 19A East become low – the area will return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.**
- **The trigger for return to a closure, is if/when the bull:cow ratio goes down to 35 bulls : 100 cows, the area returns to a closure.**
- Composition counts should be done each year to see how population is doing –(Bull:cow/ calf:cow)
- Law enforcement is low in the area –have it increased during the reg. hunt and during the 19B season.

#### **Other conditions considered**

- No commercial services allowed – no guiding, outfitting, transporting services to be used
- Access for hunt only by scheduled commercial aircraft to publicly maintained strips in one of the villages, (SLQ, Stony, RD)
- A checkpoint @ mouth of Holitna.
- Make this hunt a winter subsistence hunt – open in Nov. or Feb.
- Cap on the number of moose taken (20), with 1 or 2 days to report success.

#### **There was a half hour break for dinner at 6pm.**

- Proposals to consider – ( 1-17) 4, 5, 10,11, 12,13, 14, 15 / 41, 42, 52, 54
- If any members have other proposals for BOG or BOF meetings that you want to discuss, say so now and we'll add them. *Josh suggested a couple.*
- Proposal discussion & comments

#### **Comments for the statewide BOG meeting are on the appropriate form, and are attached to these minutes.**

##### **Barb Carlson - Fisheries update**

- *Barb went over 5 ACRs for BOF – 3,4,5,6,7. SHAC voted unanimously to allow Barb to write comments and testify –reflecting the support or opposition that SHAC gave these ACRs- if they become proposals.*
- **Following discussion, she asked for and got approval from SHAC to make comments on the ACRs as well as to submit a proposal for SHAC to allow dip netting in the Kuskokwim drainage.**
- *A short discussion on how BOF proposal 276 /RC46 will go into effect the summer of 2018, if we are again in times of Chinook conservation. This will allow some limited harvest of Chinook with a permit, if fishing above Aniak.*

##### **BOF ACRs Discussed & voted on -**

**ACR 3 – Oppose** – Will make the possibility of targeting Chinook in times of conservation even worse than what was seen with 4" mesh nets.

**ACR 4 – No Action** –only affects communities below the Kolmokoff River – the locals there need to decide this one.

**ACR 5 – Oppose** –This is already being done very well through Emergency Order with lots of lead time to let people know about the coming closure.



*ACR 6 – Oppose – This is already being done well by Emergency order. Making it a regulation may limit managers’ options in unforeseen ways.*

*ACR 7 –Oppose – This may be needed in the non-salmon spawning tributaries down in the tidally influenced part of the Kuskokwim Drainage, but serves no purpose above the tide area, except to limit ability to catch non-salmon species during Chinook closures.*

**The meeting adjourned at 9pm on Sept.19, and reconvened at 9am on Sept.20.**

*There were additions and changes made to SHAC’s recommendation list for the registration hunt that the committee approved. The hunt opening was changed from 7 to 5 days, and the permit cap wording was changed to “Up to 75 permits.” Also the trigger for a closure was added – “when bull: cow ratio drops to 35 bulls: 100 cows.”*

**Other Business - none**

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3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Support	5		This would simplify regulation and avoid confusion.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose		5	This change is unneeded, and virtually unenforceable. Could lead to intrusive, abusive enforcement.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose		5	This is a customary & traditional practice. It is also limited in its practice, due to its difficulty and the time of year it is done – so there is scarcely any impact on population.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose		5	This is a customary & traditional practice. It is also limited in its practice, due to its difficulty and the time of year it is done – so there is scarcely any impact on population
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	5		Excepting the Hub villages, there is usually no place to obtain a duck stamp in rural Alaska.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Oppose		5	The example given in this proposal is in regard to federal land. This regulation does conserve the resource by preventing transporters from dropping off non-resident hunters for both species.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and		



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			population objectives are met
No Action			The committee discussed this proposal. While this might be a good regulation to apply in some areas, the committee did not think it would be appropriate statewide.
54			<b>Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system</b>
Oppose		5	Due to the present Tier II point system, <u>young rural Alaskans can scarcely get enough points for a permit.</u> This proposal would <u>further undercut locals' ability to obtain a Tier II permit.</u> There are few or no grocery stores in most rural areas to buy meat. Rural folks are directly dependent on wild animal prey species. Committee members would prefer a <u>local</u> preference statewide. Alaska residents living in any location, (near Fairbanks, Juneau, Barrow, Bethel), should have a preference in getting hunt permits
60			<b>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</b>
Oppose		5	Although this is a good idea, this would be impossible to obtain in rural areas. Also, all state agencies are having their budgets cut. Who would be responsible for administrating this program - The Dept. of Education, ADF&G? -Who?

Adjournment: 10am, Sept. 20

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson  
Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney  
Date: 10/16/2017



**Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
October 3, 2017  
Togiak Traditional Council Office**

- I. Call to Order: [10:30am] by [Moses Kritz]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Moses Kritz , Roger Wassillie, Peter Lockuk, Joe Alexie, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Kenneth Nukwak, Tessa Nikerson-until 4:45, Frank Logusak-until11:55, Norman Gloko-11:10-4:45, Bill Sanchez-Alternate, Thomas Dock-Alternate  
Members Absent: Gust Bartman-Excused, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7  
Frank moves to seat the alternates, Peter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Moves open Agenda, Tessa 2nds, Unanimous Approval
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/10/2017 meeting, Frank move to approve, Walter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Joe Witkopp (AWT), Taryn O'Conner-Brito (Boards), Neil Barten (Wildlife), Jason Dye (Sports Fish), Tim Sands (Com Fish), James Van Lannen (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present: Jimmy Coopchiak (Togiak Traditional Council), Theo Pauk (Togiak), Bob Dubey (TogiFisheries), Susanna Henry(TNWR), Andy Aderman (TNWR), Pat Walsh (TNWR)
- VII. TEK Mulchatna Caribou Project Presentation: Jamie Vanlannen-
  - Participatory GIS (local people mapping traditional knowledge)
  - 13 communities involved
  - Draft report due by November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Jamie got weathered out of meeting and would like to re schedule a time to meet face to face with members of the Togiak community. Hard to explain report over phone.
  - Maybe end of October or beginning of November. Gayla will coordinate with Jimmy Coopchiak.



VIII. Elections for Togiak Designated seats and Undesignated seats: Franks moves all members be nominated to sit another term, Thomas 2nds.

Moses K asks if there are further nominations, there are none.

All members are re-elected (unanimous support from AC and public)

IX. Staff Updates:

Taryn- Reminders about on time public comment deadlines for Board of Game Statewide Game and Central/Southwest Region meetings.

Frank L. has herd comments and concerns about sportsman stripping eggs from chinook. It needs to be investigated and needs to stop.

- Jason Dye agrees, it is 100% illegal and unacceptable.
- Trooper Wittcop- agrees, it is illegal, unacceptable, and unethical. Member of public has supplied him with pictures of 3-5 fish. Doesn't have much to go on. Has met with lodge owner, and is working with guides. Not sure how many fish were stripped. Would appreciate any information the public could provide. This is an ongoing investigation.
- Frank L. expresses his concern over the disrespect showed by the stripping of the fish.

Norman Gloko would like to remind the troopers that when they fly low with helicopters it scares off game that is being hunted.

Frank L. would like to remind everyone that ADF&G and AWT are working to grow hunting species and are not against us.

Moses Kritz would like to bring the meeting back to order, and reminds AC that it is currently time for Staff Updates.

Tim Sands-

- Pretty normal biological info for this fishing season
- Schedule was regular. One extended weekend.
- Some restrictions out west due to increased effort in Osviak- amount of effort believed un sustainable. ADF&G will keep an eye on the western sections.
- Escapement 190,000 and total harvest was average
- Lots of off year pinks
- Chinook harvest up a little, but still low.

Moses K. comments that in the mid-60s and early 70s there was good effort out west. This had dwindled down until 2-3 years ago when it increased again. Used to be mostly chums out west.



Fran L. adds that salmon had been coming from the east, but they seem to be coming from the west now. Also, blue jelly fish are coming in with them. He has never seen this before.

Bill S. is interested in what data ADF&G is using to determine how much effort is too much.

Tim S. allows that there are not great numbers to base on. Over 10,000 chums and over 5,000 sockeye were harvested. Says these systems are small streams, not lake systems. There may be some interception happening, but his gut feeling is the streams may be affected. Will re visit this with more info next meeting when the AC discusses fisheries issues.

Bill S. believes they are Togiak fish being intercepted

Moses K. says next meeting will be primarily a finfish meeting AC will re visit the issue then.

Roger W. wants to know why ADF&G doesn't count at mouth of river.

Tim says there are too many resident fish like dollies that interfere with the sonar counts, and the water is too murky for a counting tower, so they count up river a bit where the water is clear.

Moses Calls 10 min break 10:55

Frank L. signed off 10:55

Staff Updates Continued:

Neil Barten-

- Caribou- Calf mortality study in progress. Seeing predation by bears, wolves, and some eagles.
- Nutrition is good, conditions are good, but calf survival is not good.
- Mulchatna IM meeting in Palmer will discuss expanding area for managing wolves to help predation of caribou on calving grounds
- Moose- Nutritionally doing really well. When surveyed 34/35 cows were pregnant. Survey later saw 31 with calves. Only 4 calves are known to have survived. The study will likely be expanded to include calf mortality.
- AK Hares- Rick (small game biologist in palmer) is studying them. Would like info on Alaska hares.

Andy Aderman-

- Refuge counted moose last October. Population estimate was 1,700 moose
- There was no snow, so collared animals were used as a control group for the count.
- A population range of 800-1,200 is believed to be ideal for long term.





Moses- Wonders if the AC should propose to extend the fall and winter seasons by a week.

Thomas- Is concerned that wolf control could wipe out wolves needed to cull the sick and weak from the moose herd.

Neil says wolves targeted are primarily working the caribou calving grounds.

Kenneth would like to know if 17a survey included Tuklung mountains.

Andy says Tuklungs are mostly 17c

Kenneth says hunters often ask where 17a starts on the river

Andy says it is about drainage directions, and it can be difficult down on peninsula but the moose aren't really down there.

X. New Business:

1. Comments on proposals for Board of Game Statewide Game, and Central/Southwest BOG.  
(see table below)



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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would change the definition of edible meat for large game birds</p> <p>Gayla- YKC Council to AMBCC made proposal. Trying to keep people from wasting edible portions. Was submitted once before but included Ptarmigan, and there was push back.</p> <p>Moses K.- real good proposal. Would support.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support Roger W. 2nds <b>AC supports unanimously</b></p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal would require harvest tickets for brown bear</p> <p>Peter L. moves to <b>oppose</b> proposal 25 Roger W. 2nds Motion passes unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 25)</b></p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	9	0	<p>Gayla H- proposal would remove the necessity for someone to by the \$10 state duck stamp for the spring subsistence season. This would not apply to the fall season. You would still need to get a stamp for that.</p> <p>Moses K.- would support. Local people fall on hardship quite a bit.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support proposal 41 Kenneth 2nds <b>AC unanimously supports proposal 41</b></p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- would allow proxy hunting for Emperor geese.</p> <p>Thomas moves to support proposal 43 Walter 2nds <b>AC unanimously supports proposal 43</b></p>



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49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- Department proposal, which seeks to require permit for sale of brown bear hides and skulls.</p> <p>Moses K.- what will the permit cost? Neil- it will be fee. Thomas- could I get a permit on the phone? Neil- the details haven't been sorted out yet. you probably could get a permit when you get the hide sealed. The department is just looking for data. You currently can sell hides and skulls with claws attached Bill S. doesn't think it is necessary.</p> <p>Walter K. moves to <b>oppose</b> proposal 49 Peter L. 2nds AC supports motion unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 49)</b></p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- this proposal would open the door for the board to find findings that could open the door for more hunting later. Thomas D. moves to adopt Walter 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 53</p>
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- relates to tier II hunt questions. Seeks to change some questions on the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could dilute rural preference and local preference.</li> <li>• If proposal passes someone from outside area would have a better chance at hunting.</li> <li>• Tier II is used when the department can't allow an open hunt because there are not enough animals to go around. You have to apply to hunt.</li> <li>• Unit 17 currently doesn't have any tier II hunts, but that may not be the case in the future.</li> </ul> <p>Walter moves to <b>oppose</b> proposal 54</p>



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			<p>Peter 2nds</p> <p>Bill S.- wants more info Neil- it is complicated, but the proponent is pushing for change in criteria to be less dependent on local needs to get a permit. Gayla H. says it is the last paragraph that she doesn't like.</p> <p>AC unanimously supports motion <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 54)</b></p>
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	3	6	<p>Neil- proposal would require hunter education for any hunter over the age of 12, and require anyone under 12 be accompanied by someone who had completed the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the road system there are some requirements. In western Alaska it would be hard to implement.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K.- Would not be good for rural Alaska. Will not be supporting. It would be a hardship for families who hunt together. We hunt with our kids when they are 4-5 years old and we teach gun safety, and not to waste. Roger W. wants to know about an incident that happened in unit 17 this year. Joe W.- a man accidentally shot himself with his own gun. Moses K.- suggests as an alternative schools could help with gun safety. Kenneth N. Communities could do this on their own too. Susanna H.- the refuge offers opportunity for hunter safety.</p> <p>Roger W. moves to support Joe A. 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <p>Bill S.- this will be difficult if it is mandatory. Doesn't see how it could be done. Walter K.- if this becomes a regulation all of us will need hunter ed. Peter L. won't support Bill S.- Voluntary education is great, but not mandatory education. What if they don't get out here. Doesn't think it could work for everyone. Walter K.- the resources are there, and we can organize this on our own. Cody L.- Hunter education course takes 2-4 days 2-3 evenings and a shooting</p>



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			<p>day.</p> <p>Neil B.- there are about 12 instructors in Dillingham. If a community wants to set up a class they can call Neil.</p> <p>Moses calls for roll call vote:</p> <p>Moses- no            Roger- yes            Peter- no            Bill- no            Joe- yes            Walter- no            Kenneth- yes            Thomas- no            Mickey- no  <b>(Proposal 60 Fails 3-6)</b></p> <p>Tessa and Norman are no longer on line.</p>

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow a 7 day archery hunt following the regular season in 17b, and 17c. 50" antler restriction would remain. This wouldn't apply to 17a.</p> <p>Bill S. (jokingly) only has one question... if you wound it with an arrow can you shoot it?</p> <p>Joe W. says only if it is running at you... then it is a DLP, and would need to be turned over to the state.</p>



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			<p>Moses K.- wants to hear from Kenneth. Kenneth N. hasn't read it. Neil B. – 17c doesn't have any nonresident hunting. In 17b this would apply to nonresidents. He isn't sure how many local people would take advantage of the hunt. Kenneth N.- doesn't think he would use a bow to hunt moose.</p> <p>Kenneth N. moves to <b>oppose</b> proposal 72 Bill S. 2nds Motion carries unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 72)</b></p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would re authorize brown bear tag fee exemption.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt prop 76 Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion <b>AC supports unanimously</b></p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- proposal would reauthorize antlerless moose in Unit 17</p> <p>Walter moves to support Peter L. ? 2nds AC Supports Unanimously</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			No Action due to action on prop 138
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Amend & Support			<p>Neil- proposal would lengthen fall moose hunt by 5 days on the end</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeper into rut, bulls are more vulnerable</li> <li>• Neil doesn't see this as a conservation concern due to current population</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary discussion is that the department thinks this would be fine</li> <li>• More surveys will take place in October.</li> </ul> <p>Moses- suggests the AC amend the proposal to extend 7 days rather than 5 due to population estimate. He sees reason to be concerned about a crash.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to adopt proposal 138 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jimmy C. would support the extension citing lots of moose recruitment. He doesn't want to see a crash due to overpopulation.</li> </ul> <p>Joe A. moves the AC amend proposal 138 to extend the season 7 days Roger W. 2nds</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill wonders if 7 days closer to the rut will cause poor meat quality?</li> <li>• Moses doesn't think one week will be too bad</li> <li>• Jimmy is interested in past habitat work in 17a</li> <li>• Andy A. says that past habitat surveys have suggested about 450 square miles of moose habitat. 2-3 moose per square mile is considered ok. This is how the population goal of 800-1200 moose was concluded.</li> </ul> <p>Amendment carries unanimously Proposal 138 as amended carries unanimously</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to lengthen nonresident hunting in 17a by 5 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would limit nonresidents to 20 permits</li> <li>• Would set season as Sept 1-20 (start earlier and go later)</li> <li>• Neil isn't worried about biological implications due to current population</li> <li>• Could help meet management objectives for unit 17a</li> <li>• Department will likely support</li> </ul> <p>Jimmy C. is against it. It will compete with locals. Bill S. is against it. Likes hunting without the competition. Moses K. agrees; nobody else was around when Togiak started talking about</p>



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			<p>moose management. Now the resource is big, and the community feels protective of it. Has concern for current moose numbers, but still objects to proposal.</p> <p>Norman G. also is against seeing nonresident expansion.</p> <p>Norman moves that AC <b>oppose</b> proposal 139 No second at this time.</p> <p>Pat W. says that by regulation originally proposed by AC the nonresident hunters use a geographical area that doesn't conflict with local hunters. He urges an open minded approach to this proposal.</p> <p>Moses K. isn't sure. Maybe the AC shouldn't say no just to say no. Moose numbers are high. Has concerns about future sport hunting proposals. Doesn't know.</p> <p>Roger W. Thinks proposal could cause population drop due to sport hunters calling in big bulls close to the rut.</p> <p>Moses K. wants to know about antler restrictions for sport hunts. Neil B. says that that hunt requires a 50" antler. The 20 bull limit will remain as well.</p> <p>Thomas D. wants to know how many of the 20 are usually taken Neil B. says last year, 10. Year before that it was 4. Three years ago it was also 4. That was the year it opened. This year there have been 3 reported so far. Teo P. wouldn't support.</p> <p>Norman moves the AC <b>oppose</b> proposal 139 Thomas D. 2nds Motion passes unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 139)</b></p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users</li> <li>• Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt</p>





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			<p>issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to <b>oppose</b> proposals 140 and 141 Tessa 2nds Motion passes unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)</b></p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users</li> <li>• Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to <b>oppose</b> proposals 140 and 141 Tessa 2nds Motion passes unanimously</p>



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			<b>(AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)</b>
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal would lengthen fall season by extending through September 20<sup>th</sup> for the portion of 17c west of the Weary river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The question the department has is will an extended season compromise management strategy in 17c?</li> <li>• Extending in 17a seems like a good idea, but there isn't the same amount of data in 17c, and the data available doesn't suggest the population is growing at all.</li> <li>• The department has concerns with calf recruitment and bull cow ratio.</li> <li>• Parts of 17c are seeing high rates of calf predation. Of the 34 cows that were pregnant when collared only 4 calves survived.</li> <li>• The department plans to collar calves out there to get better info.</li> <li>• ADF&amp;G can't justify supporting this proposal at this time.</li> </ul> <p>Tessa N. strongly supports. Not everyone is getting their moose. The moose move around after the season closes.</p> <p>Kenneth N. in the summer the moose are coming from the mountains, and valleys and creeks. They are not on the river banks. They are in the birch trees and on up from there. The traveling is tough. This could help. Predation control on bears could also help.</p> <p>Gayla H. another option considered was a boundary change, but the process would be long, so we decided that changing dates would be simpler. Also, there is a typo on the proposal book for this proposal. The proposal relates to 17c not 17a. She will need to check her proposal to see if the mistake was on their end or if it happened after the proposal was submitted.</p> <p>Neil B. – 17c and 17a have very different conditions. Neil is worried as a manager about the moose population in 17c. He doesn't want to take more than is sustainable. Next cycle things might be different, but now the department doesn't think the data suggests a healthy population in 17c. Surveys suggest that only calves up by Beverly lake survived. Calf survival is a worry. Even if the area of 17c west of the weary was part of 17a it would be an area of concern.</p> <p>Kenneth N. points out most of the animals collared were on the lower Nushagak and in the Muklung hills.</p>



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			<p>Walter K. moves to support 142 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion-</p> <p>Bill S.- why doesn't ADF&amp;G support shifting the dates back 5 days? Neil- In the 90s we moved the season back because the moose were more vulnerable later in the season. Also, there is concern that more hunters may put pressure on the area west of the weary after the remainder of 17c has closed.</p> <p>Question is called on 142 AC unanimously supports 142</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
No Action			<p>Neil- this proposal seeks to move to a floating season for the winter moose hunt in the area of 17c west of the Weary River. This would be used to wait for the best snow conditions as done in 17a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right now the seasons in 17b and 17c are fixed, so its variable on snow conditions</li> <li>• The department can't currently support because of concerns about over harvest.</li> <li>• We need to continue to work on more data.</li> </ul> <p>Kenneth wants to know why there is a lack of info on the KMO side. Neil- The info for all of 17c was poor until this year. The department started a calf study this year, and planned to get over there. It didn't work out. Only so much money and opportunity. New capture crew, and new drug. Also, the department had to start with the IM area, but there are plans to extend the study. Still working on it. Kenneth N. notes that 5 years ago he saw over 100 moose in the area on Dec 31. They move around a lot. Pat W.- the refuge mostly sees the same as ADF&amp;G. He is concerned that this proposal could basically double access because if DLG hunters don't get a moose in the regular 17c season they could hunt again in the portion west of the weary during the floating season. Gayla H.- suggests the AC could make an amendment to make it a registration</p>



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			<p>hunt, and restrict the hunter to one or the other.</p> <p>Neil B. – Notes that it is possible that it is possible more hunters would opt of the area with the floating season, but with amendments restrictions could be placed.</p> <p>Moses K- maybe KMO could wait until they meet with ADF&amp;G and AWT, and until moose build up. If we want to conserve moose we should not do this, because it provides too much access.</p> <p>Gayla H- frustrated with population numbers. It is a good food source. We need to work on the issue. Maybe next cycle we should restrict this to watershed residents only.</p> <p>Tessa N.- it should be shut down to nonresidents too.</p> <p>Moses K.- When Togiak was in trouble ADF&amp;G sat down with Togiak VC to come up with a plan. It is time to do this with KMO.</p> <p>Tessa would support prop 143</p> <p>Moses K.- would need hard justification to support this. No motion has been made on this proposal. Does the AC want to take action?</p> <p><b>No one wants to move proposal. No action.</b></p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- proposal would allow the use of motorized vehicles in upper Mulchatna controlled use area (17b) which has been closed since about 1990.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADF&amp;G doesn't have a position yet</li> <li>• Neil hasn't dealt with changing controlled use areas before.</li> <li>• He spoke with others who had been involved in the process when the area was created. They said the reason it was put in place was to protect habitat.</li> </ul> <p>Teo P.- 4 wheelers and ATVs destroy habitat. It is an issue in Togiak, and we are trying to provide trails and maps. It's something Togiak village council has been worried about locally. Could be a headache for corporation lands.</p> <p>Moses K.- This may get more support if the tribe proposed it.</p> <p>Teo P- wants to know if Neil has seen trails during aerial surveys.</p> <p>Neil B.- has seen a few, but the area is pretty pristine.</p> <p>Joe W.- isn't aware of any existing trails. There are trails near New Stuyahok, and Ekwok, but not further up river. He also notes it is easy to put an ATV in a skiff, and anyone could use this, not just locals.</p> <p>Moses K.- will not support proposal 144.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to <b>oppose</b> prop 144</p> <p>Walter K. seconds</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			AC unanimously supports motion <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 144)</b>
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow the use of a snow machine to position caribou, wolf, and wolverine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caribou are pretty group oriented, this could stress out the herd. The department hasn't really discussed implications for wolf or wolverine.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K.- if there is a law against herding how can we do this?            Gayla H.- it is allowed in unit 22, 23, and 26a. The FSB is considering a similar proposal.            Teo P.- Positioning is not necessarily herding.            Pat W.- The refuge opposes this. it is harmful to caribou. Caribou already lose 30-40% of their body weight in the winter. It is currently unlawful to do this on refuge land.            Kenneth N.- Hunters are doing this already. Hunters could be cited if changes are not made.            Moses K.- Maybe for wolves and wolverine, maybe not caribou. On the east side people have chased caribou, and they have learned. They will run from a mile away. In the past we stocked them, we didn't chase them. We caught them without a snogo, on foot.            Pat W. has had success without chasing them.            Bill S. Suggests the ac doesn't take action. There is no motion on the table.  <b>No one wants to make a motion. No Action</b></p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to liberalize the season for trapping beaver in unit 9 and 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would allow you to destroy a dam</li> <li>There would be no closed season</li> <li>There would be no sealing requirement, so ADF&amp;G wouldn't know how many were taken.</li> <li>Last year at the Nushagak AC meeting there was concern raised by at least one person on the lower Nushagak about beaver populations on the Lower Nushagak.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K.- there are blocked up streams. This is not good for salmon habitat.            There is not much trapping now. Could be liberalized in the Togiak Area. There</p>



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			<p>are many more beaver in Togiak area then there used to be.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion AC Supports Unanimously</p>

2. Discussion of possible muskox subcommittee. Neil- procedure would be for a group to get together and discuss the details.

Moses K.- Walter Kanulie and Peter Lockuk can represent the AC. They will work with the Traditional Council to set up a meeting with ADF&G.

3. Discussion of upcoming Board of Fisheries Call For Proposals Moses K- is hearing about 3 proposals the AC wants to discuss at the next meeting.

1. Proposal to keep Kulukuk section open until Friday.
2. Proposal to revert to past regulations on Setnet 1000 foot limit
3. Proposal to do away with the King Line

Moses will see that they get drafted for the next meeting; Cody Larson at BBNA has offered to help with this. Gary Cline at BBEDC is also willing to help with generating proposals.

AC representation for Statewide Game- Moses cannot attend, but plans to appoint someone to go. He will let Taryn know who will be going in his place.

AC Minute approval- by teleconference October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Moses will set up with Taryn

- XI. Set date and location of next meeting: Next Meeting fisheries issues, call of the chair after the holiday season.

Adjournment: 6:00pm



Minutes Recorded By: Walter Kanulie  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tok Cutoff/ Nabesna Advisory Committee  
October 24, 2017  
Slana School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:17 p.m. by Ernie Charley
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ernie Charley, Wayne Shaffer, Eddie Green, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham  
Members Absent: Robert Harrington, Cole Ellis, Christy Ellis  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Charley seconded by Wayne Shaffer
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- VI. Guests Present: James Abraham, Lorrie Bertrand, Cecil Sanford- Shank, Jamie Emerson, Jessie Ellis , Teresa Alba Department of Fish and Game Board Rep for Tok area.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

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	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
6 Support	5	0	Unlawful methods of taking furbearer: exceptions. agree with proposal
70			Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
55 Oppose	0	5	Taking Game for religious purposes Should not be able to hunt for religious purposes. Take all reference of religion out.
56 Oppose	0	5	Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Take out Community Hunt and turn it into a General Hunt.
57 No Action			Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions No action taken because of action taken on proposal 56
58 No action			Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions: Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.





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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	No action taken because of action on proposal 56		
60	Hunter education for hunters 12 years and older		
oppose	0	5	Do not agree all hunters should have to take mandatory Hunters Ed. Keep current regulation as is.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
support	5		Make it a general hunt
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose and caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	The current regulation is working.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
No action			No action because of action taken on proposal 99
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support a special hunt for any group. Keep season as is.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
support	5		Support this as long as the caribou population can support a non-resident hunt.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support hunting cows
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
support	5	0	Refer to action on Proposal 104



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
support	5		There is already a general hunt
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
oppose	0	5	Already have a general hunt and access to moose in the winter would be too easy.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	No reason to change current regulation
109	Change the "any ram" bag limit to "full-curl ram" for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
support	5	0	Make it consistent with the rest of the drawing hunts in that area
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
support	5	0	We agree with proposal
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
support	4	1	More opportunity to harvest bears
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Align seasons with other units
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Agree with extending season
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Reference action on proposal 6
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Protect grouse population
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Action per proposal 117
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
No action			Action taken on 119
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
support	5	0	Clarifying access
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
oppose	0	5	It adds more restrictions to access to trail usage
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
support	5	0	No other unit has it

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham

Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley

Date: 10/27/2017



## Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 10.26.2017

Chair called meeting to order at 1:15pm at the Tyonek Tribal Center. In attendance were Alex Pfoff (Chair), Gwen Chickalusion (Vice Chair/acting Secretary), Chad Chickalusion, Tim Chuit, Ernie Standifer, Benjamin Carswell, and John Standifer.

Chair floored discussion on all proposals members felt were relevant and warranted support/opposition/commenting.

The following Board of Game proposals were discussed and voted on:

### Proposal #2

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

### Proposal #14

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel any proposal of this nature should be addressed by region, not statewide. We do not feel that our bear population warrants this change.

### Proposal #7

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

### Proposal #8

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Much of our community flies to and from our homes on a regular basis, not performing 'recon' for hunting or trapping purposes. The no fly/hunt on the same day can be burdensome for us.

### Proposal #5

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel that this proposal adds confusion to an already confusing set of rules defining legality of moose. A 'point' by its basic geometric definition, does not have these bizarre requirements.



Proposal #45

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This would not be practical in our community, as there are no ADF&G representatives that are present on a consistent reliable basis. Even if there was, we feel that it would be a misuse of resources, as people with illegal moose, would simply not go through this process.

Proposal #41

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #54

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #69

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This information is already made available, and along with many other things in safe and responsible hunting practices, we feel this burden of knowledge falls on the hunter.

Proposal #84

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #85 – Motion made to support if amended to keep the youth YM541 as is

Vote (support if amended): 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #86

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #87

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain



Proposal #88

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #89

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #90

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Discussion on need to fill seats of members that have since moved out, let's find people who are interested in joining and being active in committee, especially in youth generation. Next meeting to occur should hold elections.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Chuit. All in favor, meeting adjourned.



**Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee  
17 August 2017  
Haines, Alaska**

**Call to Order** at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

**Roll Call:**

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	P
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	P
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	A
Stuart DeWitt (SW) - Haines	P
Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines	P
John Hagen (JH) - Haines	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	A

Members Present: 8

Members Absent: 3

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

**Fish and Game Staff Present**

Commercial Fish: Wyatt Fournier, Mark Sogge

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell

Wildlife:

**Others Present**

Emily Files - KHNS

**Agenda**

Agenda approved unanimously.



### Previous Meeting Minutes

17 AUG minutes approved unanimously.

### Officer Elections

KK nominates TM for Chair.  
 TM nominates RC for Vice-chair.  
 WP nominates DP for Secretary.  
 All approved unanimously.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 - 17, 2017   Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			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
Support as Amended	8	0	Amendment: Hunter Education should still be required.
3			Modify the definition of regulatory year
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Support	6	2	Cons: Does not thoroughly define how the 2" from base measurement is taken.
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
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
9			Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
10			Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game





## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations 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
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
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
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
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Support	8	0	PRO: Would provide more information for F&G management.
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



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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
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	
32			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts
Support	8	0	
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
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
43			Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting



## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 - 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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
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
Support	8	0	
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
54			Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Oppose	0	8	Tier II should be for local residents only.
55			Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches
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



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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
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	8	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
63			Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild
Support	8	0	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
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
65			Close an area ¼ 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
Support	8	0	Also should show pictures of local illegal antlers. Or the actual antlers.
150			Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts in Unit 1C
Support	5	3	PRO: Valuable wildlife management tool. Con: "We should never allow hunting of cows."

Adjournment: 720pm

Minutes Recorded By: DP  
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 Date: 10/26/17