

Alaska Board of Game

On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

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Southcentral Region Meeting

March 20-25, 2026

Kodiak, Alaska

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Anchorage Advisory Subcommittee
Tuesday, January 6th, 2026
William Jack Hernandez Hatchery

I. Call to Order: 6:00pm by Matt Moore

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Matt	Moore	Present
Nicole	Schmitt	Present
Paul	Warta	Present
Kneeland	Taylor	Present
J R	Gates	Excused
Michelle	Bittner	Present
Ed (Harold)	Horton	Excused
Matthew	Stone	Present
Scott	Crowther	Present
Kevin	Taylor	Excused
Bryce	Eckroth	Present
JR	Gates	Excused
Ernie	Weiss	Excused
Tom	Vania	Excused
Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Excused
Grace	Kirkey	Excused
Katya	Karankevich	Present
Christina	Ahlstrom	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: N/A

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- a. Cory Stantorf
- b. Nick Docken
- c. Kyle Smith
- d. Tom Lohuis
- e. Leila Williams



IV. Guests Present:

- a. Adam Montuoro
- b. Ernesto Lopez

V. Approval of Agenda

- a. Approved.

VI. Reports

- a. Chair's report

- b. ADF&G

- i. Cory Stantorf: 14C moose

- 1. Moose don't get much relief from snow, move down the highway. When population gets above 185 tends to crash (range of 150-185); winter of 2024 had more cows than had in the decade, willows grown taller and hunter success is 60% for bulls, 10-15 antlerless harvested each year. Currently around 200-210 moose.
 - 2. If there's a heavy winter we'll lose some of the population. Working with Forest Service to do habitat enhancements (knock back willows), restart vegetation out of reach from those moose. Placer is dual managed 7A and 14C
 - 3. Hunts designed to catch moose as they come out of the foothills to prevent them from vehicle collisions
 - 4. 14C drivers kill 100+ moose per year (some are train strikes): trying to manage for harvest and population objectives but also reducing human-wildlife interactions; Glenn Highway mortalities higher in deep snow year; JBER told will have no gaps in fencing on the north side; can get gates open for individual animals but have to go out there; only south side that's closed is by Ship Creek, all north side wildlife gates closed.
 - 5. Questions:
 - a. What are the causes of population decline (when it happens)? Winter mortality, don't often see wolves down there
 - b. Any consideration of winter hunt? Possibility, way that it's set up right now doesn't have reg authority to do that, would need to be a proposal before BOG. A few cycles ago BOG gave more permits, mgmt. intends to increase tags.

- c. Why not liberalize bull hunt? What drives population increase is number of cows.
 - d. How often do surveys, are some easier? Fly entire drainages looking for minimum count, looking for 150-185; twinning and calves to determine increasing, stable, decreasing; JBER Ship Creek totally different, try to fly surveys before first week of Dec but snow coverage is a variable, sometimes don't get to fly those; controlled air space is tricky.
 - e. Is a high Bull:Cow ratio a problem? No, indicates healthy population and ADFG adjusts. Ex: winter 2021 was hard, lost a lot of calves and pulled any sex permits; harvest for 24 went down from 20 some moose to 9 because no snow meant they didn't come down from the foothills
- ii. Tom and Kyle on goats and sheep
- 1. In 15 and 7 sheep populations are teetering; Kenai has low populations likely because wet on both sides; expect population to go extinct but persist at low level; weather and climate is a big factor; had collars on sheep since 2009; giving a talk on Feb 11th at Campbell Creek Science Center for research report; Chugach sheep confined by low productivity, poor nutrition, weather/climate play much larger factor (avalanches and malnutrition) than predators in Chugach.
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. How many sheep hunters in the Kenai? 50-75 hunters/year, success rates lower than other parts of the state, 3-5 sheep per year; threshold by region and statewide
 - b. What else can we do but stop hunting to help the sheep? Probably don't have a disease problem, predation doesn't affect sheep in Chugach much (distributed across species, to PC probably wouldn't be effective); some are trying burning and mineral supplement but land mgmt. is tough and not seeing mineral deficiency; pregnancy rates fairly low, malnutrition year-round is tough
- c. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group (Matt) is declining/critical (less than 130,000) harvest now less than 6,000. Suggestions from working group meeting: limit cow harvest, closing harvest to non-residents, predator control for wolves. Will see next year what the numbers will be.



d. Fish Stocking Management Plan – comments due Jan 31st.

VII. Public Comment

a. None.

VIII. Old Business

a. Motion to adopt unanimous votes for SE, seconded. Passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

a. Board of Game Southcentral: Remainder of GMU 14C Proposals

b. Board of Game Southcentral: Start of GMU 8 Proposals

c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals

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4	Amend the definition of a "taken" mountain goat in Units 1-5 to align with the definition of a "taken" brown bear in Units 1-5		
	10	0	Support for a goat being counted toward bag limit if it was killed and not recovered or wounded and not recovered.
9	Establish hunting and trapping regulations for taking mountain lion in the Southeast Region		



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	0	10	Opposed: Too vague hunting/trapping with no closed season.
11	Allow the use of cameras or other sensory devices that can send messages through wireless communication for trapping furbearers in Units 1-5		
	10	0	Support for humane trapping reasons and to decrease potential loss.
23	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 4		
	0	8	2 Abstain and need more information. Opposed for reasons that residents need meat versus Non Residents who will primarily trophy hunt and have greater food options.
24	Modify the Northeast Chichogof Controlled Use Area in Unit 4, to exclude drainages near Tenakee Inlet		
25	Clarify the northern and southern boundaries of the Sitka Road System Closed Area in Unit 4		
	9	0	Support: Support for the purpose of clarification. 1 Abstain
30	Establish a moose hunt for disabled hunters on state lands in Unit 5A, the Yakutat Region		
	0	6	4 Abstain Opposed as no special group should be given preference for game resources, unconstitutional.



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44	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG005, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	10	0	Support up to 20% available permits for non resident hunters.
45	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG006, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	10	0	Support up to 20% available permits for non resident hunters.
46	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG008, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	10	0	Support up to 20% available permits for non resident hunters.
48	Increase the Unit 2 wolf population objective		
	10	0	Support for conservation reasons and for retaining genetics of an isolated wolf population.



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March 20-March 25, 2026 | Kodiak, AK | Comment Deadline March 6, 2026

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105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7	3	Support: Need to do something, shouldn't be harassing the declining sheep population when sub-populations are less than 50; Don't know impact of having hunters in the field for malnutrition; hunter have some effect Oppose: In full curl management only 2-4% population is harvested, sheep population takes ~20 years to recover; in a new paradigm with climate where we're seeing consecutive bad winters; closing this adds pressure to other areas
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Oppose	0	10	Proposal asks for a lot of different things, not sure if registration permit can handle once/lifetime and one/4 year qualifications
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Asking for too many things at once, though some members don't like the currently no closed season. One abstain.
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
Oppose	1	9	Support: Not concerned about population, want uniformity across neighboring GMUs, should take advantage of increase while we can Oppose: Don't see reason to lengthen season lengths beyond what they already are; season is longer in 14c because there's barely any trapping pressure, compared to 7 and 15 which experiences much more trapping



145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	9	1	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous. Support with 50 yard amendment: This is a lynx trapping area which make conflict more damaging, seems reasonable. Oppose with 50 yard amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	9	1	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous. Support with amendment: Trails affected are clearly listed, support the concept of exceptions for trap set up types. Support with an amendment for a 50 yard setback. Opposed with amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations.
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	7	3	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous. Support with 50 yard amendment: High-use recreation area with known conflicts; proposal was developed by local community group and trust local knowledge. Oppose with amendment: Concerned about precedent of setbacks along waterways, trails and roads are man-made but water bodies are natural animal movement corridors; think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
	9	1	Support: Recent survey results 199 animals, bull:cow 31:107; 59 calves, lots of twins which could indicate that population is ready to go up soon; good management tool for ADFG to use as needed Oppose: In recommended level, no reason to have a cow hunt when meeting existing goal



176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
	9	1	Support: Management tool for ADFG to use Oppose: Don't want any hunt in Anchorage

X. Next meeting date: February 3rd, Hatchery 6pm

XI. Other:

a. ADFG Nelchina Caribou Herd presentation

b. Game Subcommittee meeting Jan 7th at Bass Pro, 6pm

XII. Adjourn- Passed.

XIII. Adjournment: 7:59pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026
William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Present
2	Matt	Moore	Present
3	Nicole	Schmitt	Present
4	Bryce	Eckroth	Unexcused
5	Paul	Warta	Present
6	Christina	Ahlstrom	Present
7	Ernie	Weiss	Present
8	Katya	Karankevich	Excused
9	Kneeland	Taylor	Present
10	J R	Gates	Unexcused
11	Michelle	Bittner	Present
12	Ed (Harold)	Horton	Present
13	Scott	Crowther	Present
14	Tom	Vania	Excused
15	Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Present
16	Matthew	Stone	Present
17	Grace	Kirkey	Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present: Neil De'Witt, Richard Person, Ryan Astalos

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

i. Bristol Bay Board of Fish (Kevin): Some changes to king mgmt. plan;



changed number of sockeye that go by to tower before the commercial crew can fish (Nushagak); lowered number of kings in Naknek, permit stacking failed; made it illegal to keep king home that was caught on commercial boat

- ii. Southeast Board of Game meeting:
- b. ADF&G: Patrick Fowler (sportfish Cook Inlet manager), Sam Kirby
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Richard Persons: East side setnetter, not east side dipnetter, opposed to proposal 175, would make vast majority of dipnets illegal; Anchorage AC already voted unanimously to oppose it. Most setnetters didn't try, not a very efficient way to fish and hard work, but made something in the season; most of the fish were caught in Salamatof area, but the processing got harder (have to supply own ice)
- b. Ryan: Came to the AC a few years ago concerning trawl proposals in Prince William Sound; Board amended to split PWS into three areas, 2025 season Jan – March closed because hit the 9 million lbs polluck quota; Hinchinbrook district was closed because hit their rockfish bycatch limit allotment, had to move out of Hitch and fish other two districts; three different proposals seek to mitigate trawl bottom contact: 163 - define the fishery as bottom-trawl fleet; 164- institute bottom sensors; 165- salmon excluder requirement to reduce impacts to salmon; Proposal 11: not in favor of trawling

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
 - i. Motion to adopt all unanimous proposals in subcommittee – unanimously approved.
 - ii. Votes on proposals below.
- b. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - i. Motion to adopt all unanimous proposals in subcommittee- unanimously approved.
 - ii. Votes on Game proposals attached in full vote tally below.



Alaska Board of Fish Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting

March 17-March 20, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 2, 2026

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	There are no conservation issues presented by this proposal. It would decrease the ability of Alaska residents to obtain food for their family. For many users across the state, it is more cost effective to pay for someone to transport you to a fishing site rather than purchase and maintain your own boat or plane. A similar proposal was submitted by the same organization at the December 2024 PWS/Upper Copper River meeting, and it failed 1-6. Board discussion centered on the difference between transporters and guides. Transporters are merely providing transportation to the fishing site and do not provide any assistance beyond that. Board members did not want to limit subsistence user's ability to access the fishery. Several board members mentioned the proposal may be better suited in a statewide meeting where more definitions are provided. In the upper Copper River, it is illegal to provide guided fishing services in the subsistence fishery, but transportation services are allowed.
Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	11	0	Conservation proposal to protect golden King Crab. A discussion on the effects of trawl activity statewide needs to be had. One abstain.



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163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	11	1	We support efforts to reduce bycatch in trawl fisheries operating in state waters. We think this proposal would need to refine the definitions presented. Also the board does not have fiscal jurisdiction over the department, so they can't make the department spend money on new programs unless the department agrees to it. Nevertheless, we support most proposals restricting trawl fishing or making them a cleaner fishery. Keep the pressure up on the industry and regulators. Mid water trawling is less invasive. This doesn't address the issue with the big factory trawlers that operate in Federal waters. Opposed: Most state waters are already closed to bottom trawl. Research is currently underway to understand bottom contact, mitigation measures, and how to enforce it. These proposals are putting the cart before the horse. Closing state waters to trawl won't shut down big factory trawlers, it will mostly hurt Alaskans, especially the local small boat fleet, at least in the WGOA.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
TNA			See comments on 163
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
TNA			See comments on 163 Opposed: Majority of the 58 footers do not use excluders as they are ineffective on low horse power vessels. The prevailing



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			knowledge among net manufacturers is that low towing speeds are as effective as net salmon excluders.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
TNA			No action
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			No action
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			No action
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	12	0	A definition of slinky pot is needed as use of this gear is increasing statewide. The gear helps to reduce the harvest of non-targeted species and reduce predation of captured fish. We support the department.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	11	1	Trying everything to conserve kings, limited amount of food available, if we're limited everything else seems reasonable to limit hatcheries; concern about mixing hatchery and wild fish Noted that AC interest in reviewing the hatchery limit
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
TNA			See comments on proposal 170
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
TNA			See comments on proposal 170
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		



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Support	12	0	Makes sense and we support the Department efforts to define fishing boundaries where needed.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
Support	12	0	If it makes sense, if it makes the vessel more productive we do not see any harm in allowing it.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	The current definition of mesh size has been in place since it was adopted (probably in the early '80's). 4.5" mesh targets sockeye, not chinook. Use of a line to hold the net into place on a vessel makes it safer for the operator and allows them to fish for a longer period of time because it is difficult to hold the net in the water for any period of time. This also has statewide implications, whereas the proposer is really concerned with making PU fishing more difficult in the Copper River. There are no conservation issues for sockeye salmon on the Copper River, Kenai River, Kasilof River, or Susitna River. Why make it more difficult to obtain food for your family?
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	"Boat limits" proposals have been submitted before and all have failed to pass. In 2012, at the SE meeting it failed. Comments provided stated when conservation is warranted, other regulations, such as requiring anglers to stop fishing once a bag limit is reached would be more effective at reducing C&R mortality than the proposed regulation. The intended legal and definition of bag limit has always been focused on an individual's harvest. In 2016, at both the LCI and UCI meetings the proposal failed to pass 0-7. It



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			would increase the harvest of all fish and may require other management measures if harvest were to exceed sustainable levels. Boat limits, as proposed have been prohibited since statehood.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
TNA			See comments on proposal 176
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	The current definition works fine. The proposal would just create a situation where one person who is more skilled at fishing would increase the ability of everyone to take their limit. It is similar to the boat limit proposal.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	10	2	Support: King salmon overall declining; no annual limit for king salmon harvest; no limit on winter kings, but there is a limit (5 fish) regionwide Cook Inlet after April 1 Oppose: Don't want a blanket limit across diverse fisheries Dept will try to maximize harvest up to their legal limit
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	4	7	See comments on proposal 180. One Abstain
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
Support	12	0	Make sense, clarifies regulation. We want to clarify that this does not apply to spear fishing.
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	12	0	Need to clarify language.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		



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Support	9	2	Support: Needed for enforcement of length requirements. I'm sure some people will talk about increased effort to dispose of additional fish waste but I think ensuring length regulations (that are there for conservation reasons) outweighs the inconvenience this proposal may cause. There are already areas around the state where the department implements this by emergency order. This regulation would likely simplify things for the department and make it easier for the public to be aware of the regulation since EO's are tougher for the public to follow. Oppose: If can't fillet and ice properly then quality will decline; enforcement issue but would be good to ; some confusion about "processed" language in the proposal
Definitions			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	12	0	Support the Department
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Support	7	5	Dept has consistently maintained that they cannot manage coho; management plan should be for abundance not allocation. There has always been a problem when the Kenai sockeye run is large and you try to make the best use of that resource by harvesting the surplus, yet still balancing the conservation of northern bound stocks. I don't think this proposal makes the situation better. The drifters are really the only tool left to harvest the massive surplus of Kenai and Kasilof sockeye salmon. There are already windows, corridors, and 1% rule being used to move fish north. More focus should be made on actions in the northern district late in the sockeye season that would probably be more beneficial for northern district coho salmon. Argument for supporting is to protect the weaker stocks.
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			Take no action



- XI. Select representative for board meeting:
Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting (03/17-03/20) – Ernie.
Board of Game Southcentral: Matt Moore
- XII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm at the WJH Hatchery
- XIII. Other:
- a. Letter of Support for HB93: AC vote to write letter of support with request for exemptions for pilots and other profession that take people out of the state for more than 180 days, but who are otherwise residents. Nicki and Ed will draft, Michelle review and Kevin will sign.
 - b. March meeting will have time for potential AC proposals to vet if we'll submit as an AC.
 - c. Elections will be at April meeting. Members up for re-election: Matt, Ernie, Nicole, Kneely, JR
- XIV. Adjourn -Moved.
- XV. Adjournment: 8:12pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt
Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor
Date: 2/3/2026

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Punitive and asymmetric. As written, could take a nanny in 6,7,14C or 15 and be ineligible to hunt in unit 8.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
TNA			TNA
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
TNA			TNA
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed due to no trail ¼ mile from the road. This would reduce bear baiting opportunities.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
Support	12	0	Support count a wounded bear as a taken bear. Would support the application of this rule for all game.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Support	12	0	Support to reduce the # of dogs being trapped/killed. Should be a statewide proposal. Opposed as educational courses need to be made



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			available before being mandated. Comments were made like: Educate trappers; don't get credit for online education by checking a box.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
Support	12	0	Support the 1 buck rule to provide more resources and hunt opportunities for the residents.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
Support	12	0	Support to limit non resident permits. This allows more opportunity for residents.
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed to billy only due to identification concerns.
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
Support	12	0	Support in order to preserve animals that are at the end of the rut period.
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
Support	12	0	Support limited draw permits. It was well thought out and written to provide more hunting opportunities.
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
TNA			TNA



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82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
Support	6	5	Support for the concept of a short hunting period, especially from two ACs, June 10 th is fairly late especially given recreation Opposed: No correlation made between population and harvest data. Higher harvest numbers could represent a much larger population. A survey could determine the population. 1 abstain
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
Oppose	4	6	Support as registration hunts can provide data and they can be closed by emergency order as needed. Already a registration hunt and can shut down with conservation concerns. Opposed as it was felt 1 black bear was enough. 2 abstain
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
TNA			TNA see 82 comments
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
Oppose	6	6	Support as it is not fair chase and it is a gross practice. Opposed- It is an ethical way to take animals.
Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15			



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86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Support	12	0	Abstain 2 Support-More hunting opportunity for residents. Opposed- Allocative.
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
TNA	TNA We appreciate the attempt to improve the brow tine system that is in use. This would be better as a statewide proposal versus a unit proposal		



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91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed- It moves the hunting season into the rut season where moose are more vulnerable.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
Support	12	0	Support as it is an AC generated proposal and it aligns the start dates with the dates of the East side of unit 15.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support as limiting non resident permits will allow for more resident to have a hunting opportunity.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support as limiting non resident permits will allow for more resident to have a hunting opportunity.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			TNA
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA



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97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed whole area
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	12	0	Support for platted roads, improved roads and better definition to allow for the development of new roads without additional proposals needed for each new road.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Support	12	0	Support for platted roads, improved roads and better definition to allow for the development of new roads without additional proposals needed for each new road.
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed as this proposal restricts aircraft and is unenforceable.
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		



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TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7	3	Support: Need to do something, shouldn't be harassing the declining sheep population when sub-populations are less than 50; Don't know impact of having hunters in the field for malnutrition; hunter have some effect Oppose: In full curl management only 2-4% population is harvested, sheep population takes ~20 years to recover; in a new paradigm with climate where we're seeing consecutive bad winters; closing this adds pressure to other areas <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Oppose	0	10	Proposal asks for a lot of different things, not sure if registration permit can handle once/lifetime and one/4 year qualifications



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107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Under full-curl management; once goes under draw it gets too competitive will have more pressure.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Not limited to users now, would be too exclusive
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as amended	12	0	Amendment: Reduce to “up to” 10%, passed unanimously
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
TNA			Already is a hunt in the area, but population hasn’t been high enough to sustain
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: Registration hunt can be turned off and it won’t interfere with drawing hunts. Archery has a very low success percentage. Opposed: need more input from biologist.



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112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Registration hunt is currently in place- sufficient
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Asking for too many things at once, though some members don’t like the currently no closed season, this proposal seems to be asking for a lot One abstain. <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Support	12	0	Support: This will align management with correct numbers and data to more accurately measure populations and harvest.



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136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
TNA			TNA See comments for proposal 135
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Quota is important for managing the population.
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Support	12	0	Support: The spring hunting season meets the quota and shuts down fall hunting opportunities. This allows 2 hunts to exist without one dictating the closure of the other. Additionally, moose hunters could potentially take a bear while hunting. This could also prevent a DLP situation from arising.
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
Oppose	0	12	See comments from 135. These comments address the majority of proposal 139 concerns.
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
Oppose	0	12	Support: Taking a dry sow is not a problem. Opposed: The penalty of the 2 year or 4 year restriction.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support for shortened season. Support season dates shall not change by Emergency Order.



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142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
TNA			TNA See Proposal 141 Comments: Want to see a more stable lynx population. Not in favor of a longer season.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			TNA See Proposal 141
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
Oppose	1	9	Support: Not concerned about population, want uniformity across neighboring GMUs, should take advantage of increase while we can Oppose: Don't see reason to lengthen season lengths beyond what they already are; season is longer in 14c because there's barely any trapping pressure, compared to 7 and 15 which experiences much more trapping <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from	9	1	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous.



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100 yards to 50 yards			Support with 50 yard amendment: This is a lynx trapping area which make conflict more damaging, seems reasonable. Area has had trapping conflicts and is high-use recreational area. Oppose with 50 yard amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	9	1	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous. Support with amendment: Trails affected are clearly listed, support the concept of exceptions for trap set up types. Support with an amendment for a 50 yard setback. Area has had conflict and this is a high use recreational area. Opposed with amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations.



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147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	7	3	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous. Support with 50 yard amendment: High-use recreation area with known conflicts; proposal was developed by local community group and trust local knowledge. Oppose with amendment: Concerned about precedent of setbacks along waterways, trails and roads are man-made but water bodies are natural animal movement corridors; think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
Support	7	5	Support: prohibit/ limit conibear and snares. Provides separation between trails and traps- not just dogs. Opposed: Hard to determine signs and posts for each access point. Lack of collaboration with trappers. It could be seen as an advertisement for trap



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			sabotage/harassment. Confusion around access points and exemptions for martin traps
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
Support as amended to 50 yard	12	0	Amendment to change to 50 yards Support- lots of outdoor use in this area with dogs. Trapping in recreational areas should not happen.
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
Support	12	0	Support for purposes of trap ID for accountability and responsible trap placement. Some members concerned about ASPIN number being searchable, but vote in favor so long as ASPIN number upholds trapper privacy.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
Support	12	0	Support- Beaver activity will increase/improve the cold deep water habitat for fish. There are currently no furbearer surveys. Easy to trap out beaver.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
Support	12	0	See 151
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		



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Support	12	0	See 151
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	12	Support- increased hunter participation due to increased limits. Opposed could be used to promote and attract non resident hunting
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support at 10% as a reasonable/ acceptable limit for non resident tags as 20% is too high.
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		



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Support	6	5	Support: good to use underutilized goats Opposed: one hunting season is enough and there has not been any excess animals. Moot either way because there's never been a late-season permit, doubt it will have a lot of impact either way 1- abstain
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	These are limited entry hunts and should be for residents only. No non resident JBER hunts. Prefer 0% non resident tags versus to up to 10% non resident tags.
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		



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Support	12	0	See proposal 160
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed as this is in an established wildlife viewing area.
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area		



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Support	12	0	Support- support for less successful archery hunting opportunities and it closes rifle hunting in this area. It also has the effect of decreasing hunter concentration in RM 445
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support as it is a JBER proposal for restriction on bag limit on JBER.
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
Oppose	0	12	Support for the quality of the hunt experience. Opposed as it moves cow hunt dates into a period of rut activity that would leave them more vulnerable to harvest.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
Oppose	1	11	Support: Improves resident hunter odds. Oppose: The proposal is actually multiple proposals in one and should not be supported.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	1	Support: This is a discretionary tool that ADF&G can use to control the moose population and can be adjusted as needed. Recent survey results 199 animals, bull: cow 31:107; 59 calves, lots of twins which could indicate that population is ready to go up soon; good management tool for ADFG to use as needed



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			Oppose: In recommended level, no reason to have a cow hunt when meeting existing goal <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
Support	9	1	Support-One of the best tools, if needed, to reach population objectives and target gender ratios. Opposed- population objectives have not been met. End 12-29-2025 <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
Support	12	0	Won't change number of sheep harvested but creates a larger window that would increase hunter safety.
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
Oppose	0	12	Disagree with reducing the number of tags. Support: Have done it in other regions and would relieve pressure to space hunters out, but don't want to change the tags.



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179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	This would (we think) make the archery area bigger and the rifle area smaller; way more archery tags than rifle tags so don't think over crowding is issue for the rifles but is popular area for archery – could help reduce crowding for archery hunters.
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
Oppose	0	12	Proposal asking for too many things, agree with parts but not with exempting the nonresident quota
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed to idea of second-degree kindred for sheep, don't want to open the door to nonresident sheep hunting
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
Oppose	0	12	Not enough opportunities for non-residents to hunt in 14c
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Increases overlap of hunting season with recreational users; if was limited to certain valleys or specific hunts then may support, but not a blanket 14c extension, would cause unintended effects
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		



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Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Feels too close to high-use area in October; not a clear definition of geographic area (confused as to exactly where the hunt would be); Some inclined to support it because think it's a high-conflict area and a good food resource, but felt it was too vague to evaluate
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support: Request from JBER and inclined to support, have seen tons of black bears in proposed area
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
Support	12	0	No-brainer, especially coming from JBER; in line with hunting ethics and reducing wounded animals on base
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: See many bears there, don't think it would be an issue; not an easy place to hunt so believe has low pressure (mostly by plane, limited by boat); boundary with upper Knik is hard to find, having regulatory alignment would be helpful 1 abstain: Already a no-closed season, increasing the bag limit is too liberalized
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to "up to" 20% of the available permits as follows		
Support	12	0	Many would be happy with 0% or 10% but 20% is a step in the right direction.



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189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See 188.
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See 188.
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Most would support if there was a non-resident limit; currently 15 rifle and this would add 25 archery; another opposes over concern of having injured bears in high-use areas
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Like it better than 191, but concerned that if bear injured can’t follow up with rifle and it’s a fairly high-use area
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
Support	12	0	Support: Think it will be low harvest, this is not an easy hunt; 20 permits doesn’t seem like too many; don’t anticipate it increase number of hunters because people are already going out for other hunts Oppose: Concern over non-consumptive user-group conflicts
194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		



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Oppose	4	8	Oppose: Too late into the summer and recreational season. Other member isn't concerned about user conflict but concerned that length of season would increase harvest (would like to see bear estimates first) Support: Don't anticipate much conflict; would support surrounding units
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
	1	11	Support: Don't see difference between driving to bait station vs flying; not spotting and is similar to other regs in the state. Oppose: Concerned that this is nibbling the edges of the same-day airborne law; concern that would open the door to spotting bears and shooting away from bait station
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	5	6	Support: Don't want to habituate bears to human food Oppose: 5 miles on north side puts setback into 14A; think area is too broad to encompass other drainages (almost to Lake George) 1 abstain Would support if was amended to 1-2 miles, feel bear baiting conflict is a real issue, but don't want to setback to push into other sub-units
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support: Anchorage ordinance requires ID; proposer tried at statewide meeting and was told to resubmit region-by-region instead of statewide



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			Comment: Some concerned about privacy on ASPN number, want to make sure trapper info is secure
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: Preference for residents. However, note that there are already restrictions on nonresidents
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	6	4	Support: No biological concern, no need to limit nonresidents to 1 because people are not flying to Kodiak to get 1 deer; unintended consequences for people come up and hunt other species instead of deer; thinks 2 is good compromise, doesn't need to be raised to 3 Oppose: Don't want to increase nonresident opportunity Abstain: 2
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
TNA			See 199
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
TNA			See 199



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202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only though December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
TNA			See 199
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
TNA			See 199
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
TNA			See 199
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
Oppose	0	12	Unnecessary change.
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
TNA			
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
Oppose	0	12	If this is problem, then reduce the bag limit, don't alter antler regs; if was non-resident only could maybe support it.
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		



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Motion Fails	6	6	Oppose: If there's a conservation concern, should reduce the bag limit before going to sex restrictions; could be hard to ID fawns; smaller deer isn't an efficient way of getting meat so incentive is to get bucks Comments: Appreciate the spirit of the regulation and generally agree not good to take
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
TNA			
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
TNA			
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
TNA			
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: AC has generally supported 10% NR hunt allocation, interested in staying consistent as an AC – especially since this is more of a meat hunt than a trophy hunt
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212



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214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
TNA			



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221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: AC reached out to biologist and they recommended keeping them the same.
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed		
Oppose	0	12	Seems like we went from trying to increase the goat population to now having a stable goat population, don't know that this is necessary. There are other ways to get information aside from horn season.
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	There's plenty of goats to go around, is a combo of meat and trophy goats. No sustainability concerns. Population is increasing and stable.
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224



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227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
Oppose	0	12	Want to open the season earlier but the biologist noted that they don’t want to open the season earlier because that’s when they do their goat surveys. Want to keep the dates the same.
231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
Support	12	0	Support to stay consistent with AC position of 90:10 resident: nonresident split
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
TNA			See notes in support of proposal 231
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		



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TNA			TNA but support making the boundary clearer; support the idea of improved clarity
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Each tag probably needs 10 days per tag, needs time to have the season; if put it at April 15 th might have more support; bears should be out of the den by April 1 st
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Understand the concern about "double injuring" a bear in the same calendar year; think it's unlikely that someone would get an early season and late season tag; would have likely supported with a 2 year punishment Don't want people to wound/kill 2 bears in the calendar year
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
Oppose	3	8	Support: Current system punishes residents, while guided non-residents likely aren't impacted because they're not coming back; can be hard to tell difference between males and females; this would benefit a frequent resident Kodiak bear hunter Oppose: If it's not broke don't fix it; hunters can wait to see if its male or female; all tags are one bear every four years anyway; in example given only 1 resident shot a bear over the suggested skull size, an over complication



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			1 abstain
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
Support	12	0	Proposal has come up a few times, essentially guides sell un-used tags to the highest bidder (has to be a non-resident?), seems like this proposal seeks to make the opportunity more available to residents
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment to apply to residents <i>and</i> non-resident hunters (passes unanimously)
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
Support	12	0	Support: These proposals keep coming up in 15 and 8, believe we need to address reporting needs for sea ducks amidst increased transporter and guide activity. Know that this proposal doesn't offer specifics into the details of how this could work, but strongly support idea of having a monitoring framework for sea ducks that could allow for adaptive management
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
Support as amended	12	0	Amend for the proposal to only restrict night-vision (the fox limit is already 2 per hunter) – Passed unanimously Unanimous support for amended proposal to only limit night-vision



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241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Not in favor of year-round, no-limit seasons; how to keep up on the reporting, don't need season open in the summer
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: 2.5 months is a long extension, can use different gear to reduce incidental take; currently no limit on river otter and adding that much time could be concerning
243	Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
Support	12	0	Support: Want to reduce incidental catch
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Want increased transparency and accountability
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Fair chase, no reason for infrared
246	Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
TNA			See support for proposal 245
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Unnecessary Some members not wholly opposed to artificial light



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248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Very clear proposal, support
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
Support	10	1	Oppose: Liberalizing hunting regulations to act as predator control; concerned that populations are declining Support: Not a lot of hunts under this exemption, still issuing tags so won't impact number of bears killed; believe shouldn't need a locking tag anyway 1 Abstain: Do they have the authority to pass fee regulations?
250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	10	1	See notes on 249. 1 abstain.
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	10	1	See notes on 249. 1 abstain.
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	6	4	Opposed: Believe moose populations are down; haven't done a moose survey recently Support: Important tool for ADFG to stabilize population; this area is also managing for vehicle strikes Abstain - 2



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253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
TNA			
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
TNA			
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
TNA			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
TNA			
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
TNA			
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		



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TNA			



Central Peninsula Advisory Committee
January 12-13, 2026
Ninilchik School Library

I. Call to Order: 7:05pm by Dave Martin on 01/12/26, 7:04pm by Dave Martin on 01/13/26

II. Roll Call, 01/12/26:

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	David	Martin	Chair	P
2	John	McCombs	Vice Chair	P
3	Steve	Vanek, Jr	Secretary	P
4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		E
5	Sandie "Lowell"	Gilliland		P
6	Drew	Hilterbrand		P
7	Teague	Vanek		P
8	Dave	Blossom		P
9	Madeline	Thompson		P
10	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		E
11	Gary	Deiman		E
12	Arnold	Mason		P
13	Gary	Jackinsky		P
14	Chris	Vanek	ALT	P

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Roll Call, 01/12/26:

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1	David	Martin	Chair	P
2	John	McCombs	Vice Chair	P
3	Steve	Vanek, Jr	Secretary	P
4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		E
5	Sandie "Lowell"	Gilliland		P
6	Drew	Hilterbrand		P
7	Teague	Vanek		P
8	Dave	Blossom		P



9	Madeline	Thompson		P
10	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		E
11	Gary	Deiman		E
12	Arnold	Mason		P
13	Gary	Jackinsky		E
14	Chris	Vanek	ALT	P

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: 01/12/26 = Chris Bottom, 01/13/26 = Nick Fowler

V. Guests Present: 01/12/26 = Edward Doyle and Joan Mason, 01/13/26 = None

VI. Approval of Agenda

VII. Reports

a. ADF&G:

i. 01/12/26: Chris Bottom gave a synopsis of the game in our area

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business, 01/12/26:

a. Elections for 3 expiring seats, 2 vacant seats, and 2 alternates

i. Those nominated: Gary Deiman, Madeline Thompson, Ed Doyle, Chris Vanek, Arnold Mason, and Doug Blossom

ii. Since those nominated did not exceed the seats open, no election was necessary

b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals

c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals

d. Cook Inlet Proposal Submissions for 2026-2027 Board Cycle

e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
Regionwide & Multiple Units			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
			No Action
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
			No Action
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
			No Action
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
	13	0	AMENDED: Amended to say inhabited dwelling instead of permanent dwelling. The vote on the amendment was 13 yes 0 no.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
	0	13	Should not be for all units because each unit has its unique issues.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
	0	13	This would put a burden on many rural areas with no means to have access to take a class. Most all trappers learn from fellow trappers.
Cordova Area – Unit 6			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		



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81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns on caribou in Unit 7.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
	0	13	We oppose all early special archery only moose hunt. Archery hunters can hunt during the same seasons as other hunters.



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90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
	1	12	The yes voter said that he has seen 10 bumps on one side before and would want to shot one. The No voters said this would result in more illegal moose being shot and increase the harvest on middle age moose. There are too many illegal moose shot now when some hunters can't even count to four brow tines. Counting 10 bumps would be a nightmare for increased illegal moose kills.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
	1	12	The YES vote was the author of this proposal. The NO votes said to leave the season as it is because it is working. The proposed later season are when the moose are in the rut and this would increase the harvest dramatically on a low moose population. Also the meat is not as good when bulls are in the rut.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 – 25		
	0	13	We unanimously opposed this proposal. Leave the season as it is. The weather, especially the marine weather is always better at the current season dates. The later in the fall the worse the weather. The proposed later dates would decrease hunter participation because of rougher seas eliminating skiff and boat use. There are several members and public that have regularly hunted Kalgan Island for decades and they have not had any issues with meat spoilage. A responsible hunter knows how to take care of the meat. This sounds like a special interest proposal.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed



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			wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	13	0	There are no predators on this island and if there wasn't an antlerless moose hunt the population would eat themselves out of house and home and starve off. Agree with the Department.
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
	2	11	The YES votes supported the proposal and have participated in it. The NO votes said this covers too big of an area beings they expanded it from Deep Creek South plus it has the Sterling highway area that can be opened that would kill our local moose and increase the chance of structures being hit by bullets. Beings there are fewer moose than there used to be the moose browse seems sufficient. It started out as a fairly good ideal when it was just for the Homer bench area but now it is too big an area and defeats it's original objective of controlling the moose population on the Homer bench and Homer area from starving on deep snow years.
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	2	11	YES votes agreed with the proposal. The NO votes said there are no biological concerns. The current regulation has been in effect for decades and is working to achieve it's original objective. It has been modified to allow export of meat and access by the two day window. Leave as it is. The modern 4 wheelers and side by sides are so advanced that they run all over the place creating moose disturbance, habitat degradation



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			and erosion. The current regulation gives moose a break when the rut is starting. Make for a more sporting hunt.
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
	0	10	Proposals 98, 99 and 100 we took up on Jan. 13 th because we were getting additional information: We had 10 AC members present. NO: We opposed this proposal and said to leave the wording in the current regulation and add it to the proposed new language if it should pass. Our members wanted to make sure the current oil well, Brody and Tustumena Lake roads remain open,
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	0	10	NO: We did not see any compelling reason to add their language and the current language is working.
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
	0	10	NO: This is too restrictive. It would eliminate Brown bear hunting by ATV and aircraft to scout for moose on ATV closed days.
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION: See comments on Proposal 97.
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION: See comments on Proposal 97
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	2	11	The YES votes support. The NO votes said to leave the current regulation. This proposal would restrict more and it is not needed.
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Aera in Unit 15C		
	0	13	This would be an enforcement nightmare. The current regulation is well established and works fine.



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105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
	0	13	The Department should dictate if it should be opened or closed using their data and management expertise.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
	0	13	To many moving parts and too restrictive with only one per lifetime that we strongly oppose. Leave the current regulation.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
	0	13	Leave as is. The Department is doing a good job managing.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			NO ACTION: SEE Proposal 86 comments.
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
	3	10	Those in support thought it would be ok to issue one tag and this would give a little opportunity and give the Department some data. Those opposed said the Department can open it if it reaches the target population.
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	0	13	<u>We bundled Proposals 113 to 133 and opposed them unanimously for the following reasons.</u> Wanted to leave the current regulations as is. Not necessary. Discriminatory. It was also questioned that if it was even



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			legal to limit nonresidents if there is no conservation concerns
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113



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125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
	0	13	Leave as is. No biological or conservation concerns. There are plenty of black bears.
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
	10	0	We would like to have a spring and fall hunt. A fall hunt



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			would give the moose hunters a chance to harvest a brown bear. Could possibly have 4 sows in the Spring and 8 sows in the fall as a more guarantee to have a fall hunt. Spring hunts that are over bait are more accurate to tell if it is a sow or boar.
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
			NO ACTION: SEE 135
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
	10	0	No conservation concerns. Agree with the Proposal.
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
			NO ACTION: SEE 135. BUT IF PROP. 135 IS NOT IMPLEMENTED THEN WE SUPPORT PASSING 138
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
	0	10	See our comments on 135.
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
	0	10	Not fair or necessary. No conservation concerns. Discrimination.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
	10	0	Makes sense. Worth a try. Can always change back if it doesn't work. Current 1½ months seems short. The extra 15 days is not a biological concern.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		



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	0	10	Not needed: Refer to trapper Code of ethics. This is another avenue to unduly restrict or close trapping in this area. It is too restrictive. Leave as the current regulations dictate.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS : This will also alert some anti-trapping people to a trap line area for them to steal or vandalize traps. This has happened in the past.
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
	0	10	An impractical and unnecessary regulation. Keep the current regulation as is.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
	0	10	Extremely low harvest and participation. The lack of data and the low harvest doesn't justify a drastic reduction of a 5 year unscientific closure. Beaver dams can and do block salmon and steelhead migration from reaching their spawning beds.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
	0	10	SEE 151 COMMENTS
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
	0	10	SEE 151 COMMENTS
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION BUT LEAVE AS IS!
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to”		



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	20% of the available permits		
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		



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168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
174			Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
	7	3	The YES votes support the Department’s justifications. The NO votes are against antlerless moose hunts, except on Kalgin Islands
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)
177			Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days
178			Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods
179			Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C
180			Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters.



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	Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to "up to" 20% of the available permits as follows		
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		



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194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks
201			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
202			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1
203			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three
204			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
205			Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek
206			Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek
207			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side
208			Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8



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209			Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8
210			Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household
211			Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31
212			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
213			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
214			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
215			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be



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	sealed		
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit in Unit 8		



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236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
238			Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear
239			Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting
240			Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting
241			Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8
242			Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15
243			Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region
250			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and



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	Northeast Alaska		
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
272	Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state		



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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposers that increasing commercial transportation services in state subsistence fisheries is inconsistent with customary and traditional patterns of harvest and use of salmon. It needs to be stopped now or will only increase.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
	10	0	We agree. The trawler's by-catch is large and negatively affect the fisheries that depend upon those by-catch species like salmon, halibut, black cod and other bottom fish.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposer's justification and solution.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposer's justification and solution.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
	10	0	This sounds reasonable. Excluders work and they are continually being modified to be even more efficient which will even further reduce the by-catch problem and issue.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		



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	10	0	Agree with the proposer. Sounds reasonable. This would close a loophole to not allow long line gear for jig fishing.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
	10	0	This sounds reasonable. It will help prevent illegal gear from being used in the jig fishery.
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
			NO ACTION: SEE 167 COMMENTS
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
	10	0	Housekeeping. Support the definition clarification.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
	0	11	This proposal's subject has been submitted 4 years ago and 2 years ago by anti-hatchery proponents and was rejected both times. It is not based on science or facts. No hatchery has asked for or received an increase in their permitted egg take for decades. Aquaculture Associations are in the best position to know what a facility can produce and what is needed to be viable. They have to go through multiple State agencies, genetics, Regional Planning Team etc. every year to approve their plans that are approved by being scientifically, genetically and biologically sound. Mother Nature fortunately has straying to naturally populate streams and the straying studies have shown overall hatchery straying to be minimal. History shows that Natural straying brought salmon from Asia to North America otherwise we wouldn't have salmon. Science must dictate these fishing decisions not politic agendas.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
	0	11	Those sample sizes were small, mostly only 50 salmon, in small



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			streams and were a higher percentage than typical in most all other years. An unreliable straying rate conclusion.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	0	11	SEE COMMENTS IN 170 AND 172
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
	11	0	This makes common sense. We agree with the proposer's justifications that were reasoned by his seining experience. It is important to implement fishing regulations that increase efficiency and that save fuel.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
	1	10	The YES vote agreed. The NO votes said that it should not apply to the commercial set net dip net fishery. This would be another expensive and unnecessary burden and hardship on the east side setnet fishery that has already been closed for three years.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	1	10	Most people want to catch their own fish. They should have the opportunity to catch a fish not the guarantee they will. On some charters some of the clients don't even catch a fish even though they paid and wanted to because the boat limit for the number of clients has been met by others that were lucky enough to catch the fish and the boat was in a hurry to get the boat limit.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
			NO ACTION SEE 176



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178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
			NO ACTION SEE 176
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	0	11	Should not be a Statewide regulation. Each area and systems have their own unique Chinook size and carrying capacity
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
	0	11	Should not be a Statewide regulation. Each area and systems have their own unique Chinook size and carrying capacity
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
	11	0	We agree. This would be a method to help harvest invasive species.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
	0	11	No. This would be an unnecessary burden on the fishermen by preventing them from heading and gutting or filleting and skinning a fish on board a boat on the way to shore. This would be a gray area if this on board processing activity could not be a form of legal processing. This proposal should be specific on the fish species that require determination of length. This proposal is too vague and would create confusion resulting in unwarranted violations.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		



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	0	11	ACR 5, that generated this proposal, was strictly allocative and did not meet the criteria for an out of cycle ACR. It should have been rejected and the author should have been told to submit it in the regular Cook Inlet cycle, which is next year. ACR 5 was submitted by an anti-commercial fishing advocate and was not based on any science or on an accurate or reliable coho salmon escapement count. We suspect that this action of approving an allocative ACR, that doesn't meet the criteria and is not an emergency, will set a precedence of an overwhelming number of other allocative ACRs being submitted to the Board . The Department opposed ACR 5 and has said there is not an emergency and are not conservations concerns on coho. Susitna drainage streams got or exceeded their salmon escapement goals. The Little Susitna River in 2025, during the peak of the return, had 12 days of no coho counts at the weir because of high water. Yet the Department did not extrapolate any coho passage numbers for those 12 days. The final escapement goal is arbitrary, incomplete and unreliable with n extremely high margin of error. The Deshka River coho escapement counts has the same issues as the Little Su coho counts, These arbitrary escapement goals should not be used as an indicator of run size or for implementing management plans. Most all respondents were opposed to ACR 5. This sets a bad precedence by approving the unqualified ACR 5 and then developing this proposal 186 that opens up the drift plan out of cycle. People lose faith in the system and BOF process when this happens. It also puts an unnecessary burden, both financially and emotionally, on the fishermen and others to testify that the Board NOT pass this proposal in an out of cycle meeting, Current regulations and management already has most of the drift area closed or highly restricted. The EEZ has a very low TAC of less than 16,700 coho. If this proposal passes it will have very little affect on Northern bound salmon but it will have a catastrophic effect on the Department's management ability and goal to harvest the surplus salmon and will result in, once again, a huge waste of salmon and commerce from gross over escapements.
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		



PROPOSAL XXX

5 AAC 56.xxx. New language.

Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River coho salmon sport fisheries.

- (a) The purpose of this plan is to direct the department in the management of the sport fisheries for the coho salmon stocks in the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River. At times of low abundance, ADFG would implement restrictions to harvest and gear types to ensure escapement goals are met.
- (b) The department shall manage the sport fisheries in these streams in unison and based on coho salmon escapement in the Anchor River.
 - (1) The area, seasons, bag and possession limits, and methods and means are described in 5 AAC 56.122 & 5 AAC 56.120;
 - (2) If the anticipated Anchor River coho salmon escapement goal is less than 4,000 the commissioner will, by emergency order, restrict the coho salmon bag and possession limits to one coho salmon 16" or greater in length and gear will be single-hook artificial lure.
- (c) If the anticipated Anchor River coho salmon escapement goal is less than 4,000, the commissioner will, by emergency order, restrict the coho salmon bag and possession limits in Cook Inlet salt waters, north of the latitude of Cape Douglas and west of the longitude of Gore Point, to two fish any size.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

(I/We) would like to address the management of our Coho runs on the streams of the Lower Kenai Peninsula. At times of low run strength this would give ADFG tools to manage runs to ensure escapement goals based on the 10 year average. With the current data collected at the Anchor River weir ADFG has the ability to project run strength real time. Historical data shows that all the rivers in the area typically follow similar run timing and relative run strengths. Coho salmon returns over the last 10 year period have been showing progressively smaller returns on these streams. At times of low abundance, a more conservative bag and possession limits with gear restrictions would still provide angler opportunity while helping to ensure escapement goals are met.

PROPOSED BY: (Dan Miotke/ Homer AC)



- XI. Select representatives for board meeting (same as the comment deadlines):
 - a. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman or his designee be our representative at the BoG and BoF.
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 10:00 pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek
Minutes Approved By: David Martin
Date: February 16, 2026



**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 10:00am
Cooper Landing Community Club and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 10:15 February 23 by Josh Hayes

II. Roll Call

No.	First name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Joshua	Hayes	Chair	P
2	Mike	Adams	Vice Chair	P
3	Jason	Lesmeister	Secretary	P
4	Lorraine	Temple		P
5	John	Pearson		P
6	Jason	Aigeldinger		P
7	Jeffrey	Bryden		P
8	Adam	Swain		P
9	Vince	Beltrami		E
10	Josiah (JJ)	Brown		E
11	Tim	Donahue		P
12	Billy	Coulliette		P
13	Tom	Lessard		P
14	Mike	Hawley		E
15	Ryan	Holt		P
16	Ed	Holsten	Alternate	P
17	Karen	Button	Alternate	P

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:



- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Sam Kirby, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom (Online), Colton Lipka (Online)
- IV. Guests Present: Amy Brodereson, Chris Perry (Online), David Nees (Online), Kathryn Lessard (Online), Sean Norris (Online), Carl Coulliette (Online), Shayla (Online)
- V. Approval of Agenda: approved unanimously
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- Area M is being discussed at BOF presently.
 - b. ADF&G- None
 - c. Others-None
- VII. Public Comment:
 - a. In person:
 - i. Karen Button-Supports proposals by Safe Trails cabin has been in family for 60 years. Appalled with AC or some people on AC's behavior, thinks the AC should pass along survey results.
 - ii. Chris Perry from Homer. Knows a trapper that has trapped 6-8 dogs in the last 8 years down by Homer. Has a friend that traps that has people use his trails and worries about people messing with his gear. Supports trappers putting up signage. Isn't opposed to trapping, supports trap set backs.
 - 1. Tom Lessard- Commenting on Mr Perrys - Doesn't believe his comments are accurate.
 - b. Online via Zoom:
 - i. David Nees: Has safe trails submitted their 3 surveys to FG board?
 - 1. Leila: The results of the survey are included in the F&G proposals. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2025-2026/proposals/sc-kenai.pdf>. The proposals are Proposals 147-149.
 - 2. Leila: And I was mistaken earlier. The 3 surveys from the Cooper Landing safe trails proposals are not included in the proposals. The organization will submit the surveys through public comment due to public interest.



- ii. Leila: We do compile comments later on, so please do feel free to do so. All of it will be added to the meeting minutes when they are approved and posted online.
 - 1. Karen Button: Thank you, Leila. One thing I would like to add is that I have heard from locals who are uncomfortable making public comment because of the bullying by some members. That's very unfortunate and seems to undermine the purpose of the AC. Also, I'm unable to tell if there is quorum and whether or not I have the right – as an alternate – to vote today.
 - 2. Leila: Since there are more than two members that are absent, so you are able to vote! I apologize for not checking the attendance at the moment!
- iii. Karen Button: Leila, when non-resident are mentioned in these proposals, do you know if they are non residents of Alaska or non residents of the game unit being addressed?
 - 1. Leila: Generally, the non-residents that are being spoken about are non-residents of Alaska under current regulations.
- iv. David Nees: Please read the members name before they vote. Or read roll call if it is not unanimous.
 - 1. David Nees: Speaker should identify themselves, or chair should recognize.
- v. David Nees: Is that map part of record?
 - 1. Leila: That map is part of Tom Lessard's comment. It is currently on record as part of this recording. Tom brought that map without notification to the rest of the members and to board support.
 - 2. David Nees: Could chair bring it onto record?
 - 3. Leila: I can ask. Tom Lessard's Map is now available online on the AC webpage under today's meeting date (02.23.26): Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting - Alaska Online Public Notices
- vi.



- Board of Game Southcentral Proposals
- Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- Other Fish and Game Business as Needed



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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
		14	Too broad of a scale
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
	13		Mike A- Abstain No clarity on how predator control will be applied
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
	14		Habitat is critical for good conservation
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
	5	9	Opposed due to B. ¼ mile is still a trail. 5- support wanting better defined definitions.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
	12	2	Karen thinks the brown bear population is precarious
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
	9	5	Opposed as written. Needs to be statewide and guaranteed online course 24-7-365. Supported because education is a good thing
<i>Cordova Area- Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
	0	14	No conservation concerns.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
	0	13	1 abstention (Lorraine) due to lack of knowledge.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
	3	11	(Ed, Lorraine, Karen) support because people can get a permit.
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			



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86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	Allocative in nature. Non-resident have a huge economic impact for local communities and state.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
	8	6	Oppose- warm weather and preferential treatment – align seasons
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
	0	14	
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
	0	14	
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 – 25		
	7	7	ADF&G does not want season to get shorter
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	14	0	House Keeping. CL AC always supports Fish and Game Proposals.
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		



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	14	0	See comments on proposal 95.
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	3	5	6 Abstain- Lack of knowledge
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
			TNA
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
			TNA
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Aera in Unit 15C		
			TNA
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
	3	11	Ed, Karen, Lorraine feel it's good conservation.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
	2	11	1-abstain, Lorraine. No knowledge.



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107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
	2	12	2- Karen, Lorraine supported for conservation reasons.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
	0	14	Allocative
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	0	14	Allocative
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
	0	14	ADFG wants to see at least 50 goats in area before they open season.
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	14	Allocative
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
	0	13	Only 13 voting members due to Mike A’s wifi dropping.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.



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118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
	1	11	2-Abstain
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
			TNA
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
	14	0	
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
	0	13	One absent- In bathroom
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
	13	1	Jason L opposed it since it’s still a newer reg and would like to see it play out a few more years for more data and to see if a pattern establishes.



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139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
			TNA
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
	1	13	Karen supports for personal conservation concerns
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
	0	14	
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
	0	14	
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
	0	14	
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
	13	1	
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
	3	11	145-146-147-149 taken as a suite of proposals
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
	3	11	Lorraine supported says 80 percent of survey responses want set backs. That 60% of people change their regular habits during trapping season. Karen supported asked who on AC has a dog and if they recreate with dogs, Everyone has a dog that's on AC. She asked if AC members recreate with their dogs Karen also stated that she believes in trap set backs and we should support them. Tom Showed map of where you can and can't trap on KP and said it would concentrate pressure. Tom also stated that ATA did a presentation and public awareness clinic in Cooper Landing since then there hasn't been a dog trapped, he feels like ST is looking for a problem to a solution that has already been made. Ryan said if they ask for a 100 yards now they will keep trying to get more set backs or set backs set farther apart. Jason A had documentation and history of all the set back proposals that have been brought before the subsistence board,



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			all were rejected except camp ground set backs. Jason L commented on the research and due diligence he did on leash laws and what was happening on the trails. After talking to State Parks, KNWR, Chugach National Forest, and Borough personal and Law enforcement said that there isn't a trap problem, there is a unleashed dog problem with dogs not under voice control. Jason L also questioned the validity off the survey put out by ST since it was written and distributed by ST. Jason L also stated that dogs under voice command should be farther that 30 yards away from owner if well trained.
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
	3	11	See comments on proposal 146
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
	2	12	Ryan said he had signs up in the past and people messed with his traps
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
	3	11	See comments on proposal 146
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
	3	11	
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
	4	7	3- Abstain no knowledge. Jeff- opposed as written due to lack of population dynamics.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
	0	14	
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
	0	14	
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
	0	14	ADF&G is happy with current limits.
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14</i>			



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173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
	2	11	Ed supported because it was very busy when he did the hunt.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
	2	11	Karen supported for conservation.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
	14	0	See comments on proposal 95.

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March 17-March 20, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 2, 2026

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		



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	1	12	Karen supported out of respect for the author.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
	14	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
	14	0	
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	13	1	Josh says a moratorium isn't enough.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	14	0	House Keeping
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
	0	11	3 abstain- No Knowledge (Karen, Lorraine, Mike)
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	8	5	Jason L believes harvesting and sharing meat is a family affair and subsistence lifestyle.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	8	5	See comments on proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
	5	8	
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	0	12	John P also had to leave the meeting.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
	1	11	Karen supported due to conservation concerns



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<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
	13	0	Mike A came back online
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
	13	0	
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
	12	1	
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
	13	0	House keeping
<i>Supplemental Issues</i>			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
	0	11	3 abstain lack of knowledge; others opposed as written

- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Board of Fisheries AC representative needs to be submitted by Monday, March 2nd (same as the comment deadline): Josh Hayes
 - b. Board of Game AC representative needs to be submitted by Friday, March 6th (same as comment deadline): Jason Lesmeister
- X. Set next meeting & election date: Friday, March 27th at 10am
 - a. Leila to check if Community Center is available
- XI. Adjournment: 5:07pm by Josh Hayes

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Lesmeister
 Minutes Approved By: Josh Hayes
 Date: 02/24/26



Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 6th, 2025
CDFU Building & Zoom

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair] *Nov 6th 2025 at 601pm*

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Trae	Lohse	✓	
Dennis	Zadra	✓	
Kyle	King	✓	
Garrett	Collins	✓	
Jamie	Foode		✓
Ardy	Hanson		✓
Chelsea	Haisman	✓ online	
Makena	O'Toole	✓ online	
Brett	Bradford		✓
Mike	Collins	✓	
Dave	Glaser		✓
Chris	Hottinger	✓	
Jake	West	✓	
John	Renner	✓	
Marc	Cloward	✓	
Milo	Burcham		✓
Brad	Sapp	✓	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: *12 present*

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: *Charlotte, Jeremy, Sam, Leila*

IV. Guests Present: *Public (Ken Jones & Carl Ann Muller)*

V. Approval of Agenda *Chelsea - Garrett second*

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

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b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment Ken Jones on Kodos & interest in being on comit.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Board of Game Agenda Change Requests

b. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals

c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Game Agenda Change Requests			
December 2, 2025 Web conference Comment Deadline November 24, 2025			
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ACR 3	Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state		
	11	0	



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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
	10	0	2 Abstained
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
			No Action
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
			No Action
73	Define the terms "permanent dwelling", "publicly maintained trail/road" and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
			No Action
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
	11	0	1 Abstained
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
	0	12	Talk about an educational course being developed
<i>Cordova Area - Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
	0	12	
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
			No Action
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
	0	12	
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
			No Action



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81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
	12	0	
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
			No Votes Needed PWS/CRD AC Prop
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
	0	12	
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
	0	11	1 Abstained
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
	0	12	

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting DENNIS ZADRA BOG MAR 20-25XII. Set next meeting date FEB 10th 2026

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle KingMinutes Approved By: Tracy LohseDate: 11-6-2025



**Delta Fish & Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 7th, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the
Delta Career Advancement Center (1696 N Clearwater Ave)
and by web/teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Jeff Lipscomb

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Jeff Lipscomb - Chair

Jacob White – Vice Chair

Paul Dudgeon - Secretary

Jesse Cummings

Alan Waldo

Vern Aiton

Mike Bender

Cutter Stockwell

Tisha Kennell

Robert Mathews

Tony Williams

Tim Webb – alternate

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Kurt Schmidt – alternate

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Brandy Baker

Ellie Mason

TJ Allderdice

Jeff Wells

Lindsey Dreese

Kyle Campbell

Cory Stantorf

Jason Cailoski

IV. Guests Present:



Walter Stockwell
Dean Waldo
Nathan Miller
Art Cummings
Kaern Gillis
Dave Lorrington

- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved with amendment. Rob Matthews added discussion of Federal review of subsistence in Alaska
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- None
 - b. ADF&G
 - Jeff Wells presented a report on the moose survey for 20B and the antlerless moose harvest plan for 20A/20B
 - Lindsey Dreese – 20A sheep and caribou surveys completed
 - Brandy – Statewide stocking plan open to public comment.
 - Jason – explained props 71-72 Sheep IM objectives for human consumptive use, ADFG to present harvest data to BOG
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date 18 FEB 2026 @6:30 PM
- XIII. Other

Adjourn



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70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
			No action
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	11	0	
73	Define the terms "permenant dwelling", "publically maintained trail/road", and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
			No action
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
			No action
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
			No action
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
			No action
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
			No action
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
			No action
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
			No action
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		



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			No action
81			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
			No action
82			Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days
			No action
83			Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears
			No action
84			Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D
			No action
85			Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit
OPPOSE	1	9	
86			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
87			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
88			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
89			Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7
			No action
90			Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions
OPPOSE		11	
91			Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October
			No action
92			Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25
			No action



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93			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
94			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” TO 10% of the available permits
			No action
95			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
			No action
96			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
			No action
97			Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
98			Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay
			No action
99			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
100			Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachmak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big g
			No action
101			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
102			Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
103			Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C



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			No action
104			Allow the use motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
105			Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15
			No action
106			Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G
			No action
107			Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 -September 20
			No action
108			Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts
			No action
109			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A. to to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
110			Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River
			No action
111			Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder
			No action
112			Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts
			No action
113			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
114			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits
			No action
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116			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
117			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
118			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
119			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
120			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
121			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
122			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
123			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
124			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
125			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
126			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action



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127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
129	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to ”up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to”20% of the available permits		
			No action
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to”20% of the available permits		
			No action
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
			No action
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
			No action
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
			No action
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
			No action
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		



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			No action
139			Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps
			No action
140			Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years
			No action
141			When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February
			No action
142			Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7
			No action
143			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15
			No action No action
144			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C
			No action
145			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7
			No action
146			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7
			No action
147			Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7
			No action
148			Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7
			No action
149			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7
			No action
150			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7
151			Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years



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			No action
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
			No action
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
			No action
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
			No action
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to ”up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
158	Limit tthe nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
			No action
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action



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164			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
165			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to ”up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
166			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
167			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
			No action
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
			No action
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area
			No action
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richards Management area in Unit 14C
			No action
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
			No action
174			Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation
			No action



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175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			No action
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
			No action
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
			No action
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
			No action
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
			No action
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
			No action
181	Allow 2nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE		11	
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunts areas		
OPPOSE		11	
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to to June 15		
			No action
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 - October 31		
			No action
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
			No action
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
			No action



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187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No action
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
			No action
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
			No action
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
			No action
194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		
			No action
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No action
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No action
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
			No action
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	1	11	
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	1	11	
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		



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OPPOSE	1	11	
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	1	11	
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	1	11	
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	1	11	
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	1	11	
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
OPPOSE	1	11	
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
			No action
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
			No action
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
			No action
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
			No action
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
			No action
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
			No action
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action



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213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
			No action
221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
			No action
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed		
			No action
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action



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225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st
			No action
231			Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
			No action
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
			No action
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
			No action
234			Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20
			No action
235			Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8
			No action
236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
			No action



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237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
			No action
238	Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
OPPOSE	3	8	
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
			No action
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
			No action
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
			No action
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
			No action
243	Require all snares set n the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
			No action
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
			No action
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
			No action
246	Prohibit the use infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
			No action
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
			No action
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
			No action
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region		
			No action



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250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
			No action
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
			No action
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
			No action
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
			No action
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
			No action
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
			No action
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	9	2	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	9	2	
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	11		
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
			No action
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
			No action
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
OPPOSE		11	
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
			No action
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
			No action
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
			No action
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
			No action
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
			No action
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
			No action
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
			No action
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
			No action
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
			No action
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
			No action
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			No action
173			Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent
			No action
174			Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed
			No action
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
			No action
176			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
OPPOSE	1	10	
177			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
OPPOSE	1	10	
178			Modify the definition of bag limit
OPPOSE	1	10	
179			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish
			No action
180			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish
			No action
181			Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear
			No action
182			Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
			No action
183			Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
OPPOSE	0	11	
184			Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
SUPPORT	11	0	
186			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area
			No action
187			Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon
			No action

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Paul DudgeonMinutes Approved By: FULL ACDate: 2/18/2026



Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 PM by Chair Levi Lewellyn.
- II. Roll Call
Members Prese Levi Lewellyn (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Krystal Lapp (secretary) *arrived after roll call*, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Gabriel Davis, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine, Julia Hnilicka; Alternates: Eric Angslinger, Jacques Etcheverry
Members Absent (Excused): Mike Tinker, John Wisniewski, Warren Giuchici
Members Absent (Unexcused): Ricko DeWilde
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – Chair confirmed quorum
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Jeff Wells, Wildlife Area Biologist, Fairbanks
 - b. Lindsey Dreese, Assistant Area Biologist, Fairbanks
 - c. Lt. Dan Valentine – Alaska Wildlife Troopers
 - d. Kyle Campbell – Board Support
 - e. Deena Jallen, Yukon Summer Season Manager
 - f. Mike Parker – Assistant Summer Season Manager
 - g. Matt Olson, ADF&G Yukon Fall Season Manager
 - h. Klaus Wuttig - ADF&G Management Coordinator Sports Fish
- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Brooke McDavid – Eastern Interior RAC Coordinator
 - b. Jackie Muehlbauer – Tanana Chiefs Conference
 - c. Karen Gillis – Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association
 - d. Al Barrett – Board of Game
 - e. Tyrell Palmer – member of the public
 - f. Brie Van Dam – member of the public
 - g. Dave Lorrington, Board of Game
 - h. Jennifer Yuhas, public
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda with additions:
 - b. Select representatives for Board of Game meeting (Kodiak)
 - c. Discuss LAN representation



Motion: Gabe Davis

Second: Eric Anslinger

Passed by unanimous consent

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/14/2026
- a. The minutes from January 14, 2026 were reviewed.
No corrections were raised during discussion.
Minutes approved by consensus.
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report: Chair Lewellyn indicated he had no formal report and moved directly to Fish & Game staff reports.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. ADF&G Report – Jeff Wells
 1. ADF&G noted they will request Board of Game guidance regarding ANS structure in the Minto Flats / adjacent white area of 20B.
 2. Topics discussed:
 - a. Youth Permits – Unit 20 - Discussed historical structure of the youth hunt (Aug 5–14 season). Approximately 25–30% of permits previously went to youth hunters (2015–2017). Offered to provide additional biological information if the AC wished to pursue changes.
 - b. Moose Season Timing (Unit 20) - Discussion regarding whether early youth seasons prior to general season would be biologically feasible. Staff indicated it could be evaluated biologically if the committee pursued a proposal.
 - c. ANS Structure – Unit 20B: ADF&G may request Board of Game guidance regarding the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) structure in the Minto Flats / adjacent “white area.”
 3. Wildlife Troopers Update
 - a. 40 Mile caribou hunt effort low
 - b. White Mountains flying/spotting case: Defendant pled guilty; fined, restitution paid, rifle seized, license suspension imposed
 4. Deena Jallen and Mike Parker introduced themselves.
Klaus Wuttig reported no updates at that time.
- VIII. Public Comment: Public comment was opened. Brooke McDavid (Eastern Interior RAC Coordinator) informed the committee of the upcoming Eastern Interior RAC meeting scheduled for March 3–5 at Pike's. She noted that the meeting marks the start of the federal fisheries proposal cycle and may include revisiting certain wildlife proposals prior to Federal Subsistence



Board action in April. No additional public comments were received. Public comment was closed.

IX. Old Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Area M meeting to begin next week – Virgil representing FAC
 - i. **Motion:** Send Virgil Umphenour to represent Fairbanks AC at Area M meeting.
Seconded
Passed unanimously

X. New Business

- a. Game/Trapping Subcommittee Report
 - i. Recommendations on Southcentral Region BOG Proposals
 - 1. The Game & Trap Subcommittee met the week prior to the AC meeting and reviewed Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals. The Chair noted that subcommittee minutes had been distributed and that, although a quorum was not present at the subcommittee meeting, recommendations were brought forward to the full Advisory Committee for action. The Chair asked if any members wished to pull or further discuss any of the Southcentral proposals previously reviewed. No objections were raised to the bulk recommendations. The full Advisory Committee adopted the subcommittee's recommendations on Southcentral Region proposals through Proposal #237 by unanimous consent.
 - 2. Individual Proposal Actions
 - a. Proposal 238 – Kodiak Brown Bear Education Requirement
 - i. Vote: 5 in favor, 7 opposed.
 - ii. Motion failed (5–7).
 - b. Proposal 239 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - c. Proposal 240 – Opposed by unanimous consent.
 - d. Proposal 241 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - e. Proposal 242 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - f. Proposal 243 – Breakaway Mechanisms on Snares
 - i. Vote: 1 in favor, 11 opposed.
 - ii. Motion failed (1–11).
 - g. Proposal 244 – Trap Identification Tags
 - i. Opposed by unanimous consent.
 - h. Proposal 245–248 (Night Vision / Artificial Light Series)
 - i. TNA or opposed consistent with existing statewide regulations.
 - i. Proposals 249–251 – Brown Bear Tag Exemptions
 - i. Combined and approved by unanimous consent.
 - ii. BOG 26-27 Call for Proposals – due May 1st



1. The committee discussed the Board of Game 26–27 Call for Proposals and confirmed the May 1 deadline. Members discussed drafting potential proposals for the next meeting, with the intent to bring draft language forward in March and take action in April. The Chair suggested planning for an April meeting to allow refinement and voting on proposals prior to submission.
- iii. AO360 Call for Proposals – due May 1st
 1. AO360 was referenced during the meeting. Copies were available for members. The discussion focused on identifying potential regulatory changes that reduce administrative burden on the department or the public. Members clarified that proposals must be non-allocative in nature (methods and means, paperwork reduction, efficiency measures). No formal action was taken on AO360 proposals at this meeting.
- iv. **Motion:** To support the proposals as recommended by the Game & Trap Subcommittee.
Vote: Unanimous consent; no objections.
- b. Fisheries Subcommittee Report
 - i. Recommendations on Statewide proposals (due March 2nd) for full AC approval
 1. The Fisheries Subcommittee presented recommendations for statewide proposals due March 2. The Chair indicated that the committee needed to take action that evening on the subcommittee's recommendations.
 - ii. BOF call for proposals 2026-2027 due April 10th, 2026 (includes Cook Inlet area)
 1. The committee discussed development of future proposals and confirmed the need to draft and refine proposals prior to submission deadlines. Members discussed preparing drafts at the next meeting and potentially voting in April. The April 10 deadline for the 2026–2027 Board of Fisheries cycle (including Cook Inlet) was acknowledged, and planning for future meetings was discussed to ensure timely submission.
 2. Subcommittee recommendations were presented to the full AC.
 3. **Motion** made to support subcommittee recommendations; Approved by unanimous consent.
 4. The Chair noted that written comments would be finalized following review of the meeting audio.
- c. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business
 - i. Members discussed development of potential Interior youth hunt proposals; draft language to be prepared for the next meeting
 - ii. Chair Lewellyn provided commentary on final action on the CHUM EIS at the North Pacific Council, noting increased responsiveness to public testimony and describing the decision as incremental progress



- iii. Enforcement challenges in Area M were discussed. Troopers confirmed geographic remoteness and lack of permanent presence limit patrol capacity.
 - iv. An April meeting was tentatively planned for proposal refinement and voting.
 - d. Additional Representation
 - i. Levi Lewellyn was nominated to serve as representative for Central-related Board of Game matters.
 - ii. Approved by unanimous consent.
- XI. Set next meeting date: March 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

FAC strongly supports the following hatchery proposals for the Board of Fish Statewide meeting: Proposals #170, 171 and #172

The FAC further supports: Proposals #11, 163, 164, 165, 173, 180, 181, 182, 184,187

The FAC opposes: Proposals #162,175, 183,

Salmon Hatchery Impact Discussion: the group watched a short film titled "Trouble at Sea" produced by Miranda Weise and Rafael de la Uz, which explored the ecological effects of hatcheries on salmon populations. The film highlighted the decline in wild salmon runs and the role of hatcheries in the ecosystem. After the film, the group discussed the decline in salmon harvests since 2020. Virgil shared his experience with the Board of Fish and criticized the state's lack of action on reducing hatchery production. As one of the original authors of Alaska's Sustainable Salmon Policy, he noted that the policy is in statute and regulation and is too often ignored. Andy Couch raised questions about the state's wild fisheries policy and the need for precautionary management to address declining king salmon populations. The discussion touched on the power of the commercial fishing industry and the challenges of proving the impact of hatchery fish on wild stocks.

The FAC has been presenting PNP (private non-profit) hatchery egg reduction proposals to the Board of Fish for over 15 years out of a deep concern over the growing body of evidence that production hatcheries have detrimental impacts on the health of wild salmon stocks through competition for forage food, straying into wild streams, among other impacts.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
OPPOSE		11	
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
SUPPORT	11		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
SUPPORT	11		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	11		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	11		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
TNA			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
TNA			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
TNA			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
SUPPORT	11		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
SUPPORT	11		
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	11		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
SUPPORT	11		



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174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
TNA			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
OPPOSE		11	Concern over different regional conditions and the cost of changing out current nets, not enough science for king protection, potential for picking up non-salmon species
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
TNA			
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
TNA			
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
TNA			
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
TNA			No action based on support for #180, but if #180 is not approved, then the FAC supports 179. King conservation is of monumental importance Concern over enforcement
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
SUPPORT	11		This goes to the protection of wild king salmon and should be applied to saltwater
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
SUPPORT	11		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
SUPPORT	11		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
OPPOSE		11	Needs further explanation from the Dept and AWT and Staff comments were not available at the time of this meeting
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
SUPPORT	11		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
SUPPORT	11		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			



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70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
TNA			
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	The board established sheep as an Intensive Management species at the 2025 Statewide meeting and this is a necessary undertaking by the Department after that decision.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	11	0	See our comments on proposal 71
73	Define the terms "permenant dwelling", "publically maintained trail/road", and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
SUPPORT	11	0	We believe this will help with choosing bait sites and with enforcement
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
SUPPORT	9	2	Those in support believe this is an ethical issue, any wounded animal not retrieved should mean the hunter punches their tag, those opposed believe there are differences in wounding, and it is up to the hunter to decide if the animal was critically wounded.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't think this is necessary, ATA already has material available
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
TNA			



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77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
TNA			
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
TNA			
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
TNA			
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
TNA			
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
TNA			
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
TNA			
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
SUPPORT	11	0	Provides more opportunity, no conservation concerns
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
TNA			
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
OPPOSE	0	11	It's already illegal to shoot from a moving boat, we see no reason to have to have a permit to shoot from a stationary boat
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
TNA	11	0	We are taking no action on all of the proposals asking to limit nonresident draw hunt allocations because one size doesn't fit all in these situations. However, the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee supports fair limits on all draw permit allocations whereby residents receive most all of the permits
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have ample opportunity to hunt moose in Unit 7
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	11	Poor management strategy, unnecessary
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
OPPOSE	0	11	Concerns about overharvests
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
TNA			
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” TO 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
SUPPORT	11	0	This will allowed motorized use on all applicable roads/trails



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99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
SUPPORT	11	0	AC supports allowing motorized access on south side of K-bay
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachmak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big g		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 99
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			See our comments on proposals 98 & 99
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
104	Allow the use motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
OPPOSE	0	11	Full curl management is sustainable according to the Department
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 105
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 -September 20		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 105
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		



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OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity to hunt sheep during the general season
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A. to to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River,south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	We support this proposal as amended to be resident-only with a billy-only bag limit
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342 to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343 to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344 to “up to”20% of the available permits		



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
120			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
121			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
122			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
123			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
124			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
125			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
126			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
127			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
128			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
129			Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
130			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86



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131			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
132			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
133			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
134			Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season
OPPOSE	0	11	Takes away opportunity, trespassing on private land is already illegal
135			Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps
SUPPORT	11	0	We would prefer that the Dept moves to a calendar year for this hunt so we have guaranteed fall hunt opportunity
136			Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year
SUPPORT	11	0	See our comments on proposal 135
137			Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15
OPPOSE	0	11	Removing the harvest cap could lead to overharvests
138			Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days
OPPOSE	0	11	This is another option to hopefully ensure there is a fall hunt, but we prefer Proposal 135 as the best option
139			Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps
TNA			See our comments on proposal 135
140			Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years



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OPPOSE	0	11	If it is legal to take a sow, there should be no penalty. IF we don't want sows taken, the best way to achieve that is to make the hunt boars-only.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
SUPPORT	11	0	Coincides season dates for other furbearers
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't believe these buffers are necessary. Trappers already post signs and it's up to pet owners to be aware of traplines and traps on shared trails.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 149
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	Our AC has consistently opposed I.D. tags on traps and snares due to costs to the trapper, tags being stolen, enforcement issues
151	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		



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TNA			
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
TNA			
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
TNA			
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
TNA			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunting opportunity already exists
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86



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164			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
165			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to ”up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
166			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
167			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
SUPPORT	11	0	We support creation of new archery only hunts in urban or recreational areas where rifle hunting is not allowed when there are no conservation concerns and
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to change the bag limit for nonresidents to one bull with 50” antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side. The AC does not support ANY any-bull hunts for nonresidents.
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richards Management area in Unit 14C
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
SUPPORT	11	0	Better hunt quality, less crowding



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174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
OPPOSE	0	11	Full curl management is sustainable according to the Department
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
TNA			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
TNA			
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
WTNA			
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
TNA			
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	The board expanded these sheep draw hunts to the East Fork Eklutna during the last cycle, we see no need to change again
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
OPPOSE	0	11	Nonresident quota should stay the same
181	Allow 2nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't believe this is legal
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunts areas		
OPPOSE	0	11	There are too few permits to increase the nonresident allocation
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to to June 15		
SUPPORT	11	0	More opportunity, no conservation concerns
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 - October 31		



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SUPPORT	11	0	We support archery only opportunities in these type of areas when there are no conservation concerns and it is not safe to allow rifles
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
TNA			
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	11	0	Aligns seasons, no conservation concerns
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to be resident-only
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear huntin the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to be resident-only
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended for resident-only opportunity for a new registration brown bear hunt to replace DB 468. Nonresidents would still only have opportunity under the draw permit system



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194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to only include residents in the extended season dates
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at a bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	11	0	Already legal in other nearby units
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	Loss of opportunity
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	Our AC has consistently opposed ID tags on traps and snares due to costs, nefarious removal of tags, enforcement issues
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
TNA			
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	The board reduced the nonresident deer bag limit during the last cycle after much public testimony and thoughtful deliberations and should keep it in place.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199



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205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
OPPOSE	0	11	Unnecessary reduction of harvest opportunity
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
TNA			
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
OPPOSE	0	11	Reduces harvest opportunity, unnecessary
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
SUPPORT	11	0	Good conservation strategy
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	0	11	AS 16.05.407 defines which species require a guide to hunt. The Board of Game should not be able to add species to the statute
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
SUPPORT	11	0	At the very least, these new elk permits available in Port Lions and Ouzinke should be one per household. No household should be able to receive more than one permit
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
TNA			
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
SUPPORT	11	0	No goat conservation concerns
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
TNA			
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed
OPPOSE	0	11	Goats are doing well on Kodiak and there is no need to change the bag limit at this time
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st
TNA			
231			Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
TNA			
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
TNA			
234			Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20
OPPOSE			No conservation concerns, unnecessary
235			Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
SUPPORT	11	0	It is legal to take a sow. If the Department doesn’t want sows taken, it should be boar-only in these areas. Imposing this penalty on residents is unfair and will continue to lead to fewer permits.
237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
SUPPORT	11	0	At minimum, all nonresidents – just like residents – should have to apply for a permit to hunt brown bear within the Refuge and pay the application fee.



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238	Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
OPPOSE	5	7	Those opposed believe it isn't necessary, don't like that it's a requirement, those in support believe education is never a bad thing, doesn't take much time
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
TNA			
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
OPPOSE	0	12	The AC takes no action on the fox bag limit, but we oppose prohibiting the use of night vision used under a trapping license and trapping seasons
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
TNA			
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
TNA			
243	Require all snares set n the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
OPPOSE	1	11	Those opposed believe it's too complicated to design a breakaway snare for deer and bears, the poundage is different, how would that be measured, should not be a requirement, rather voluntary. Those in support believe it may help reduce bycatch
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
OPPOSE	0	12	Adds costs, nefarious removal of tags, enforcement issues
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	2	10	Those opposed don't want to see a recently passed statewide proposal allowing the use of night vision/infrared devices under a trapping license and trapping seasons be prohibited in Unit 8. Those in support don't support this technology for taking furbearers, goes too far
246	Prohibit the use infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 245. Infrared devices are NOT allowed for hunting, only trapping
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
TNA			
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	2	10	See our comments on proposal 245
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region		
SUPPORT	7	5	AC members had a very good discussion this. Those in support believe there should be no tag fee for taking predators like grizzly bears who target moose and caribou, easy to forget to pick up when going moose or caribou hunting. Those in opposition believe that we are leaving money on the table that is needed, why not have the hunter pay after harvesting a grizzly? There is also the locking tag issue; there appears to still be a requirement – even with tag fee exemption – that the hunter have a locking tag. Have hunters been illegally harvesting grizzly bear without a locking tag under tag fee exemptions?
250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	7	5	See our comments on proposal 249
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
SUPPORT	7	5	See our comments on proposal 249
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
TNA			
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
TNA			
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		



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TNA			
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT <i>Note: The Fairbanks AC voted on proposals 256 & 257 at the Jan. 14 meeting</i>	9	5	Those in support believe the Department's position that a small harvest of cows poses no conservation concerns, those opposed believe it does pose conservation concerns. Others in support don't want to see the Richardson Hwy and FMA targeted antlerless hunts go away (though they oppose more antlerless hunts than just those)
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	3	See our comments on proposal 256
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	9	3	Those in support believe the Department's position that a small antlerless harvest poses no conservation concerns, those who oppose believe the opposite
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: Krystal Lapp, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Mark Richards, Vice Chair
Date: March 2nd, 2026



**Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH)
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 2:00 pm
by web/teleconference**

I. Call to Order at 2:15 by Ken Chase

II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ken Chase (Chair), Kathy Chase (Secretary), Shirley Clark, Rich Freireich, Bruce Werba, Chevie Roach, Carolyn Burkett*
Members Absent: Jake Yoder, Roger Hamilton Jr.,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: [5]; members present 7*

**Carolyn's phone dropped out several times*

IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Nov 5th, 2025

VII. Reports and updates:

- a. Chairperson's report
- b. ADF&G staff:
Josh Pierce
- c. Others

VIII. Comments and Concerns from the public

IX. Comments and Concerns from AC members

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Committee action on GMU 21E Antlerless Moose Reauthorization ([Proposal 260](#))
- b. Comments on [Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik \(Area M\) Proposals](#) - comments due Feb 3rd, 2026
- c. Discuss sending AC representative to Anchorage for BOF Meeting Feb 18-24, 2026
- d. Planning for in-person meeting to discuss game proposals for 2026-2027 BOG cycle
- e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

XIII. Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Automated Summary Provided by Zoom AI Software:

Ken called the meeting to order at 2:15, and Kathy took the roll call, confirming a quorum of six members was present. The minutes from the November 5th meeting were discussed, with Ken approving them for submission to the Board of Fisheries. Interior confirmed that the minutes were available on the online public notice and via email. Joy Hamilton from Shag joined to inform the group that her 7th through 12th-grade class was listening in. Josh inquired about a PDF of data slides for the antlerless moose proposal, which Interior agreed to email and attach to the online notice.

The GASH Advisory Committee meeting focused on reviewing and voting on several Board of Fisheries proposals for Area M, including discussions about commercial salmon fishing time reductions and bycatch limits. The committee heard presentations from Fish and Game staff about summer chum salmon runs and genetic data collection, while also addressing concerns about the economic impact of fishing closures on local communities. Key proposals discussed included measures to reduce chinook and chum salmon bycatch, with the committee ultimately supporting Proposal 131 which would implement a 12-day fishing closure in June. Gale Vick and Deena Jalllen provided technical insights about fish migration patterns and run timing, though some questions remained about the specific impact of Area M fishing closures on Yukon River stocks.

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The meeting began with a discussion about meeting minutes from November 5th, which were already submitted to the Board of Fisheries and included comments on four proposals. Gale Vick from Fairbanks A/C provided background comments on Area M, and several guests including students, the Canada Chiefs Conference representative, and Fish and Game staff were introduced. Rich suggested adding subunits to the area, which Josh agreed to discuss further after the antlerless proposal, noting that boundary changes would not be considered until the 2027-2028 Board of Game cycle. Ken reported that Thomas Seton would be visiting to take photos and possibly collar bison in the area between Anvik, Grayling, and Shageluk, as well as around Holy Cross, where smaller groups of bison have been observed.

Moose Hunting Reauthorization Discussion

The committee discussed the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunting opportunities and reviewed population survey data, which showed a stable population of approximately 11,000 moose, slightly above the target range. They agreed to hold a face-to-face meeting in the spring, potentially in McGrath or Fairbanks, to discuss Board of Fisheries proposals and other business.

Moose Population and Hunting Overview

Josh presented data on moose population and hunting statistics, noting that the current bull-to-cow ratio is above the target of 25-30, with twinning rates at 30% and harvest averaging 185 moose annually. He explained that the winter hunt offers additional hunting opportunities for those who didn't harvest a moose in the fall, with permits available online and at local vendors for \$10, and clarified that hunters cannot target cows with calves. Ken raised questions about hunting policies, particularly regarding barren cows and federal lands, which Josh addressed by confirming that there are no specific policies for barren cows and that state permits allow hunting on all lands, unlike federal permits which are restricted to federal lands.

Moose Management in Unit 21

The meeting focused on moose management and hunting regulations in Unit 21, particularly subunits 21A and 21E. Josh explained the boundaries and management areas, clarifying that specific regulations can be applied to smaller areas within the larger units. Rich suggested the need for more specific management of smaller areas within 21A, particularly due to varying conditions in different locations. The group discussed the importance of reporting harvests to better document subsistence uses and improve management. The conversation ended with a reminder that proposals for the upcoming Board of Game meeting must be submitted by May 1st.



Board of Fisheries Proposal Votes

The meeting focused on discussing several Board of Fisheries proposals, with the group voting to support Proposal 107, which requires marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for personal use in specific Alaska Peninsula areas. Janessa Newman from the Tanana Rampart Manly Advisory Committee joined to share decisions made with the Mintoni Nana A/C regarding Area M proposals, though these were not formally adopted by the group. The meeting also clarified that proxy hunting can be done for multiple people, but only one person at a time, and that proposals from the AYK meeting had already been acted on by the board, while Area M proposals were still under consideration.

The committee discussed Proposal 127 submitted by the Native Council, which proposed a 10-day consecutive closure between June 10th and June 23rd for salmon fishing in Area M. Gale Vick from the Fairbanks A/C explained that while they supported the concept, they preferred stronger proposals like Proposal 136 for a full shutdown of the June fishery in Area M, and Proposal 131 for a 12-day consecutive closure. The committee voted to support Proposal 127, and moved on to discuss Proposal 128 submitted by the Koyuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee, which proposed implementing time closures and fleet movement in Area M when bycatch thresholds are reached.

The committee discussed Proposal 128, which aims to reduce bycatch by moving fishing operations. Gale explained that Area M management is complex and recommended supporting three strong proposals (131, 132, and 136) that reduce fishing time. The committee expressed skepticism about the proposal's details and agreed to vote on Proposal 128, with Bruce making the motion and Chevie seconding. Rich and Gale emphasized the importance of supporting the experts' recommendations, while Bruce and Ken debated the potential consequences of not supporting the proposal. The committee ultimately decided to bring Proposal 128 to a vote.

The board discussed and voted on two proposals regarding salmon management. Proposal 128 failed with a tie vote of 3 yeses and 3 noes. Proposal 129, submitted by Kuwaarrik Incorporated, aimed to amend the South Unimak and Chumigan Islands June Salmon Management Plan by reducing commercial fishing time to allow more salmon to move through the Area M fishery. Gale suggested adopting language from multiple proposals and incorporating it into the board's commentary to convey their intent. The motion to move forward on Proposal 129 was made and seconded, but the board decided to proceed with further discussion before voting.

The council discussed Proposal 131, which aims to amend the South Unimak and Chumigan Islands June Salmon Management Plan by reducing commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gill net gear from June 12-23 to allow more western Alaska chum salmon to migrate. Gale and Dina Jallen explained that while the local set netters are not affected, the drift fleet is mostly non-local, and the economic impact on local communities from landing taxes is unclear. The council also discussed concerns about declining summer chum salmon runs in the Yukon River, with Dina noting that the timing of fish runs is difficult to predict and the genetics of fish stocks are not well understood.

Proposal 131 was supported by a majority of the group. Gale explained the reasoning behind Proposal 132, which aimed to reduce chum salmon interceptions by closing the fishery for specific periods. Rich made a motion to oppose Proposal 132, which was seconded by Chevy and discussed further before being voted down.

The committee reviewed and approved two proposals: Proposal 136 to close salmon fishing in the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands from June 7-28 to protect Yukon River salmon, and Proposal 148 to reduce mesh size and length of purse seines in Area M to align with other regions and reduce bycatch. The committee also discussed plans for an upcoming Area M Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage from February 18-24, with testimony expected on February 19-20, and considered whether to send a representative or allow remote testimony.

Meeting Scheduling Discussion

The group discussed scheduling a face-to-face meeting with area biologists Josh Pierce and Glenn Stout. They agreed to propose several Fridays in March or April, with the understanding that March 13 would not work for Josh.



The meeting would likely be held in Fairbanks, with participants arriving on Thursday and departing on Saturday. They also noted upcoming state Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings in March that could affect scheduling.

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260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	6	0	Motion by Rich Freireich, 2 nd by Chevie Roach

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
SUPPORT	6	0	Motion by Kathy, 2 nd by Rich
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
SUPPORT	6	0	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd by Kathy
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
OPPOSE	3	3	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd by Chevie
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
SUPPORT	6	1	Motion by Bruce, 2 nd by Kathy



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
SUPPORT	6	1	Motion by Rich, 2 nd by Chevie
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
OPPOSE	3	3	Motion by Rich, 2 nd by Kathy
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
SUPPORT	5	1	Motion by Kathy, 2 nd by Bruce
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
SUPPORT	6	0	Motion by Chevie, 2 nd by Rich

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase, Secretary

(Zoom AI Summary and comment table formatting with assistance from Boards Support Staff)

Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase, Chair

Date: 2/3/26

Meeting called to order: 2:15 pm

11/5/25 min. minutes

~~referred to next~~ 4 proposals
12, 15, 16, 17
Submitted -

Board Chair report by Ken Chase
(fill in please)

(Rick French - missed the out
about a year ago - add sub units
in 21E - 21A -
upper smoke area -
on)

Bruce has helped Ken alot, he
thanked Bruce -

Tom Sexton - Bison 2/17/26
will talk about the small patches
and collar some of them -
splitting into smaller groups.

Bruce Werba - its a pleasure to
help you anytime.

~~Agenda~~ 107 proposals - 148

Bruce likes Fly -
remarks on where mtg
to be held -

Adopt the agenda
motion to ~~adopt~~ ^{approve} agenda by Rick
second by Bruce -

roll vote Ken ✓

Kathy

Bruce

Shirley -

Carolyn - 7 yes

Rick

Cheryl

Jake - was excused

★

Josh Pierce moose 260

motion made by Rick proposal
2nd by Cheryl

~~not~~ — Ken Kathy Bruce Shirley
Carolyn, Rick, Cheryl

State permit
Proxy - 65 yrs old
for code for application
524-3323

report your
harvest

under 18, still get the
permit — can hunt
if their dad or mom
got one

Boundaries + Subunits

21 unit divided in 21A + E
managed out of McGrath
Lyndon to 81

21A Amok drainage including
Iditarod

Make sure - upcoming deadline
5/1/26

Plan meeting before 5/1/26 deadline

Bruce to Josh -
we can only do 1 proxy hunt -
Josh says a person can hunt for 1
person at a time, not hunt for
multiple people at a time -

Proposal 107 Area M proposal 107 -

Kathy supports 107 move - 2nd by Rick
all in favor - motion carries - support

proposal 127 Bruce motion to a vote - 2nd by Kathy
comment

all in favor 136 Complete shutdown
131 Shut area M for 12 days
132 - shut down for 10 days

proposal 128 - adoption - Chevy
yes Bruce makes a motion, 2nd by Rick
Ken, Bruce, Shirley, @
no Kathy, Rich, Chevy motion failed

proposal

129 -

Motion to adopt by Bruce, 2nd by Kathy

Vote - yes

~~motion~~ / yes

Bruce

Shirley

Carolyn

Rich

Chevy no

6 yes / 1 no

proposal 131

Rich motion suggest 131 -

second by Chevy

~~Bruce 1st 2nd by~~

yes

no

Ken

Kathy

Bruce

Shirley

Rich

Chevy

6 yes

(Triggers) 132 proposal - (Carl Nick)

Rich moved to not suggest this proposal - 2nd by Chevy

(Triggers)

Chevy motions to vote on 132 - 2nd Kathy

yes

Ken

Bruce

Shirley

no

Kathy

136 ~~135~~ proposal

Motion failed

Rich

Kathy makes a motion to support 136 2nd by Bruce

yes

Ken

Kathy

Bruce

no

Chevy

Shirley Rich

148 proposal

KWC support 148 Rick
Chevy motion to vote, KWC nd

^{uses}
Ken, Kathy ^{no}
Bruce ~~Shirley~~ 6-0
Rick
Chevy

Rick, ~~face to face~~ -

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Remote Testimony

17-23 Shirley

5 pm. adjourn



**Homer Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
Kachemak Research Reserve Building & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 18:02 by Douglas Malone

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Douglas	Malone	x	
Dan	Miotke	x	
Lauren	Wolford	x	
Dave	Lyon	x	
~~Wesley~~	~~Humbyrd~~	x	
Cory	DeCook	x	
Cory	Loos	x	
Andy	Fetterhoff		U
George	Matz	x	
Josh	Volland	x	
Josh	Wickboldt	x	
Dan	Anderson	x	
Tom	Young	x	
Matt	Hakala		U
Thomas	Hagberg	x	
Sid	Wolford	x	
Billy	Hayden	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

14 Members Present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Bottom: ADFG Area Biologist GMU 7, 15

Thomas McDonough: ADFG Research Staff

Jason Herreman: ADFG Wildlife Biologist

IV. Guests Present:

Zack Porter - Runs boat in Kodiak (Wrote Proposal 203)

Josh Volland - Resident of Homer (Wrote Proposal 97)

V. List of User Groups Present:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

VI. Approval of Agenda: Approved with the addition of Homer AC roster changes

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved**VIII. Reports:****a. Chair's report: Douglas Malone**

- i. Doug spoke with the Harbor Master regarding BOF Proposal 183, which was discussed at the last meeting. The concern centers on fish being brought in uncut and the resulting impact on cleaning stations and overall harbor waste load.

b. ADF&G:**Chris Bottom: GMU 7 & 15 Harvest summary****Bear:**

Black and brown bear harvest was somewhat slow, particularly in the fall, and this trend was observed across the Peninsula. Food resources were healthy statewide. Brown bear season remained open through the fall this year.

Mountain Goat:

Goat harvest was the highest it has been in approximately the last 10 years. Late-season registration tags were offered, and Sadie Cove was opened this year. Harvest levels were largely driven by hunter participation. Nanny harvest was approximately 20%.

Moose:

Kalgin Island counts were up and represented the highest numbers seen in a long time, though survey conditions varied. Success rates were generally decent and appeared to be driven primarily by hunter effort. On the Peninsula, Unit 15C was slightly low, though reporting continues to trickle in. Overall, the department feels positive about the moose status on the Peninsula. Unit 15A remains below desired population levels. Unit 15B continues to do well and is producing good hunting opportunities following the fire. Unit 15C is still seeing good numbers.

Question (Doug): Food quality and abundance in Unit 15C.

Answer: (Chris ADFG): The department is no longer monitoring as many moose in 15C as in 15B, but conditions are closer to the end of the fire cycle than the beginning. Calf survival numbers are up, and habitat quality is good, though noticeable change is hoped for over the next 5–10 years.

Question (Tom H.): How many moose were harvested by archery?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Will look up that information and report back

Bull-to-cow ratios are not trending upward. As a result, the department plans to reduce bull permits, noting that over 20% of the harvest is now coming from those permits. Unit 15A has a relatively high bull-to-cow ratio, but overall population numbers remain well below objectives. The department is not planning to offer bull permits there at this time, but is open to discussion.

Caribou:

Good counts were reported on the Fox River and Killey River herds. No tag adjustments are planned. The Kenai Mountains herd remains below desired levels, with the cause still unknown.

Monitoring will continue, and only a minimal number of tags will be offered.

Sheep:

Eight sheep were harvested.

Question (Doug): Does the department believe the full-curl management strategy is working, and does providing opportunity remain the primary goal?

Answer (Chris ADFG): There are no biological concerns with full-curl management. Similar population declines are seen in unhunted populations, and the department believes it can continue to offer harvest ticket opportunities under the full-curl framework.

Furbearers:

Refuge areas were not open. Harvest included 69 beavers. Lynx harvest was up, while wolf harvest was slightly down.

Translocated Deer:

Nineteen deer were translocated (information previously presented to the AC). Many animals have remained near release sites. There were five mortalities and possibly one dropped collar. Monitoring will continue, with plans to evaluate fawn reproduction and overall population trends (growth, decline, or stability). One collar was dropped; two carcasses were recovered; one deer appeared in poor condition (possibly failure to thrive). One animal swam to Elizabeth Island and attempted to move toward the Barrens. Deer have been spotted in Nanwalek.

Question (Dave): Will future translocations use the same gene pool?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Afognak could be considered instead of Sitkinak, and genetic differences are likely minimal.

Question (Wes): Why was Chrome Bay selected as the drop point?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Vegetation surveys and snow records were reviewed, and the existing infrastructure made it a practical choice, especially given uncertainty around transport methods.

Moose Metrics (Thomas ADFG):

Moose health and habitat assessments began in Units 15A and 15C in 2012 and continue today in 15A and 15B. Live captures in 15C were discontinued in 2021. Data indicate that Unit 15C remains a productive population, particularly given hunting pressure. Unit 15A is well below historical numbers, which was expected due to delayed impacts from the Swan Lake Fire and habitat changes. Any population increase is expected to be slow. Unit 15B is performing very well.

Question (Tom H.): Are we still using road-kill samples for research?

Answer (Thomas ADFG): This work has been discontinued. Salvage crews were asked to collect femurs and other parts from 2014 through winter 2024, but that program has ended. Tooth data collection from permit hunts will continue.

c. Others: N/A

IX. Homer AC Roster Changes:

- Bill Brock resigned and was not in attendance at tonight's meeting
- Wesley Humbyrd is resigning, with his last meeting being tonight. He stated that ACR5 was the last straw. Wes left after resignation and was not present for voting at this meeting.

- Sid Wolford was voted into Bill Brocks full time seat - term through June 2028
- Billy Hayden was voted into Wesley Humbyrd's full time seat - term through June 2027
- Josh Volland was voted on as an alternate seat - term through April 2026

X. Old Business:

- AC proposals for next BOF cycle
 - Dan M: He's out of state right now and doesn't have anything new to report, but he and Lin are working through this together.

XI. New Business:

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- b. Advisory Committee Proposals for 2026/2027
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed, Brought Forward Prior

Discussion of Hunting Draw System and Allocation Proposals: 86-88, 93, 94, 109, 113-133, 155-158, 160-168, 188-190, 212-219, 223-229(Van Arsdale)

- Under the current draw system, all applicants have an equal chance of being selected. As written, the proposal seems to exclude nonresidents from permits with fewer than 10 draws.
- Alaska is one of the last states not using this type of allocation system and one of the last states where general hunting opportunities remain prevalent instead of draw-only systems.

Doug: Alaska residents should have priority for hunting opportunities regardless of whether a permit offers 1 or 1,000 tags.

Question (Tom H.): Are more nonresident tags being allocated to high-value hunts?

Answer (Chris, ADF&G): The Department has the numbers available and can review allocation data for specific hunts if requested.

Question (Cory L.): Is the proponent focusing only on Units 7, 15, and 8, or on all units statewide?

Answer (Doug): The proponent is addressing everything included in the current call for proposals. But his action suggests a goal of achieving statewide allocation changes.

Additional Comments:

- No members of the Homer AC are personally familiar with Van Arsdale, though Doug indicated that he attempted to contact him.

George: Having difficulty evaluating the proposals as a single package, suggested that a better approach might be for the Advisory Committee (AC) to write a statement outlining what it generally supports.

Dave: Suggested that the AC could take no formal action on the proposals and instead submit an opinion letter to the Board of Game.

George: Proposed making amendments to all of the proposals.



Motion for Amendment: Amend all of the proposals on the table to reflect a percentage of 15%

Voting to move forward with Amendment:

11 in Favor

2 Opposed

1 Abstention (Josh V)

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
Regionwide & Multiple Units			
Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	The Homer AC supports this proposal with the amended language of “15%”. - Under the current draw system, all applicants have an equal chance of being selected. As written, the proposal seems to exclude nonresidents from permits with fewer than 10 draws. - Alaska is one of the last states not using this type of allocation system and one of the last states where general hunting opportunities remain prevalent instead of draw-only systems. - The proponent is addressing everything included in the current call for proposals. But his action suggests a goal of achieving statewide allocation changes. Doug: Alaska residents should have priority for hunting opportunities regardless of whether a permit offers 1 or 1,000 tags. 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		



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Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Oppose	1	11	Tom H.: Opening archery season was a mistake from the outset, noting that it allocates approximately 20% of the harvest to a minority of hunters. Allowing crossbows during archery season effectively provides an additional 10 days of hunting opportunity at the beginning of the season, which he does not believe should be granted. 2 Abstentions: Tom Y, Billy (conflicted as archery hunters)
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Oppose	1	13	Tom H.: This issue has been considered before and consistently voted down. If brow tines cannot be reliably counted, then counting points is also too technical and difficult to determine in the field. Dan M.: Determining a 50-inch spread is not easy in the field. A 10-point requirement can provide greater assurance that an animal is legal. If hunters are willing to take the time to make that determination, it could be an effective approach.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Oppose	0	14	Tom H.: The committee has previously been told that September 25th was the cutoff and that seasons should not extend beyond that date. Is that still the stance of the department? Chris (ADFG): Bulls would become more susceptible if dates were shifted, and such a change would likely increase harvest. The current dates align with much of the rest of the state. Extending the season would likely attract additional hunters seeking late-season harvest opportunities.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
Support	12	2	Billy: Asked for the ADF&G rationale for the proposal. Chris: Department supports extending the season. The management objective is 40–50 bulls, and the count exceeded 100, which provides confidence in continuing to offer an any moose bag limit. Doug: The proposal has been presented previously and discussed extensively, and supporting data has been provided.



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			Tom H.: A similar approach was taken in the past, and commercial gillnetters Kalgin raised significant objections, resulting in changes to the regulation. Cory L.: It's wrong to take away moose hunting opportunities from residents. Dan M.: Agreed with Cory's concern regarding resident hunting opportunities.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	14	0	No Comments
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	12	1	Dave: Strong support for the cow moose hunt. The moose population is currently approximately double what it was when the hunt began. Approximately 25 animals are harvested annually. This is almost entirely a resident hunt, and statistics support it being a local hunt that benefits the Homer community. Approving the hunt does not guarantee it will occur, as the Department retains authority to close it if population levels decline. Dan A: Concern about moose survival during the current winter due to cold conditions. Tom H.: What temperature range causes cold stress in moose? Thomas (ADFG): Cold stress generally does not occur until temperatures reach approximately -40°F. Dan M.: Could adjustments be made before the hunting season if a significant moose die-off event were observed? Chris (ADFG): The Department has the authority to conduct in-season management actions, including shortening or closing the season. Tag numbers are required to be submitted by January 15 for the draw



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			process, but in the event of a severe emergency, the hunt could be shortened or canceled. Doug: Opposes the proposal. How could harvesting cows increase moose populations? The loss of a cow represents more than one animal due to reproductive potential. Most cows harvested are near peak productivity. Does not believe habitat availability is limiting the population and therefore does not support reducing the herd to match carrying capacity. If the issue is related to human-moose conflicts, this could be achieved through alternative approaches. Dave: Believes that residents of Homer support the hunt. Once a hunting opportunity is lost, it can be difficult to reinstate. Tom H.: Believes there is less available habitat than there was 30 years ago due to residential development. Tom Y.: Stated that human encroachment does impact moose populations. Question (Dan M.): Are the reported 1,400 resident applicants in Unit 15C including multiple entries per individual (up to six entries per person)? Answer (Chris ADFG): Confirmed that the total includes multiple entries per individual, as recorded in the application system. 1 Abstention: Dan A (worried about population)
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	1	11	Josh Volland: Based this proposal on meetings last fall and throughout the summer. The rule for controlled use was originally developed out of concern that hunting traffic would damage high alpine meadows and muskeg. The current year-round traffic in these areas far exceeds use during hunting season. Basis for the proposal are high moose numbers, restricted hunter access, unclear wording, and enforcement challenges for wildlife troopers. Those with cabins can access the backcountry as they choose, creating user group conflicts. Josh stated that Proposal 98 would likely create additional ambiguity. Dan M.: Opposes this proposal. Values having fewer people using motorized vehicles while hunting, as it enhances the experience. It's frustrating when people are riding by multiple times on ATVs chasing moose. People are getting lazier, and it makes for a really good



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			experience when you are enjoying the woods without interference from motorized traffic. Sid: Agreed with Dan M. and stated that a compromise may be necessary. Tom Y.: As a pilot, he observed the area before a motorized restriction was in place. Before hunting season, there were no tracks in the hills. After the season, tracks were everywhere. Motorized vehicle use has increased significantly since then, and that hunting quality has deteriorated in areas where ATVs are present. Tom H.: We held two public meetings with nearly 50 participants each. The votes on motorized versus non-motorized access were split 50/50. Enforcement is difficult, particularly issuing tickets for driving on roads that are not formally recognized as roads. Dan A.: Agreed with Dan M., stating that in the Tok area, hunters park ATVs or Argo vehicles and proceed on foot, which works effectively. 2 Abstentions: Dan A, Billy (Disability access)
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	14	0	No comments
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
No Action	NA	NA	NA
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Support	7	4	Dan M.: Has personally experienced an aircraft scaring away a bull while hunting. Sid: Asked what the Department's stance is on the "all big game" aspect of the proposal. Chris (ADFG): If the proposal limits motorized use to non-motorized methods during the specified time period, it would be acceptable without closing the actual season for species such as bears. Lauren: Would like to separate the proposal components, would support the aircraft restriction, but not motorized restrictions on all big game. Tom H.: How would this be enforceable?



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			Dave: When moose season first started 30 years ago, there was significant activity from private pilots, but over the past 10–15 years, he has observed fewer private pilots and less disturbance. Dan M.: Enforcement challenges are not a sufficient reason to oppose the proposal. 3 Abstentions: Dave, Tom Y, Billy
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	Tom H: The State Troopers did not like this proposal because they said it would be a nightmare to try to enforce it.
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	12	Doug: It is widely recognized that sheep numbers are down across the state, including on state, federal, and national park lands. The Department has not expressed concern based on the full-curl management strategy. Opposed to the proposal because we should be given the opportunity to get out and hunt. If the Department had significant biological concerns, an Emergency Order (EO) would have been issued long ago. George: Abstains from voting. He suggested caution and noted that the proposal would be improved if it included a provision to revert hunting regulations if sheep populations were to rebound. Tom Y.: Knows of at least one opinion within the Department advocating for the elimination of sheep hunting temporarily. 2 Abstentions: Tom Y., George
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Opposed	5	7	Dan M.: Full-curl management is a good approach, but there are separate sheep populations that exist between Units 15 and 7. There may



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			be a legal ram or 2 but those sheep act as the guides for the rest of that group of animals. Harvesting 12-year-old rams is beneficial because they have already spread their genetics. The proposal would allow the Department to open registration hunts in specific areas with legal rams while protecting other areas. It also limits resident youth hunters to one ram per lifetime in that category. Dan A.: How far do sheep typically roam? Chris (ADFG): Collared rams (from past studies) were generally “homebodies,” especially dominant rams. There are five distinct subpopulations recognized on the Kenai Peninsula. Doug: Under a registration system, could the Department close or not open areas based on low numbers? Chris (ADFG): Objectives and quotas would need to be established. If full-curl management is maintained, quotas may not be necessary, as full-curl regulations would provide protection. Dan A.: Does the Department have the manpower and funding to monitor subpopulations effectively? Chris: Sheep and goats surveys are done by plane every year, but it is not possible to cover the entirety of their range. Jason Herreman (ADFG): Attempted to speak, but audio issues prevented comment. Dan M.: The population in these areas has declined to approximately 351 sheep. The situation is reaching a critical point, where a single catastrophic event, such as an avalanche, could eliminate a subpopulation if management changes are not implemented. 2 Abstentions: Cory D, Billy
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Opposed	1	10	3 Abstentions: George, Cory D., Tom Y.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Opposed	0	14	No comments
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.



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113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.



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122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.



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131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Opposed	0	14	Dave: Not supportive of converting to a registration hunt. Cory L.: Based on available harvest information, there appears to be a healthy population of black bears.
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Support	14	0	Dave: Bears should be managed the same way and have more hunting opportunities in the fall. Doug: Agrees on the importance of prioritizing fall hunting opportunity.
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
Support	14	0	Dave: Bears should be managed the same way and have more hunting opportunities in the fall. Doug: Agrees on the importance of prioritizing fall hunting opportunity.
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
Opposed	3	11	George: Provided Survey Data. The Board previously reduced the long-tail duck bag limit from three to one. This proposal would reverse that decision and represents “going back in time.” Tom Y.: Seconded George’s position. Sid W.: High bird numbers observed on the Christmas Bird Count reflect birds on land, not where the long-tailed ducks actually are. He found



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			information that stated there are currently over 200,000 long-tailed duck breeding pairs in the Gulf of Alaska. Cory L.: Favorable winter weather has reduced the movement of sea ducks into bays. In the 1970s, colder conditions pushed sea ducks into bays. Data on migratory birds is difficult to collect, and the apparent low numbers likely reflect survey limitations rather than population declines. Dave: Hunting for long-tailed ducks is different than other sea ducks when it comes to effort. Reducing the bag limit to one may not justify the effort. He stated that he would not support the proposal but acknowledged that there is much information still lacking. Tom H.: In 1982, fish processing at the dock produced large amounts of fish waste, attracting sea ducks. Since it is closed, sea ducks are less concentrated in the area. Hunters may not need a large number of ducks; a bag limit higher than one seems reasonable. Billy: Long-tailed ducks don't taste good; they're a trophy bird. Allowing two per hunter is reasonable for mounting purposes, in case they hit the first the wrong way.
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		



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160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.



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188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits as follows		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Opposed	0	14	Cory L.: The person who wrote this proposal was responsible for changing the nonresident deer limit from three to one. Zach Porter: Three years ago, ADF&G reviewed biological evidence and found no support for the claim that nonresident hunting impacted deer populations. There is no biological justification for the current proposal. Doug M.: Deer populations in Kodiak and the surrounding sound areas are largely influenced by weather conditions rather than hunting. Dan A.: From his perspective as an out-of-state participant, he can appreciate the “wear orange” considerations in the proposal. Billy: Speaking to the opposition, believes the proposal is aimed at targeting guides and transporters rather than addressing biological concerns. A few years ago, there were signs in Kodiak that said, “Homer stay home.”
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
No Action	NA	NA	Billy: In favor of increasing the bag limit for nonresidents, but not as proposed. A two-deer limit is fair, while not sure if we should go back to three. The population can support two deer. Over the past 33 years, the business he works for has harvested more than 2,000 deer, always encouraging the harvest of mature animals. Cory L.: Even when the limit was three, nonresident harvest averaged only 1.2 deer. Providing the opportunity to harvest two deer seems reasonable.



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			Dan A.: Going to two seems fine, but increasing it to three would create more interest and result in higher participation.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
Support	14	0	Cory L: This proposal is written the best Billy: This proposal says “2 bucks” rather than “2 deer” In general the Homer AC supports a 2 deer limit.
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
No Action	NA	NA	NA
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
No Action	NA	NA	Billy: The three-deer limit should be clarified to mean one buck and two does. Dan M.: Can transporters sell tags during transport? Billy: Yes, if they are a licensed vendor through the state. Zach Porter (author): He would be satisfied if his proposal did not pass, provided that a two-buck limit proposal for nonresidents did pass. The committee decided to take no action, as they support the two-deer limit.
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		



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Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

XII. Set next meeting date: February 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment: 20:47

Minutes Recorded By: Lauren A. Wolford
Minutes Approved By: Douglas Malone
Date: 1.19.2026



**Homer Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 10th, 2026
Kachemak Research Reserve Building and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 18:00 by Douglas Malone

II. Roll Call:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Douglas	Malone	x	
Dan	Miotke	x	
Lauren	Wolford	x	
Dave	Lyon	x	
Sid	Wolford	x	
Cory	DeCook	x	
Cory	Loos	x	
Andy	Fetterhoff	x	
George	Matz		Excused
Billy	Hayden	x	
Josh	Wickboldt	x	
Dan	Anderson	x	
Tom	Young	x	
Matt	Hakala		Unexcused
Thomas	Hagberg	x	
Josh	Volland	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

14 Members Present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Jason Herreman: ADFG Wildlife Biologist
Thomas McDonough: ADFG Research Staff
Chris Bottom: ADFG Area Biologist GMU 7, 15
Bill Dunker: ADFG Wildlife Biologist (Kodiak)

IV. Guests Present:

Clay Duda - Charter Captain
Ben Dubbe - Member of the public
Lynn Whitmore - Coho Management Plan

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved

VI. Reports:

a. **Chair's report:** Last month, we kicked butt and got through most of Unit 15.

b. **ADF&G:**

A Moose Talk and Question & Answer with Chris Bottom and Jason Herreman (Management biologists) and Thomas McDonough (Research)

Kenai Moose Research 2012-2025

Focus: Applying long-term research findings to management decisions.

- Live captures: Over 400 individual moose captured nearly 1,500 times via helicopter darting.
- Repeated measures: Longitudinal tracking to assess changes in body condition over time.
- Data collected: Morphometrics, biological samples, and body fat assessments (particularly rump fat).
- Calf mortality studies:
 - Traditional method: Helicopter separates the cow while the calf is collared (invasive).
 - Newer method: Camera collars on cows to monitor calf health — significantly less invasive.
- Wolf predation: Investigated 500+ wolf kill sites to better understand predation patterns.
- Full report expected online soon; Thomas available by email for copies.

Nutritional Condition & Productivity

A major theme: Body fat drives productivity.

- Poor-condition cows struggle to pass nutrients to calves.
- Higher fat reserves = higher probability of twinning.
- Robust long-term dataset on calves per cow.
- Rump fat is considered a strong predictive metric (used in caribou and bighorn sheep studies for 20+ years).

Unit Comparisons

Unit 15A

- 40-year population decline.
- Historically, poor nutritional condition, but beginning to improve.
- Swan Lake Fire improved the habitat somewhat.
- Snow depth does not correlate with calf survival.

Unit 15C

- More potential for population growth.
- Deeper snow correlates with lower calf survival.
- Nutritional metrics are generally strong.
- Compared to 40+ published studies, 15C moose are doing well on key body fat indicators.
- Thomas believes the population is below the carrying capacity, allowing high sustainable harvest.
- Jason believes the population may be at or near the carrying capacity.

Population Estimates

- Last estimate in 15C: Just over 4,000 moose.
- Estimation is not true enumeration (unlike caribou).
- Requires assumptions about unseen animals.
- Precision can be estimated, but accuracy cannot be directly tested.
- No clear increasing trend detected.
- Since census efforts began, the population appears relatively stable (3,000–4,000 range).

Cow Hunt & Public Trust

- Historical mismanagement of cow hunts in the early 1970s.
- In 1975, Advisory Committees (ACs) were given authority to veto cow hunts.
- Ongoing public distrust around cow hunts.
- Thomas emphasized the need for strong justification and sustainability analysis.

Key Concerns

- 2% cow harvest (~80 cows) was previously described by an ADF&G researcher as “liberal” and suitable for population reduction.
- Over 50% of cows harvested in Homer are 1–3 years old.
- Expansion of the hunt boundary in 2023 means many harvested cows are outside the original population reduction zone.
- Malnutrition deaths in Homer have decreased.
- Thomas believes the sustainability of the cow hunt cannot be confidently assessed, and the public should understand the associated risks.

Jason’s Management Perspective

- Permit numbers determined by Chris.
- Last year’s permits slightly exceeded the agreed-upon number.
- Cow harvest has remained stable long-term.
- From a management standpoint, harvest appears sustainable.
- No major concern about current permit levels.

Predator & Mortality Discussion

Doug (Q): Where does natural predation factor into management? In predator-rich areas, predation may regulate populations. Predator-poor areas may require proactive cow hunts.

Thomas (A): Predation pressure varies statewide.

Important question: Additive vs. compensatory mortality.

- Are wolves targeting older, poor-condition animals?
- How much wolf mortality is additive?

Suggested presenting more on this in the future.

Additional Discussion Points

- Nick’s Model: Assumes 2013 population estimate is accurate; confidence intervals unclear. Using that estimate and comparing it with all the others since we started trying to census them, it has stayed at roughly 3-4000 moose.
- **Jason:** Added that cows from this year’s cow hunt have not been aged, so that data will be added and given to us.
- Snowpack Trends: No major long-term fluctuations in data.
- Highway Mortality: No clear reduction over the past decade despite the cow hunt.

- 550 Hunt: Originally proposed as a restricted weapons hunt; safety provisions were removed, making implementation unlikely.
- Moose Movement: Significant annual movement (e.g., Homer to Ninilchik), complicating localized management.

Antler Growth & Nutrition

- Nutrition is a major driver of antler growth.
- **Cory L:** Concern raised that bulls may be food deficient.
- **Jason:** Harvest age is trending younger, but bulls are reaching mature size sooner.
- Sample bias exists in age data (large bulls are less likely to have full heads submitted).
- Average antler width reported at 52 inches (excluding spikes).

VII. New Business:

- a. 2026-2027 Board of Fisheries Advisory Committee Proposals
 - i. Coho Management Plan from Dan Miotke and Lynn Whitmore
 - ii. Dan Anderson's Proposal
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals
- c. Any Other Fish & Game Business as Properly Brought Forward and Noticed in Advance

Coho Management Plan from Dan Miotke and Lynn Whitmore

- **Lynn:** Emphasized the importance of AC support and expressed hope for a unanimous vote. Acknowledging that the proposal may be late, given concerns that coho could be trending similarly to king salmon declines.
- **Dan M:** Framed the proposal as proactive management rather than reactive. Explained that the plan would rely on real-time weir data to guide openings and restrictions. If returns are strong → open opportunity; if weak → restrict before escapement is compromised.
- **Lynn:** Confirmed there is currently no formal coho management plan for these systems.

Discussion:

- **Billy (Q):** Asked about escapement numbers.
- **Josh:** Reading from report: 4,432 coho escapement in the Anchor River last year. Noted 2005 peak escapement was ~19,000 fish.
- **Cory L:** Asked about statewide freshwater harvest numbers.
- **Group discussion:** 2024 freshwater harvest ~57,000; saltwater ~4,000+.
- **Cory L:** Noted freshwater logbooks were removed around 2025, reducing tracking accuracy.
- **Lynn:** Stated harvest numbers come from mail-out reports, not individual angler reporting. Suggested real harvest may differ significantly from reported numbers.
- **Dan A:** Supports proposal but believes coho follow natural boom-and-bust cycles. River pressure and trolling pressure are increasing. If streams need help, action should be taken.
- **Lynn:** Agrees that Coho are extremely resilient. But we have a weir that would show real-time numbers.

- **Doug:** Observed that Paragraph B2 and C both trigger under 4,000 fish and suggested they be wrapped together
- **Lynn:** Clarified B applies to freshwater and C to saltwater.
- **Dan M:** Explained that freshwater and saltwater are separate in regulation, which is why they are written separately.
- **Doug:** Believes reducing saltwater from 3 to 2 fish may be politically difficult and reduce the chance of passage.
- **Cory L:** Does not support the saltwater section. Believes marine management should remain at the state level. Thinks 3 fish is manageable and the state can reduce via EO if needed.
- **Lynn:** Stated proposal already reduced the saltwater bag from 3 to 2 rather than eliminating it.
- **Tom H:** Worried ADFG could respond with a catch-and-release requirement, similar to what occurred previously with Anchor kings.
- **Dan A:** Shared commercial fishing experience showing high variability between nearby river systems on the west side of Cook Inlet. Strongly opposed to catch-and-release. Suggested adding language opposing catch-and-release, but acknowledged that might reduce the likelihood of the proposal passing.
- **Josh Volland:** Questioned whether focusing on river restrictions is enough. Suggested that more mortality may occur in the ocean than in rivers. Believes the state should address ocean research and management.
- **Dan M:** Complicated amendments could reduce the likelihood of this passing. This is the first step to get a Coho Management plan in place. No coho management plan exists for Kasilof or Kenai, either, and this could spur broader action. Harvest percentages from these streams are small relative to statewide totals.
- **Tom Y:** Would like to see broader coho management beyond just these rivers.
- **Dave:** Suggested adding explanatory comments rather than amending the proposal structure.
- **Doug:** Suggested adding notes to the proposal and bringing harvest data to the next meeting.
- **Doug:** Conducted an unofficial straw poll.
Billy: Prefers regulation over EO management but is conflicted due to run variability. Acknowledges large year-to-year variability in returns and harvest.

Result: 8 members indicated support.

Dan Anderson's Proposal: Catch and release fishing for Coho Salmon in the estuaries of the indicator systems in the Susitna drainage area.

- **Dan A:** Not looking for support, going to submit either way. Just soliciting feedback.
 - The Cook Inlet is continually being "punished" due to the lack of coho returning to the Valley. Every river system in the Valley has made escapement; the issue is timing, as the fish are not present when guided clients expect them. We need to prioritize escapement first. "Let's get the escapement in the river, and then if you want to go play, we can go play." This is what we do for the commercial



sockeye fisheries. Clarified that volunteers collected the fishing data referenced in the proposal, which needs to be updated, but the remainder of the proposal relies on hard data.

- **Dan M:** Expressed concern about the AC attaching its name to a proposal affecting another region’s fisheries (“someone else’s backyard”) and becoming involved in external political conflict.
- **Doug:** Suggested moving the “catch-and-release mortality” statement to the first line of the proposal to strengthen the argument and frame the issue clearly.
- **Josh V:** Stated that any time an animal is handled or stressed, it is affected, “non-consumption is consumption.”

Board of Game Southcentral Proposals

Proposal 222: Summary of goat population from Bill Dunker (ADFG):

Bill Dunker (ADFG): There are approximately 3,000 mountain goats on the landscape. The populations in draw permit areas on the north end have remained relatively stable over the past five years. The populations on the south end appear to be stabilizing in response to liberal harvest levels. Peak population in 2017 was ~2,000, now stabilized at 1,500–1,600.

Dan M: Asked about **Proposal 70** and departmental thoughts.

Bill (ADFG): Goat management is arguably unique compared to other areas. The goal is to limit population growth and maintain stability. Nanny harvest is encouraged to help control population size and future growth.

Jason (ADFG): Hunters from Kenai or Cordova often shoot nannies without concern because they can hunt elsewhere (e.g., Kodiak). Proposal 70 aims to standardize penalties region-wide, which would likely influence the harvest of nannies on the Kenai as well.

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Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15			



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138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Oppose	0	14	Doug: It makes sense to shorten the spring season to reduce the number of animals harvested in the spring, with the goal of increasing availability in the fall season. Jason (ADFG): Noted that we do not have a long history under the extended season structure. Based on harvest timing data from the past few years, shortening the season would likely have minimal impact. He also added that this approach would not produce the same effect as switching from a calendar year to a regulatory year structure. The Homer AC would like to formally note a preference for the calendar year framework.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
Oppose	1	11	Doug: Expressed interest in a longer season and presented several options. Noted that it can be difficult to operate within a six-week season due to weather constraints. Pointed out that the rest of the state has a more liberal season structure and emphasized the importance of maintaining opportunity. Dan A. (Q): Why does management differ in this area compared to the rest of the state? Jason (ADFG) (A): This area follows the lynx harvest tracking strategy, while the rest of the state does not. Also noted that access in this area is extensive, with the ability to reach nearly every lynx home range. Dave: Stated he is not supportive of removing the department's ability to use Emergency Order (EO) authority. Jason (ADFG): Clarified that as currently written, the proposal would change EO authority by removing the department's ability to restrict season length. Andy: Noted that year after year the department has used EO authority to adjust the season, even during years of abundance, due to high access and the need to "pump the brakes." Dan M (Q): Could a proposal be written to require sealing lynx



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			within a specific timeframe and implement a harvest quota using real-time data? Jason (ADFG): A proposal could be written to change sealing timing, but the department has not determined how a quota or cap would be established. Uncertainty remains about whether sufficient data exists to effectively monitor a quota system. Dave L: Mentioned upcoming lynx research focused on dispersal and reproduction as populations decline. Added that there is currently limited furbearer data available. Jason (ADFG): The snowshoe hare populations are remaining elevated longer than in previous cycles. This makes it difficult to rely on past cycle data when making decisions for the current cycle. Lauren (Q): Is the season expected to open again next year? Jason (ADFG) (A): The plan is to open next year. Cory L (Q): What is the department's official stance on season dates? Jason (ADFG) (A): The department does not have a formal stance. Cory L (Q): Are the current management practices working? Jason (ADFG) (A): Participation has been good and, until recently, there had been few complaints about management. Recent concerns stemmed from an issue that did not ultimately appear in the proposal book, specifically, the ability to shoot lynx during a longer season. The concern with lengthening the season is that it could result in closing earlier within the population cycle. Cory L: Suggested that recent weather patterns may be influencing interest in lengthening the season due to people not being able to access. Jason (ADFG): Stated that weather has not significantly affected harvest levels. Lauren: User conflicts tend to increase each February, which is a concern with extending the season later into the month. Sid



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			had discussions with local trappers indicating support for starting the season earlier, but not for extending it later. 2 Abstentions: Andy, Billy
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
Support	9	2	Dan M (Q): Can Proposal 142 still be managed by EO? Jason (ADFG) (A): Confirmed that it could still be EO'd. Dan M (Q): Does this proposal shorten the season in regulation? Jason (ADFG) (A): Confirmed that it does shorten the season in regulation. Lauren (Q): Did the author discuss the proposal with Jason? Jason (ADFG) (A): Confirmed they had discussed season length and related issues. Dan M (Q): How can opportunity be increased without changing EO authority? Jason (ADFG) (A): Convincing the manager not to close or shorten the season via EO would be necessary, and noted he is not the final decision-maker. Added that including language such as "season dates could not change by EO" in Proposal 142 would be the closest way to address that concern. Cory L (Q): Should the AC speak directly with Chris before taking action? Jason (ADFG) (A): Those conversations likely should have occurred earlier, and noted that multiple managers have changed since discussions began. Supporting the proposal sends a message that the Board may ultimately provide direction regarding EO authority and season closures. Cory D: Commented that the request does not seem like we are asking for a lot. 3 Abstentions: Josh W., Billy, Andy
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	13	Dan M: Supports responsible trapping ethics from the trappers' handbook to avoid user conflicts. 1 Abstention
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	13	Dan M: Supports responsible trapping ethics from the trappers' handbook to avoid user conflicts. 1 Abstention
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	13	Dan M: Supports responsible trapping ethics from the trappers' handbook to avoid user conflicts. 1 Abstention
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	13	Dan M: Supports responsible trapping ethics from the trappers' handbook to avoid user conflicts. 1 Abstention
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
Support	14	0	Doug: Will be supporting the proposal. This is specifically about Deep Creek and the Anchor River, which is the only difference compared to the following proposal. Tom H: His 40 years of observation showed that beaver populations were likely reduced by environmental events such as floods. Supports the proposal and hopes to see beavers return. Noted that there are more stakeholders involved than just the AC. Added that if natural propagation is relied on alone, the population might not recover in his lifetime. Dan M: Stated that the proposal is aimed at creating habitat in hopes of facilitating migration and re-establishment of a new population.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
Support	14	0	Same as 151 Comments



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
Support	13	0	Doug: Hunts frequently and has always wondered what happened to the permits. Are any leftover elk tags reallocated? Bill (ADFG) (A): In the 2023 meeting (Proposal 209), the remainder of the draw permits were reallocated to registration permits. These registration permits are available in Port Lyons and Ouzinkie. The department was directed by the Board to reallocate. This has been in effect since fall 2024 and continued in 2025. Doug (Q): Does the department have any sense of how permits are being distributed on a per-household basis in these communities? Bill (ADFG) (A): There is no household limit on permits, so it would be difficult to determine distribution per household. There is a limit per individual; a person cannot have both a draw and a registration permit in the same year. Doug: Expressed concern that the reallocation may not be functioning as intended by the department. Suggested it would be better managed if leftover tags were available to hunters outside of those communities. 1 Abstention

VIII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, March 10th at 6 pm

IX. Select Representatives for Both Meetings:

- a. Board of Fisheries AC Rep Deadline: Same as Comment Deadline (Monday, March 2nd)
 - i. Dan Anderson
- b. Board of Game AC Rep Deadline: Moved Up, Now Wednesday, March 4th)



i. Dan Miotke

X. Adjournment: 20:38

Minutes Recorded By: Lauren A. Wolford

Minutes Approved By: Douglas Malone

Date: 2/16/2026



Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee (AC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2025

Location: Kenai Peninsula Borough Building

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Monte Roberts at 6:05 PM.

II. Roll Call

Name	Present Excused/Unexcused
Monte Roberts	X
Dyer Van Devere	X
Scott Daletas	X
Andrew Carmichael	X
Joe Thomas	X
Jerry Strieby	X
Al BeLnap	
Scott Miller	X
Jon Essert	X
KENAI Colby Engstrom	X
Karl Dagel	X
Ronald Petty	X
Jacob Daniels (Com Alt)	X
James McGrath (Com)	X
Greg Springer	

Number Needed for Quorum: 7

Quorum Met: Yes

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

IV. Guests Present

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as written. Passed unanimously.



VI. Approval of Previous Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's Report:** Chair Roberts welcomed members and outlined the evening's focus on Board of Game and Board of Fisheries proposals.
- b. ADF&G Report:**
- c. Other Reports:**

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

No old business discussed.

X. New Business

A. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals (Units 7 & 15)

Proposal 95 – Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B

Discussion: Members reviewed the ADF&G data indicating a moose population above the management objective. The committee agreed this hunt provides valuable opportunity to manage population levels and enhance food security.

Vote: 12–0 Support (Unanimous Consent)

Proposal 96 – Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C

Discussion: Board supported continuation of the antlerless moose hunts, with an amendment to remove the nonresident component of the hunt in Unit 15C.

Motion to Amend: Passed 11–0

Final Vote (as amended): 12–0 Support (Unanimous)

Proposal 89 – Open an early season archery-only moose hunt in Unit 7

Discussion: Members opposed an archery-only season, expressing that it provides special benefits to one user group.

Amendment (Post-Season Archery Hunt Oct 15–Nov 15): Failed 1–12

Final Vote (as written): 0–13 Oppose

Proposal 90 – Add 10-Point Antler Legal Definition for Moose in Units 7 & 15



Discussion: Committee felt the regulation would cause confusion, as hunters already have difficulty identifying three brow tines.

Vote: Unanimous Oppose

Proposal 91 – Shift Moose Season and Motorized Restriction in Unit 15C to October

Discussion: Members opposed due to potential increased harvest pressure and timing conflicts with other hunts.

Vote: Unanimous Oppose

Proposal 92 – Shift Moose Season on Kalgin Island (15B) from Aug 20–Sept 20 to Sept 1–25

Discussion: Committee agreed with the intent but preferred slightly expanded dates for better weather and harvest conditions.

Amendment: Change to Aug 20–Sept 25 (Passed 12–1)

Final Vote (as amended): Passed 12–1

Proposal 93 – Limit Nonresident Permits for DM549 (15C Moose)

Discussion: Board took **No Action** due to alignment with action on Proposal 96.

Proposal 94 – Limit Nonresident Permits for DM210 (Unit 7 Moose)

Discussion: Members discussed that this is primarily a meat hunt and should prioritize residents. Others felt 10% nonresident allocation is appropriate and already in place.

Vote: 1–12 Oppose

Proposal 101 – Allow Motorized Vehicles to Hunt Moose in Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area (15C)

Discussion: Board members, including Ronald Petty, spoke in favor of lifting restrictions to improve accessibility for elderly and disabled hunters.

Vote: Passed 12–1

No Action Taken: On related Proposals 97–100 and 102–104 (Unanimous Consent) based off action of proposal 101

B. Board of Fisheries – Statewide Finfish Proposals

ACR 5 – Restrict Area 1 Drift Fleet (July 9–31) to Protect Northern District Coho

Discussion: Members expressed strong concern about declining coho returns in the Northern District. The committee supported limiting the drift fleet timeframe to help achieve escapement



goals, others from the Comfish side opposed restricting the Drift Fleet as they say they are already restricted enough.

Motion to Table: Jerry Strieby

Second: Ronald Petty

Comment Deadline: February 2026

C. Other Business

Zoom Access Discussion: Members discussed the possibility of opening meetings via Zoom. The committee supported internal member access but not full public participation to maintain order and in-person quorum integrity.

XI. Select Representative(s) for Board Meeting

No representative selected at this meeting. Deferred to next session.

XII. Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date to be scheduled for 11/19/2025

XIII. Other

None.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Recorded By: Scott Daletas, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____ 11/05/2025 _____



Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Kenai Peninsula Borough Building

I. Call to Order: 6:00 PM

II. Minutes Approved

III. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused / Unexcused
Monte Roberts	x	
Dyer van Devere	x	
Scott Daletas	x	
Andrew Carmichael		Excused
Joe Thomas	x	
Jerry Strieby		Excused
Al Belknap		
Scott Miller	x	
Jon Essert	x	
Colby Engstrom	x	On the phone
Karl Dagel		
Ron Petty	x	
Jacob Daniels	x	
Jim McGrath		
Greg Springer	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: No comment.

V. Guests Present: No comment.



VI. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Reminder: Please send Leila your approved meeting minutes.

VIII. Reports

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

IX. Public Comment

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Board of Game Agenda Change Requests
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed



Alaska Board of Game — Agenda Change Requests

December 2, 2025 | Web conference | Comment deadline: November 24, 2025

Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.

Proposal #	Proposal Description	Action (Support / Support as Amended / Oppose / No Action)	# Support	# Oppose	Comments / Discussion / Amendments / Voting Notes
ACR 1	Require antler destruction of moose taken in Unit 18				
ACR 2	Establish a guide concession pilot program for sheep hunting in Unit 19C				
ACR 3	Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state				



ACR 4 Open a
resident-only
general
season hunt
for sheep in
Unit 19C



Alaska Board of Game — Southcentral Region Meeting

March 20–25, 2026 | Kodiak, AK | Comment deadline: March 6, 2026

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Kenai Peninsula Area — Units 7 & 15

Proposal #	Proposal Description	Action	# Support	# Oppose	Comments / Discussion / Amendments / Voting Notes
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001 to “up to” 10% of the available permits.				
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608 to “up to” 10% of the available permits.				
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C				



caribou
drawing hunt
DC618 to “up
to” 10% of
the available
permits.

89 Open an
early-season,
archery-only
moose hunt
in Unit 7.

90 Change the
bag limit for
the general
season
moose hunts
in Units 7
and 15 to
include 10
legal antler
points on at
least one
side, in
addition to
current
antler
restrictions.

91 Shift the
moose
hunting
season and
the
motorized
vehicle
restriction in
Unit 15C
from
September
to October.



- 92 Shift the
moose
hunting
season on
Kalgin Island
in Unit 15B
from August
20–
September
20 to
September
1–25.
- 93 Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the Unit 15C
moose
drawing hunt
DM549 to
“up to” 10%
of the
available
permits.
- 94 Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the Unit 7
moose
drawing hunt
DM210 to
“up to” 10%
of the
available
permits.
- 95 Reauthorize
the antlerless
moose
season on



- Kalgin Island
in Unit 15B.
- 96 Reauthorize
the antlerless
moose
seasons in
Unit 15C.
- 97 Eliminate the
motorized
vehicle
restriction
for hunting
moose in the
Lower Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.
- 98 Clarify the
types of
roads where
motorized
vehicles are
allowed in
the Lower
Kenai
Controlled
Use Area of
Unit 15C
during
moose
season, and
exclude the
south side of
Kachemak
Bay.
- 99 Allow
motorized
vehicles to
hunt moose



in the area
south of
Kachemak
Bay and
south of Fox
River within
the Lower
Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.

100

Adjust the
Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C to
exclude the
south side of
Kachemak
Bay; clarify
road types
allowed
during
moose
season;
restrict
motorized
vehicles for
all big game.

101

Allow
motorized
vehicles to
hunt moose
in the Lower
Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.

102

Remove the
motorized



vehicle
restriction
for hunting
moose within
the Lower
Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.

103

Allow
motorized
vehicles for
moose
hunting on
weekends
only, after
the first
week of the
season,
within the
Lower Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.

104

Allow
motorized
vehicles for
moose
hunting from
10:00 p.m. to
5:00 a.m.
during
September
16–19 and
September
22–25 in the
Lower Kenai
Controlled
Use Area in
Unit 15C.



105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15.	1 abstention	0	10	Annual harvest is very low (approximately 5–10), and hunting full-curl sheep has no measurable impact on the population.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G.	2 abstentions	0	9	This proposal is redundant, as the hunt is already effectively managed under full-curl regulations.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10–September 20.		0	11	This hunt should not be converted to a drawing hunt. Doing so would significantly limit opportunity for young Alaskans willing to put in the required effort, as draw odds would be extremely low.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep	1 abstention	0	10	Low sheep numbers are primarily attributed to



hunts in
Units 7 and
15 to
archery-only
hunts.

predation
rather than
hunter
harvest;
making this an
exclusive
archery-only
hunt is not
supported.

109

Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the DS150
sheep
drawing hunt
in Units 7
and 15A to
“up to” 20%
of the
available
permits.

Support as
amended

11

0

Amendment:
Hunts with 10
or fewer
permits—
maximum 10%
nonresident
allocation.
Hunts with
more than 10
permits—
maximum 20%
nonresident
allocation.
Hunts with 5
or fewer
permits—no
nonresident
allocation.
Amendment
passes 11–0.

110

Open a
drawing
permit hunt
for goat in an
area of Unit 7
(east of the
Russian
River, south
of the Kenai
River, and
west of the



	Copper River).				
111	Create a new registration, archery-only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder.				
112	Create a registration, archery-only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15 prior to general registration hunts.				
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.



114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment



					passes 11–0.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident



					allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer



					permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	Discussion: With more than 20 tags in this unit, the committee supports maintaining guide opportunity while retaining flexibility to adjust tag numbers if the herd fluctuates. As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment



					passes 11–0.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal 120.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits—maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits—maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351				Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal 120.



	to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal 120.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for	Support as amended	11	0	Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal



	the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				120.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20% nonresident allocation; hunts with 5 or fewer permits—no nonresident allocation. Amendment passes 11–0.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	Support as amended	11	0	As reflected in Proposal 109: hunts with 10 or fewer permits— maximum 10% nonresident allocation; hunts with more than 10 permits— maximum 20%



nonresident
allocation;
hunts with 5 or
fewer
permits—no
nonresident
allocation.
Amendment
passes 11–0.

129 Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the Unit 15C
goat drawing
hunt DG359
to “up to”
20% of the
available
permits.

Refer to the
same action
and discussion
as Proposal
120.

130 Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the Unit 15C
goat drawing
hunt DG360
to “up to”
20% of the
available
permits.

Refer to the
same action
and discussion
as Proposal
120.

131 Limit the
nonresident
permit
allocation for
the Unit 15C
goat drawing
hunt DG361
to “up to”
20% of the

Refer to the
same action
and discussion
as Proposal
120.



	available permits.				
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal 120.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363 to “up to” 20% of the available permits.				Refer to the same action and discussion as Proposal 120.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15, and close the	1 abstention	1	9	ADF&G indicated no biological conservation concern from the department.



	nonresident season.			
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year, or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps.			Motion: Take no action based on Proposal 138.
136	Change management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year.			No action (see Proposal 138).
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15.			No action (see Proposal 138).
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting	10	0	Discussion indicated the season was



	season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days.				extended too long in the past.
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15 and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, each with separate caps.				No action (see Proposal 138).
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years.	2 abstentions	0	8	We don't believe brown bear harvest is driving effecting the population, this is a difficult area to hunt; most of the area is inaccessible.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, set season dates as December 15 through the last day of February.		0	11	The committee strongly opposes removing emergency order (EO) authority.



142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7.	Support as amended	11	0	Amendment: Change the ending date to the last day of February; support due to EO authority, which opens opportunity when lynx are available. Vote noted as 10–0, with 1 abstention.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15.	No action	11	0	No action based on Proposal 142.
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C.	No action	11	0	No action based on Proposal 142.
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7.		0	11	CNT findings support cultural and traditional use. The committee does not believe this proposal supports longstanding trapping heritage,



					tradition, and subsistence practices.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing area in Unit 7.	No action			No action based on Proposal 145.
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing in Unit 7.	No action			No action based on Proposal 145.
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7.		0	11	The committee believes existing signage requirements are sufficient and effective.
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access	No action			No action based on Proposal 145.



points, and
winter trails
in the
Summit Lake
Recreation
Area in Unit
7.

150 Require
 identification
 tags on traps
 and snares in
 Unit 7.

151 Close all
 beaver
 trapping
 within the
 Deep Creek
 and Anchor
 River
 drainage
 south to, but
 excluding,
 the Fox River
 drainage in
 Unit 15C for
 five years.

152 Close all
 beaver
 trapping in
 the Anchor
 River
 drainage in
 Unit 15C for
 five years.

153 Close the
 Anchor River
 drainage in
 Unit 15C to
 beaver



trapping.

154

Change the
bag limits for
sea ducks in
Unit 15C.

1 abstention

10

0

Ducks are a
migrating
species we
don't think
intensive
management
in specific local
areas is
warranted.



Alaska Board of Fisheries — Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting

March 17–20, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment deadline: March 2, 2026

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Proposal #	Proposal Description	Action	# Support	# Oppose	Comments / Discussion / Amendments / Voting Notes
	Subsistence Fisheries				
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows				
	Commercial Fisheries — Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters				
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows				
163	Define all trawl gear operated				



inside state
waters as
non-pelagic
and develop
new
performance
and
monitoring
standards to
allow state-
waters
pelagic
trawling to
occur on a
case-by-case
basis, as
follows

164

Establish
bottom
contact
monitoring
requirements
for pelagic
trawl gear
operated
inside state
waters, as
follows

165

Establish
salmon
excluder
requirements
for all pelagic
trawl gear
operated
inside state
waters, as
follows

166

Amend
statewide



definition of a
mechanical
jigging
machine, as
follows

167

Prohibit
vessels from
having other
groundfish
gear or
equipment
onboard
while
participating
in a
groundfish
fishery using
mechanical
jigging
machines or
hand troll
gear, as
follows

168

Prohibit
vessels from
having more
than one
groundfish
gear type
onboard
when
participating
in a state-
managed
groundfish
fishery

169

Create a
definition of
groundfish
coil spring or



“slinky pot,”
as follows

170 Reduce the
 permitted egg
 take level of
 each hatchery
 permit
 containing
 pink and
 chum salmon
 by 25% of the
 current
 permitted
 capacity for
 those species,
 as follows

171 Amend Prince
 William
 Sound
 hatchery
 permits to
 reduce pink
 salmon egg
 take capacity,
 as follows

172 Board-
 generated
 regulation
 placing a
 moratorium
 on pink and
 chum
 hatchery
 production

173 Provide
 emergency
 order
 authority to
 define fishing



boundaries
when
regulatory
markers are
lost,
destroyed, or
otherwise
absent, as
follows

- 174 Allow the
engine of a
purse seine
vessel or skiff
to be shut off
when the
purse seine is
deployed, as
follows

**Dipnet Gear
Definition**

- 175 Modify dipnet
mesh size and
configuration,
as follows

**Sport
Fisheries —
Bag and
Annual Limits**

- 176 Allow anglers
fishing from
the same
vessel to pool
bag and
possession
limits, as
follows

- 177 Allow anglers
fishing from



the same
vessel to pool
bag and
possession
limits, as
follows

178 Modify the
 definition of
 bag limit, as
 follows

179 Establish a
 statewide
 annual limit
 for king
 salmon of 10
 fish, as
 follows

**Possession
Requirements**

180 Establish a
 statewide
 annual limit
 for king
 salmon of five
 fish, as
 follows

**Sport Fishing
Gear**

181 Align
 regulatory
 and statutory
 language for
 sport fishing
 gear, as
 follows

182 Establish
 bowfishing as



lawful sport
fishing gear
for species
without a bag
or possession
limit, as
follows

183

Amend
regulations
requiring
conditions of
fish available
to inspection
while in
possession, as
follows

Definitions

184

Align the
sport fish
definition of
rockfish with
the statewide
definition, as
follows

ACR

ACR 5

Reduce
commercial
salmon
fishing
opportunity
with drift
gillnet gear in
the Central
District of the
Cook Inlet
Area



XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XIII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

XIV. Other

XV. Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Scott Daletas

Minutes Approved By: _____ Monte Roberts _____

Date: _____ 12/19/25 _____



Kodiak Advisory Committee
March 2/3, 2026
ADF&G Building, Chiniak Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: 1:09 p.m. (3/2/2026) by Paul Chervenak, Chair
 Reconvened 1:03p.m. (3/3/2026) by Paul Chervenak, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present Monday March 2, 2026 (12):
 Tuesday March 3, 2026 (13)

Name	Group	March 2	March 3
Paul Chervenak	Kodiak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter	Present	Present
Rebecca Skinner	Undesignated, Concerned Citizen	Present	Present
Andrew Finke	Kodiak, Subsistence	Present	Present
Alexus Kwatchka	Kodiak, Processor	Present	Present
Paddy O'Donnell	Kodiak, Trawl	Present	Present
Tollef Monson	Kodiak, West Side Salmon Gillnet	Present	Present
Oliver Holm	Undesignated, Small Boat Crab/Herring/ Salmon Seine	Present	Present
Tyler Schmeil	Kodiak, Large Boat Crab	Present	Present
Rolan Ruoss	Undesignated, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter	Present	Present
Kevin Adkins	Port Lions Community	Present	Present
Brandon Bartelson	Port Lions Community, Alternate	Present	Present
Anitra Winkler	Undesignated, Alternate (arrived 4:28/3:28)	Present	Present
Julie Kavanaugh	Undesignated, Concerned Citizen	Excused	Excused
Ron Kavanaugh	Kodiak, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon	Excused	Excused
Theresa Peterson	Undesignated, South End Setnet	Excused	Excused
Garman Squartsoff	Ouzinkie Community	Unexcused	Unexcused
Coral Chernoff	Undesignated, Alternate (arrived 1:40)	Unexcused	Present
Duncan Fields	Old Harbor Community	Unexcused	Unexcused
Total Present		12	13

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: See above

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nate Svoboda, Bill Dunker, Natalie Romo

- IV. Guests Present March 2nd: Enforcement J. Boyle & Levi Duell, FWS Joy Erlenbach & Ryan Molnow, Makota Odlin, Jessie Juhlin, Stig Ingve, Sam Rohrer, Jason Bunch, Nolan Cook, Tyler Polum, Jessica Puderbaugh Nate Rose, Dave Lorrington

Guests Present March 3rd: Enforcement J. Boyle, FWS Joy Erlenbach, Ryan Molnow & Danielle Fugi-doe, Makota Odlin, Jessie Juhlin, Stig Ingve, Sam Rohrer, Jason Bunch,



Nolan Cook, Nate Rose, Dave Lorrington, Paul Yatsik, Mike Zweng, Brett Weaver, Aaron Carter, Mike Flores, Amanda Juhlin, Casey Harver, Jessica Puderbaugh, Tim Jackson

- V. Approval of Agenda. Motion and second to approve agenda; passed unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (minutes already approved by Chair)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - a. See action on BOG Proposals in table below
 - b. In response to BOG Southcentral Proposal 222 Motion and Second to send letter to ADFG requiring collection of specimens from goat. Motion passed with no objection. (Please see attached letter)
 - c. Motion and Second for Chair Paul Chervenak to approve and submit AC minutes. Motion passed without objection
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting. Motion and Second for Chair Paul Chervenak to represent Kodiak AC at Southcentral BOG meeting in Kodiak. Motion passed without objection.
- XII. Set next meeting date. Next meeting date (for election meeting) will be set after AC received response from Board Support on bylaws and qualifications.
- XIII. Other

Adjourn. Meeting recessed at 7:30 pm on March 2, 2026
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026.



Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee

March 5, 2026

Nathan Svoboda, PhD
Area Wildlife Biologist
Kodiak Archipelago
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Dear Dr. Svoboda,

I am writing on behalf of the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee (KAC) to request the department to begin requiring the horns of mountain goats harvested on Kodiak Island be presented at an ADF&G office for measurement and data collection. The implementation of this policy or regulation will assist area staff with collecting important harvest information and contribute to the successful management of the Kodiak goat population.

The KAC met on March 2, 2026 and deliberated Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposal 222, which included a requirement for “sealing” of horns. During our discussion we noted the importance of collecting specific information on Kodiak mountain goats, and the significant lack of data obtained from voluntary horn submission. While we appreciate the department’s attempts to gather this information on a voluntary basis, we recognize that effort has been challenging and has provided little valuable information. Further, we do not believe it necessary to require “sealing” of mountain goat horns, but the KAC does think it’s important to have all horns presented to the department to collect better, unbiased data that will support the management of Kodiak mountain goats. We also note Kodiak guides have observed a pronounced decrease in mountain goat horns over the last 15-20 years and have observed what we believe to be skewed sex ratios in some localized populations. In our discussions the KAC noted the importance of providing flexibility with presenting specimens, including with timing (after season ends) and the method of presentation (i.e., having the ability to send specimens to ADF&G on the plane or to take them to the office in person).

We understand that you, as the Area Biologist, already have discretionary authority to require submission of specimens, and that public input would be helpful. The KAC also appreciates the opportunity to receive as much public feedback as possible and will include this letter to the Board of Game with our March 2-3, 2026 meeting minutes, as well as present it at the Southcentral Region Board of Game meeting later this month (March 21-25) in Kodiak.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Chervenak, Chairman



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
No Action	12	0	Discussion: The AC took no action on this proposal, and in discussion indicated there was no perceived need to limit goat take in Unit 8.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Support	7	4	1 Abstention. Support: Education programs can ensure trappers have a basic level of knowledge about trapping activities, and education course are required for other hunting scenarios. Oppose: There is no trapping education course currently in existence, and the question of whether to require such a course should wait until the education program is developed. The cutoff date identifying who must take course of January 1, 1986 is arbitrary, and it is not clear how this date best supports the goal of the proposal.
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Oppose	4	8	Oppose: This is a popular hunt for non-resident hunters, and demand continues to grow. From a management perspective hunting is not a main driver of the deer population, and the Department does not survey deer populations or manage at a lower level than unit-wide. Discussion ensues about lack of data on transporter activity (but we will soon have one year of transporter data Dec 2024-Dec 2025), and new regulations for transporters are currently on hold due to overall halt on new regulations (regs include decal requirement for transporter vessels, captains on board, etc.).



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			Support: There has been significant increase in transporter activity in recent year. Marine transporter activity in particular creates competition with Kodiak resident hunters who are hunting for food primarily because hunting areas overlap. Sometimes there are six, eight or 10 transporter boats crowded into bays all around the island, with those boats carrying multiple hunters. Perception that Kodiak residents can just go hunt on Refuge lands is inaccurate because most Kodiak residents do not have the means and time to get to the far side of the island.
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support as Amended	12	0	Proposals 199, 200, 201, 203, 204 were considered as a group Amendment: Retain 1 deer limit for non-resident hunters, with buck-only until September 30, and any deer beginning October 1 in Unit 8 Remainder Support: Limiting non-resident hunters to one deer balances food need of resident hunters, while providing good opportunity for non-resident hunters. Demand has not decreased since the limit was lowered to one deer, non-resident hunters are still booking trips to Kodiak, and time in the field has increased by three days. Allowing any deer beginning October 1 will improve meat quality and more flexibility for non-resident hunters.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
Support as Amended	12	0	See comments for Proposal 199 Amendment: Retain 1 deer limit, with buck-only until September 30, and any deer October 1- December 31
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks		
Support as Amended	12	0	See comments for Proposal 199 Amendment: Retain 1 deer limit, with buck-only until September 30, and any deer October 1- December 31



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202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
Support as Amended	13	0	Amendment: (1) Create new deer management area North and East of a line from the head of Dry Spruce Bay to the head of Viekada Bay to Barabara Cove, excluding current Kodiak Road System Management area within this area (box around Port Lions), (2) with a bag limit of 3 bucks until November 30, and any deer December 1-31 Support: The new management area will provide more protections to areas around Port Lions that are connected to the Alaska Marine Highway system and accessible by roads and trails. Limiting doe harvest until November 30 will allow more time for does to breed and raise fawns before being subject to hunting pressure. The Department notes that while there are no concerns with the Unit 8 deer population as a whole there are smaller areas of population sinks, usually more easily accessible areas, including this area around Port Lions. Residents in Port Lions rely on deer for food, their access to deer is threatened under current management, and they are observing more fawns without mothers and baby deer carcasses.
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
Support as Amended	12	0	See comments for Proposal 199 Amendment: Retain 1 deer limit, with buck-only until September 30, and any deer October 1- December 31
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
Support as Amended	12	0	See comments for Proposal 199 Amendment: Retain 1 deer limit, with buck-only until September 30, and any deer October 1- December 31
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: The proposal is convoluted, confusing, and will be an enforcement nightmare and does not have a clear benefit. While there may be problems of hunter congestion and poor hunter ethics (shooting baby animals, wounding multiple animals and/or not recovering them) this does not appear to be the best solution.
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
Support	10	3	Support: Improvements to the Saltery trail have made it more like a regular road and consequently more accessible to a wider range of vehicles. This has led to more hunters in the area and more hunting pressure. Oppose: The Department opposes this proposal, and the change is more likely to exacerbate the problem in the future, Additionally, it shortens the season by 2 months
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
Support as Amended	10	3	Amendment: Apply the proposed change in bag limit to the new management area created in Kodiak AC Proposal 202 Amendment (North and East of a line from the head of Dry Spruce Bay to the head of Viekoda Bay to Barabara Cove, excluding current Kodiak Road System Management area within this area (box around Port Lions)) Support: An antler restriction will give the younger year class of animals a chance to reach maturity, and could be a pilot program for the State of Alaska. Oppose: Antler restrictions for deer do not exist anywhere else in Alaska. Presumably this restriction will only be relevant until November 30 if Proposal 202 is approved, and any deer (including young bucks) could be taken from December 1, and it is unclear how useful this novel and complex regulation will be.



208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: There is no existing definition of fawns, and assessing whether a deer is a “fawn” is challenging when hunting in wooded/brushy areas. Kodiak AC member do not intentionally target young of the year, but imposing a penalty for taking a fawn is undesirable.
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
No Action	11	0	The proposer attended the AC meeting and withdrew his support for his proposal
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
Support as Amended	9	2	Amendment: (1) Reallocate 4 permits from RE752 and 4 permits from RE756 and put them into the draw hunts they were taken from, (2) limit permits in in RE752 and RE756 to one per household, (3) All Elk registration permits available by in-person registration in Kodiak, Ouzinkie, Port Lions Support: There was broad support for limiting permits to one per household, including from Port Lions and Ouzinkie. Concerns about the in-person registration process for RE752 and RE756 was noted, noting illegal camping and no-trespass orders. Requiring in-person registration in Kodiak is a hardship for people from villages, and there was broad support for adding Port Lions and Ouzinkie as in-person registration locations. Limiting in-person registration to locations in Unit 8, specifically Kodiak, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, will provide opportunity for Kodiak residents to get food, particularly in years when the Department can open up last minute hunts if harvest objectives are not met. (Online registration permits are inaccessible for some and gone instantly the day of release) Moving the 8 permits back into the draw hunts they were taken from (DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723) would provide meaningful opportunity for individuals to hunt elk. Recent success rate in RE752 and 756 noted as around 50%, with concern of tying up opportunity tied to those areas because for those two registration hunts only 8 permits are issued in total, regardless of actual harvest. Oppose: Removing 4 permits each from RE 752 and RE756 goes against the spirit of the why those permits were allocated in the first place. Currently registration hunts for elk require registering in -person which creates a hardship for residents of villages who have to travel to Kodiak to register; the RE 752 and RE756 hunts with in-person registration limited to Port Lions and Ouzinkie were supposed to provide better opportunity for



			those communities. However, it was noted that most of the RE 752 and RE756 permits did not go to residents of either Port Lions or Ouzinkie.
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
Support	11	0	Support: We do not want Roosevelt elk on Kodiak Island proper. Broad agreement that Roosevelt elk on Afognak Island need to be kept separate from Rocky Mountain elk on Kodiak Island, and that elk population on Kodiak Island needs to be minimized. The Remainder on Afognak Island is regularly closed by Emergency Order, and extending the elk season just on Kodiak Island is not problematic.
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	Proposals 212-219 were taken up as a group. Oppose: The current structure for Nonresident permit allocation for elk drawing hunts is working, and the Kodiak AC did not perceive a problem requiring a change. Broad support for prioritizing access to food for Kodiak residents, along with recognition that Nonresident hunting contributes to Kodiak’s economy and limiting Nonresident hunting absent a compelling problem is not desired.
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Oppose	0	11	See comments under Proposal 212



220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
Support	10	1	Support: AC noted that although the word “subsistence” is used in the proposal Kodiak does not have a C&T finding for goats, and the proposal relates to registration hunts in the sport hunt regulations. Extending the season to March 31st makes sense because there is more hunting opportunity with longer daylight hours and the quality of the meat is better than in November and December. The goat population is stable, and Department maintains EO authority to close hunting as necessary. Areas RG 473 and RG 474 most likely to benefit from this change, and they are not easily accessible by water, which alleviates concerns about increased hunting pressure. Oppose: Kodiak already has a liberal harvest quota for goats.
221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
Support	9	2	Proposals 221 and 230 were considered together Support: Opening the season earlier in August would allow more opportunity for parents and children to hunt. The weather is nicer in August to be out hunting goats. The quality of goat meat is better in August than anytime in November, December, January, February or March. The Department is neutral on this proposal and did not express any biological concerns with extending the season to start on August 1. Oppose: The Department conducts survey in July/early August, and season start date of August 1st creates conflicts between survey and hunters (whether airplane interferes with hunts, airplane and hunting changes goat behavior and movement, or goats chased out of feeding areas). Broad agreement that we need more information on the goat population and any impediment of survey is counterproductive. Warm weather in August creates challenging for maintaining meat quality.
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: There is no need to reduce bag limit to 1 goat, or limit to billy only, and the Department is also opposed to reducing the bag limit. Requiring horns to be sealed would create a definite hardship for hunters in the villages, and Department staff in Kodiak has authority to initiate a requirement for specimen collection. The AC liked the idea of specimen collection of horns (they have discretionary authority to do), which will provide the Department useful data for management, and has more flexible requirements than sealing and will be less of a burden to hunters, particularly in the villages. (See attached letter)



223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1 st		
Support	9	2	See comments for Proposal 221
231	Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment: (1) Limit guided non-resident permit allocation to 20% (not “up to”) for Unit 8 goat draw units to be in a separate non-resident draw (2) Cap the number of applicants per guide to the number of non-resident permits available for each draw unit (3) Allow only 1 application per non-resident hunter (4) Second degree kindred are in resident pool and capped at 5% of the resident pool Support: Guides are required for non-resident hunters in this hunt, and establishing an allocation for non-resident hunters will alleviate uncertain highs and lows resulting from the random draw selection process. Broad agreement that the guide industry and non-resident hunters contribute to Kodiak’s economy and stabilizing this sector will be beneficial. An allocation of 20% was identified as an appropriate permit allocation amount, with the understanding that a guided non-residents draws will be conducted as a separate pool from resident draws. It was noted that growing use of booking agents, who apply for massive amounts of permits at a time, creates an unfair playing field for



			small local guide operations and residents, and that limiting the number of applications will alleviate this problem. Similarly, establishing a limitation of one application per non-resident will deter the negative booking agent impact, and level the playing field for small and local guide operations. Including second degree kindred (2DK) in the resident pool made sense because these individuals often want to party hunt with their resident family members anyway, and the 5% cap will alleviate concern of 2DK use overrunning the resident pool.
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
No Action			See Proposal 231 Action and comments
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
No Action	11	0	Proposer withdrew support for their proposal so the AC took no action
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Pushing back the start date for the spring brown bear hunt could result in more sow harvest as they emerge later than males. While hunting in the first two weeks of the season may not provide the best hunting conditions some people do choose to hunt during this period, and it may be the only time available for some hunters. Opening the Kodiak season later would make it harder for guides to do both Kodiak hunts and Alaska Peninsula hunts, and deprive younger guides of an opportunity to gain more experience by doing both Kodiak and AK Pen hunts. There was not support for extending the season from May 15 to May 20 because it would result in increased harvest, and the season should not be shortened overall because it will lead to more hunters in the field at once and decrease hunter experience.
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Currently a wounded bear is counted only within the regulatory year and the AC supports extending that to four years. This would align with the four-year timeline for taking a bear in Unit 8, and is ethically the right thing to do. Technological improvements lead to hunters attempting shots from farther away, and extending the time a wounded bear counts against a hunter to four years might deter this behavior.
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Current regulations discouraging sow harvest seem to be working, and should remain in place three more years to provide more data. Resident hunters are more likely to take a sow while guided non-resident hunters are more likely to take a boar, so applying a sow penalty only to non-resident hunters seems like a misalignment. Accurately estimating skull size in the field is very difficult because of variations in musculature,



			and some large sows are young with good genetics (and not necessarily old sows). The AC encouraged more hunter education on the importance of not shooting sows.
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: The current Kodiak management system is working by balancing many variables, including resident and non-resident hunting opportunity, economic return to the state, and good management of the bear population. The state has a mechanism to choose alternates for draw hunts as necessary or can make them available over-the-counter. Some non-resident tags may go unused because the area is harder to hunt, for example Mental Health Trust land has more barriers for commercially guided hunts. The ability for guides to effectively market at shows requires flexibility to implement hunters into the undersubscribed program without being constrained by the draw deadline. While names of these hunters is not included on list of draw winners this information could be required through a Freedom Of Information Act request.
238	Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment: Require education for both non-resident and resident hunters Support: The Kodiak AC supports mandatory orientation and education for brown bear hunts at a regional level, and encourages the BOG to consider implementing hunter orientation and education for brown bears statewide. The Department explained what educational materials for Unit 8 bear hunting are currently available, and indicated implementing an educational requirement is feasible. AC members recommended including video components to the training to illustrate what hunters will see in the field. While online education makes sense and is most widely available the value of in-person hands-on education was noted.
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment: (1) Reduce bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8 to four birds, two each of any species, with an aggregate bag limit of 10 per season, and (2) remove reference to “Transporter” Support: Broad concern about sea duck populations around Kodiak, and increased hunting pressure. Broad agreement that harvest data needs to be collected, and there needs to be a way to assess and document condition of populations around Kodiak Island. Observations of marked reduction in some sea duck



			populations around Kodiak. Discussion about the differences, and overlap, between transporters and sea duck guides, and general agreement that data collection requirement should apply to all hunters across the board. Have been reporting/permits issued for other waterfowl, i.e. emperor goose.
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
No Action	13	0	See comments and action for Proposal 248
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Mink are a non-native mammal species and a voracious predator. A year-round season will help remove mink, and probably protect bird nesting areas. A year-round season will allow trapping at optimal times for fur quality.
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment: Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 30 Support: The proposer attended the AC meeting and noted the April 15 th date was a typo and his intent was to have river otter season coincide with beaver trapping season, which ends on April 30. River otter are a bycatch species when trapping beaver, and making the seasons consistent provides increased opportunity for trappers.
243	Require all snares set n the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
Support	11	1	Support: Breakaway mechanisms will help avoid death and injury from large animals like deer and bear, although it is noted that they are not likely to be effective for dogs. AC members noted the value of education programs in general, and programs targeted at trappers and members of the public who own dogs in trapping areas in particular. Oppose: The underlying issue seems to be a failure of some trappers to properly tend to their traps. Requiring breakaway mechanisms does not address this problem. If people choose to use traps then they should properly tend them. Depending on how the breakaway mechanism is implemented it may still result in harm to the bycatch animal.



244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment: Identification tags are required on traps set within two miles of publicly maintained roads on the Kodiak road system. Support: Identification tags help enforcement and the Department identify trap owners if there is a problem, or education opportunity, related to the traps. The cost for identification tags is fairly low, and a unique identifier other than name can be utilized on the tags. Identification of gear is commonly required in subsistence and sport fisheries, and requiring identification tags on trapping gear is reasonable. Tags could be a pin number, accessible only to enforcement or the department.
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
No Action	13	0	See comments and action for Proposal 248
246	Prohibit the use infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
No Action	13	0	See comments and action for Proposal 248
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Shooting at night raises safety issues because you cannot necessarily see what is behind the animal, and creates conditions ripe for illegal activity. Kodiak AC members opposed the use of infrared-type devices, and allowing that technology clearly opened the door for this proposal, which is also not supported by Kodiak AC members. Fox populations are not surveyed on Kodiak, although observations indicate a downturn in fox on the West side of the island, and there is concern this proposal will lead to more harvest.
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
Support	12	1	Support: The Kodiak AC previously opposed allowing infrared and electronically enhanced night vision devices (“night vision devices”) at the Statewide BOG meeting, and does not think these devices are appropriate for Kodiak. Using this technology is Kodiak is not in the spirit of fair chase and many Kodiak AC members view it as unethical. Night vision devices are not allowed in hunting, only in trapping, but trapping can include long-range trapping which means shooting an animal. There is overlap between trapping seasons and big game seasons and there is concern that night vision devices will be employed to gain a significant advantage for big game – for example using infrared technology when bears are emerging from their dens. There is concern that using night vision devices will lead to overharvest of fox and other furbearers, particularly in beach hunts. People in Kodiak have been successfully trapping for



			decades without these types of devices. As noted in Kodiak AC comments at the Statewide meeting we do not have the extremity of daylight limitations compared to more northerly latitudes. Oppose:

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: March 6, 2026



STATE OF ALASKA

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 6pm

Location: UAF Chukchi Campus Room 112 And Zoom/Teleconference

I. Call to Order: 6:19 pm

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/Excused/ Unexcused
1	Lance	Kramer	Present
2	Karmen	Monigold	Present
3	Alex	Whiting	Present
4	Thomas	Baker	Excused
5	Cyrus	Harris	Excused
6	Eugene	Smith	Unexcused
7	Adeline "Aucha"	Kameroff	Unexcused
8	Michael	Kramer	Present
9	Timothy	Smith	Present
10	Hans	Hansen	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Alex Hansen (Caribou Biologist), Christie Osburn (Area Biologist) , Sam Kirby (Regulatory Program) Olivia Magni (Wildlife Biologist), Luke Henslee (Fisheries Biologist), Brendan Scanlon (Fisheries Biologist)
- IV. **Guests Present:** Raymond Coppock, Lenny Henry, Bill Carter, Wil Wiese (SNWR), Lou Pagel
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimous – take action on BOF proposals 39-43, and BOG proposals 250, 251, 266, 271. No action on all others.
- VI. **Election:** Vacant seats and/or expired seats
 - a. 5 vacant seats - No candidates
 - b. 3 expired seats – Hans Hansen reelected to 3 year term

VII. **Reports**

Fisheries
Proposals



Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish
November 18-22, 2025, | Fairbanks, AK
Deadline for comment Nov 3rd

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39	Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northwestern Area. Reduce the annual bag and possession limits for sheefish...		
	0	6	Sheefish populations appear healthy and commercial fishing and dog food use is still allowed. The village of Selawik in particular uses rod and reel during open water to harvest sheefish and do not need a reduced limit. The state will need to address both dog food use and commercial fishing before reducing bag limits for other users.
40	Subsistence fishing permits. Establish a subsistence sheefish permit in the Kotzebue Area...		
	0	6	Do not need unnecessary regulations, which this would be, since it does not address a conservation concern and does not apply broadly across all Unit 23 sheefish user groups and types of harvest. If the State would like harvest data on sheefish they should carry out a harvest survey program like they did for many years with chum salmon in the region. The user group focused on in the proposal would actually be the easiest to target for harvest information by the State if they desired to have this information.
41	Lawful gear and gear specifications. Season and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northwestern Area. Allow the use of bow and arrow when subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in the Arctic Kotzebue Area....		
	6	0	There is no conservation concern associated with this proposal. People should be free to harvest pike with their preferred method.
42	Waters closed to subsistence fishing and 5 AAC 03.350. Closed waters. Close waters in the Kotzebue District adjacent to the end of the Kotzebue airport runway to subsistence and commercial fishing....		
	6	0	This was a housekeeping proposal to keep the airport safer from bird strikes.
43	Fishing Seasons. Repeal the commercial fishing season on the Kotzebue District....		



	6	0	With no current data on the size of sheefish stocks or recruitment, and with no real way to track sales (no gate like with salmon where almost 100% are sold to 1-2 buyers with fish tickets) beyond voluntary self-reporting, and with years of anecdotal evidence of people shipping out (selling) sheefish from Kotzebue to dog mushers across the State, and with a recent rapid increase of sheefish tourism (including shipping out boxes of sheefish) the committee believes that commercial fishing for sheefish should be eliminated.

Game Proposals

Southcentral Region: Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15 March 20-25, 2026, Kodiak, AK Deadline for comment March 6 th			
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250	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
	6	0	Encourage more hunting of brown bears is a good thing.
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	6	0	Encourage more hunting of brown bears is a good thing.
266	New regulation would require ADFG to use a plastic nonmetallic sealing tag on hides and furs that require sealing. A plastic seal is fur friendly in the tanning and taxidermy process as opposed to the current steel locking tag		
	6	0	Encourage ADF&G to switch to plastic tags.
271	Proxy tags will need to be notarized by both parties before the proxy tag is issued.		
			No vote, but seems onerous, and many villages lack notaries.

a. **Chair's report:** Grizzly bears within City limits of Kotzebue need to be addressed, with a change in rules like using artificial lights and be able to keep night hunted bears. Explore BOG proposals and a bear management plan. The State of Alaska and Kotzebue police need to rethink their approach to bears within the City. Foxes in the City limits also need to be addressed. The lack of salmon is disrupting the main food for bears in the fall, creating



more conflicts and also winter survival issues for bears.

A lot less bears observed by hunters on the upper Noatak and on the lower Noatak – lack of salmon. Quite a lot of bear traffic on the southern Baldwin Peninsula. Beavers taking over and disrupting Dolly Varden habitat is a major concern. Need more monitoring of Dolly Varden populations in the Region. Subsistence salmon fishing good early then rapidly dropped off by mid-season – mostly sheefish instead of salmon.

b. **ADF&G:**

i. **Fisheries Report** – 33 permit holders commercial fished for salmon, caught 35,000 salmon. The catch rates started out okay but rapidly dropped off by mid-season. Weather may have been part of it with lots of rain high water in the latter half of the season. Looking at Noatak and Kobuk sonar projects, along with genetic projects to understand better the 2 rivers contributions to commercial salmon catch.

ii. **Wildlife Report** – Were able to count caribou this summer, should have new population estimate by late November. Need to encourage less cow harvest. Will work on community outreach on cow harvest.

c. **National Park Service:** N/A

d. **US Fish and Wildlife Service:** No commercial hunting or fishing activities to report.

e. **Comments for upcoming meeting:**

i. AYK – Comment deadline Nov 3, 2025

ii. Alaska Pen / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish – comment deadline Feb 3, 2026

i. Statewide Finfish and Supplement issues – comment deadline March 2, 2026

ii. Southcentral Region – comment deadline March 6, 2026

f. **Other:**

VIII. **Public Comment:**

IX. **New Business:**

a. Who will be attending the upcoming meetings? And which one?

X. **Set next meeting date:** TBD

XI. **Other**

XII. **Adjourn:** 9:34 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date:

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James Manner
10-31-25



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:09 pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game (joined 6:52) X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish (Zoom) X
Dewey	Bitler	X
Dom	Nickles	A/E (left mtg 8:52pm)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	A/E
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	(joined 6:52) X
Ed	Soto	X
Bruce	Privett	X
Steve	Bartelli	X
Neil	DeWitt	(Zoom) X
Pete	Imhof	A/E
Austin	Manelick	Alternate A/NE
Ron	Linder	Alternate A/E

*Present: **X - 12**

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 4**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 1**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:



Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer-Zoom)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
Tim Sands, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
Travis Elison, Fishery Biologist (Anchorage -Zoom)
Lee Borden, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
Greta Hayden-Pless, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
Heather Scannell, Fishery Biologist (Anchorage-Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Randy Talvi
John O'Connor
Carri Ann Mueller (Board of Game)
Christine O'Connor
Jamie O'Connor
Kolton Eischens
Travis Ball (Nushagak AC)
Tiffany Pester
Frank Busby

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2025

Minutes approved no objections.

VII. Reports (All staff, committee and public comments can be heard on this link. Minutes can be heard in full at: https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/Xypip2nrm25GM76RF8-buX0HAKkf_eW1zp6ONeiQyY2M8ae5F3MKTvP4o2RpJTVs.smdUUB3UVGaRbbSf?startTime=1766025632000)

a. Chair's report:

Chair Mansavage reported the availability of an online and in-person Google map imagery link to the Mat-Su GIS depicting the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Valley which is a valuable tool to see the habitat changes in the areas discussed (Mat-Su Imagery Through Time: link to Mat-Su Borough GIS maps).

The map shows the boundaries of Mat-Su GIS and an overlay of 2004 satellite imagery and you can drag it across the page to 2025. It is interesting to see the development over 20 years, from a development perspective, talking about moose in the back yard.

Chair Mansavage suggested the committee address Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose (Board of Game Proposal 252) first then fin fish; then discuss a southeast roadmap perspective.

b. ADF&G

Mr. Van Diest provided another moose update for meeting participants. A mild winter is very good for moose survival and this year is starting out the same. Going into the third year in a row of 200 permits issued in the valley spread out with harvest about 100. Survey is still above the upper end of the objective (2000 moose over objective). Success rate on the antlerless hunt has been successful. Cows are producing a lot of calves and the population may be spiking up. I saw a lot of yearlings on harvest hunts. Road kills are about 300 per year. Last year was low, 150 due to low snow year. It seems like it's been a little higher this year. The antlerless hunts provide a great tool to reach harvest objectives. Without these hunts the moose harvest would be cut by 50 percent. We adjust permits to respond with cow tags.

Member Bartelli: Some of the indicators for too many moose on the landscape we would not be seeing twining and maybe see malnourished moose. Seen any of that? (Department) No, not as we had seen five years ago. I don't think we are at an unhealthy level.

Member Couch: I'm concerned about the winter hunts (Nov/Dec) maybe taken 16A and 16B and maybe 14B that have a lower pop than 14A. What percentage are you giving in the Nov/Dec timeframe?

(Department) Giving one quarter 25 in November and 25 in December.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment (Public comments can be heard

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(Note: Public comments generated opportunity for committee members to ask additional questions to department staff and get further public input.)

Randy Talvi did a hunt in 2023 for 10 days. We saw four to five cows a day and found one after 10 days. First two days saw nothing. Five bulls with antlers. We covered 10-20 miles a day from Huston to Little Su and didn't see a lot of tracks either. Population in that zone not seeing cows with calves. Was alarming to me.

Chair Mansavage: You are not the first person I have talked with about this. Is that an area with less population any correlation?

(Department) There were 414 (last December) 14A, Willow to Huston area, and the population has come down and there may only be 10 permits issued. Getting to the habit area specifically Miller's Reach area is getting past being productive. Change of the area I do suspect that area doesn't work for moose like it used to. Ten permits won't make population level much of a difference. 14A has some loss due to road kill, winter kill, and some predation.

Chair Mansavage: Have you seen an uptick in black bear harvest in that area?

(Department) No, not anything I have noticed.



Member Yuknis: There has been no survey since 2023. Is the department just going off of the twining rates. How are they confident if they have a good population?
(Department) Going off the twining surveys. The 200 permits per year is a low number. Twining rate is survey is done in May. Population estimate is Nov/Dec. In 2018-2019 they were 1300 permits.

Member Bartelli: We all want to participate in solid management and resource. The department is doing a good job. The farther we get away from the last assessment the less confidence I have to support this. We need data, more contemporize to support this. The department needs to invest in animal count.

Chair Mansavage: Another mild winter like now, no snow/wind. What are options do we have?

(Department) We can try a winter survey. We didn't have conditions to get this done. We can do a February survey, but we need decent snow coverage. Need good snow cover, six inches and we can do a February survey, but it's not preferred.

Member Bitler: A major road system, railroad tracks, road kill, the area can only support so much. I believe giving them as many tools as they need.

Frank Busby, born and raised in the valley. I generally hunt Chickaloon River to Bald Mountain west. Jonesville and toward moose meadows the moose have been decimated. At the Carney's private homestead I was in there to Government Gulch we didn't see a moose track and the fireweed had grown. We've lost a lot of moose in certain areas of the valley and it is devastating. We have seen a tremendous loss of moose even with those who are trapping. When the first tags came out it was good. I think we have overharvested. See what you don't see. A buddy has a moose tag in Willow and saw nothing. I encourage people to look around. I'd like to see cow tags come to a halt.

Mr. Talvi: We weren't seeing the cows with calves this time around. In 2023, we saw two or three cows with calves. This time only one. Just not seeing them. Lean away from shooting cows with calves or totally shut it down.

Board Support read public comments from Tiffany Pester, resident of Chickaloon. I have lived in Chickaloon off the Permanent Trail for 5 years now. During that time, I have seen a drastic decrease in the cow moose population. From 8-10 in our yard the first year, a single cow calf pair we saw last year to not even one this year. We have seen an increase in bear sightings every year, brown and black.

Two years ago, the DNR discussed separating this area into sections divided by the rivers. Palmer to Moose Creek 1, Moose creek to Granite Creek 2, Granite creek to King's River 3 and King's River to the Chickaloon River 4.

I would like to highly encourage there not be any antlerless permits issued in this area until we see an increase in the moose population. If permits are to be issued, I would suggest the sections the DNR proposed be used as guidelines for where moose can be hunted. Sections 1 and 3 on odd years and sections 2 and 4 on even years. This gives the



moose a chance at finding safety and sets definitive boundaries for hunters as well. It benefits our trail systems with an off year and still allows bear hunting in those sections that will be highly beneficial for the repopulation of the moose.

John O'Conner (Board of Fishery (BOF) Proposal 56) GPS boundary line; giving definable boundary for enforcement and users; having trouble with enforcement with drift net. This proposal was in regulations and was sunset. Proposal is to remove the sunset clause and continue.

Christine O'Connor (BOF 57) Mat-Su resident and Bristol Bay fisherman, set netter; try to bring back orderly conduct with fishery. The regs have not kept up with more boats and capable boats. Defines set net and closes the gray area. Set net gear and drift buffer. Create a dividing line to drifters.

Jamie O'Connor (BOF 80) Align my comments with Christine O'Connor and John O'Connor. All set netters supporting BOF 56, 57 and 80. Out migration of young people from fisheries making it harder to get equipment. This is already in place in Kodiak and allow two to buddy up to share equipment resources. As local harvesters encourage you being patience with the chinook management plan in the Nushagak was a robust effort to put together. Doesn't make sense to make a bunch of changes and trust the process that put this into place. Everyone is concerned about the kings. Leaving the plan as least for one full cycle.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Antlerless Moose Hunt Reauthorizations

Motion to take up Proposal 252 by Mr. Bartelli, second Mr. Birch

b. Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals

No department staff comments made.

c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Motion to take up Board of Fishery (BOF) Proposals 56 and 57 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 60 by Mr. Hongslo, second Mr. Bartelli.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 68 by Mr. Couch, no second.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 69 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 80 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting

March 20-March 25, 2026 | Kodiak, AK | Comment Deadline March 6, 2026

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Anchorage Area – Unit 14C			
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			Tabled to next meeting
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
			Tabled to next meeting
Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
SUPPORT	11	2	PRO: Question to department; what are you seeing in Sutton? Department: We don't have the population estimate for Sutton/Chickaloon. I did see a downtick the fall 24', not enough for 2025 yet. Sutton has said they aren't seeing a lot of moose may drop to 10 permits. Habitat out there; did mechanical clearing. Can't support as many moose as it used to. PRO: I would invite people to look at the habitat perspective. From an advisory capacity we have this authorization this is a yes or no; can we provide 407 tags go to 5. Department: If you want fewer permits, we can consider that. PRO: I don't dispute what the public is saying. There are certain areas in the Mat-Su Borough we have lost substantial moose population; 407 is a big area that used to support a lot of permits. A lot of things I see of late season permits, those are not little areas specific, those are for the whole area and someone draws and they live up the Matanuska they may know better even if there is not a big moose population. My concern is the winter permits (25 and 25) they could be spread all over the valley or taken in one area. CON: Should stick to yes or no. We could be here for weeks. CON: (from previous statement) I cannot support without hard data from the department.



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			PRO: Intent base for the record is to support this based on department assumptions after two light winters after showing and with that said with public comment, I would advise less permits in 407 area to Andy's comments lower the winter tags or even shifting to the fall time. Up in the Matanuska where it may be more effective. PRO: I am positive there are less moose east of moose creek. Frank Busby was describing what I have noticed as well. Department doesn't have to take moose out there. I will support them using their normal tool and use department discretion. PRO: To what another member said, if this does pass this committee in favor of a very conservative allocation. We take this seriously we are denying a resource from the people we represent. Data is getting old and if this does pass, we may not pass it next year. That's what I'm hearing.

Alaska Board of Fish Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting

January 13- January 17, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline December 29, 2025

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Subsistence Fisheries			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery and report all king salmon harvested, as follows		



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<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or re-register in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
46	Amend the dates described in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> , as follows		
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet fishing must be removed in Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
49	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay, as follows		
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan, as follows		
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity, as follows		
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan, as follows		



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55	Repeal the <i>Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan</i> , as follows		
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: I look at department comments to support or neutral, seems very simple idea and I think I could support it. To department, any biological concerns? Department: No biological concerns. This allows people to have a defined line how far out they go. PRO: Seems clear cut. Four public members came to talk about the issues. PRO: It seems like it's been there and working. Also helps with gear conflicts. PRO: The drift net fleet is high octane boat; no limit to the horse power. Set netters are the same and trying to maintain a separation. A lot of enforcement out there. I think it's a good proposal. PRO: I intend to support.
57	Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery, and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: Reading this proposal, they are in simple open skiffs and don't want to be in with big, fast boats. Their safety needs defined boundaries. (Public): On Ekuk Beach our lines are in the water and are having conflict with there large boats. PRO: This area does not have the separation of the two gear types. (Public): They had a boundary but only 100 feet; (Public): In Ekuk there is no 100 foot buffer. It is legal for them to have their boat on top of our set net. (Public): If this passes, they could not have their boat on top of our gear. (Public): There is no buffer on the off shore; drift net and bump up against the set net. Yes, there is enforcement, in the middle of the



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			night there is no enforcement and with wind there can be interactions with the two gear types. PRO: Looking at the department response they support it and neutral (on allocative). I see the department supporting and providing responsible harvest opportunity. I support this as well. PRO: If we had a drifter what would their argument be? For or against? PRO: 100 ft buffer. I've never seen a drifter on a set net. If they are asking for a separation, I don't think that is unreasonable. PRO: If currents are pushing me in, not doing it on purpose. PRO: If I don't get up on his net, we are letting those fish go by. Out there that gap matters.
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish, as follows		
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows		
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	6 5-abstain	PRO: I fished in Wood River special harvest area when they look at too much escapement, they can open this and catch fish efficiently. I think it's a good proposal. CON: The department is in opposition and neutral in allocation. To department; is there a biological issue and cause a problem with king salmon? (Department): Certainly, additional gear in the water will catch more kings. (Department): I had a problem with Wood River for years. The department in their stock of concern plan in the subsistence close it at the lower end you might have a few kings and go back out. I think they need to manage in the district personally. I am terrified if they open the Wood River plan and the BOF open it up. If this is

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			approved drifters will get 100 fathoms. This is happening in the Naknek area because of the fishing time. I am not in favor of this. CON: I understand there may be an abundance of sockeye and may provide harvest opportunity, but I won't be supporting this. PRO: When you aren't sending guys to Wood River they will still be there throughout the whole area and they are catching more kings. CON: The special harvest gets turn on and off like a light switch. (Department): We voted to oppose this proposal on the equity issues. A solid path if not 2/3 can't access the Wood River just logistically travel time and equipment who cannot access the area. Twenty miles in a skiff and a lot of sand bars. We are truck and track fishery. CON: If you could get there, would you be in support of that? (Department): I hesitate because of the practicalities of the folks who cannot access hearing from my set net brethren's. (Department): Ekuk we are land-based operations; not access to that area hypothetical. CON: How does this affect your fishing? CON: There is enough in this I am unfamiliar with this and I will be abstaining. PRO: Author is a local and have been there a long time. CON: How far up can they fish? PRO: A mile and there are sites that stack. The farthest one back is pretty slow. CON: I am going to abstain. CON: I think if unfolded into a set net allocation. CON: The area has King Salmon as stock of concern; last year we had set netting shut down on the Kenai due to concern for King Salmon to the extent that the Board did not adopt a proposal for innovative beach seines that would allow for selectively releasing Kings. This proposal wants to increase set net length where King Salmon are of a concern. Is this a comparable situation of harvesting additional King Salmon of concern?



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			CON: Adding to the special use area I am opposed to this.
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61			Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows
62			Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar, as follows
63			Amend the <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
64			Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to drift and set gillnet gear until one of the king salmon stock of concern triggers is met, as follows
65			Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows
66			Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
67			Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, as follows
68			Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
			Did not receive a second to deliberate.
69			Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
No Action			CON: The department is neutral; when you have stocks of concerns you have an action plan, you should have some way to know when you are not in stock of concern. I have some issues of how we have managed stock of concerns. They way the department has been

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			doing some things they have just been doing away with everything and not yielding. We need some want to measure stock of concern. I would suggest there also be a size of the king they are measuring. I would like to support this. If there is something in this we would like to amend. (Department): Stock of concern approved in 2023, just not in regulation. CON: What is the trigger is that it is no longer a stock of concern. (Department): In staff comments in the background conditions (reads from department comments). CON: The public has a hard time with it. I still think there is a concern for the harvest opportunity in-river. Make the goal and not have any king salmon harvest. I think it may be a failure of this plan if there was no harvest opportunity or removed. If there is something in place I could be neutral o this proposal, or support either way. CON: What if we took no action. CON: There is criteria in the plan. If you drop below that escapements you would be back into stock of concern. There is sport fish in-river continually even as they are going to escapement goal. Continuous harvest. The plan covers it. CON: When we come back out of stock of concern is there a method to go back in? (Department): The department evaluates these runs every three years. CON: Keep the goal as what it is set at and not lowering it. (Department): We have not had conversations of lowering; only run reconstruction. Prior to 2017, 6.6 mil; our sockeye salmon runs are 2 ½ times bigger than they were. Sonar was designed to count sockeye and not kings. We don't differentiate size. Member to Public: Alternative beach gear types? (Proposal 81) (Response): For us on the beach we don't get too many king salmon, we are inner tidal. For the set net I don't see it as a great

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			advantage. The alternative gear types wouldn't substantially have an effect. CON: To Jamie's testimony earlier with multiple stakeholders this particularly proposal is trying to change that plan. Her testimony was the plan was designed for one life span of the king salmon. Based on that testimony which seemed reasonable to me I am more inclined to not take it up or abstain, or possibly oppose. CON: I thought the department doesn't put this in regulation it is already written as part of the plan. CON: If we take no action our comments will still be included. CON: Normally when someone is bold and underlined is a change or addition. It is suggesting a change to the plan that I don't have in front of me. CON: From a regulatory perspective. CON: A big problem with these action plans is the public can't find them easily and know what they say. The department says there is a way to get out of the stock of concern. I don't think we will work out something good at this meeting. I think the people who proposed it can work it out. I think we should take no action CON: We don't have the management plan in front of us and the goal is to formalize it. (Department): The action plan is very clear and pretty specific for the criteria for taking kings out of the stock of concerns. CON: Something that is difficult for me I think everyone cares about these resources and get involved in areas we don't live. Motion to take no action by Mr. Privett, second by Mr. Hongslo. Unanimous to Take no action.
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District, as follows		
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

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73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District, as follows		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	PRO: To department part of the testimony there has been a similar with this joint venture for years. Why not allowed in this area until now? (Department): It's unique to Kodiak. PRO: Never been a proposal for it? (Department): No, common practice that doesn't meet regulation and comes to the attention that maybe the common practice isn't legal. Make those practices more acceptable and legal. Talked to biologists in Kodiak there isn't a problem with it. Do both parties have to be present to sign fish tickets.) PRO: Is the department in support? (Department is neutral.) Member to Public: If there were resistance potential for double dipping? From a delivery perspective.



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			(Public): Their reporting requirements need updating and didn't see a problem with incorporating this proposal on the updating. I don't foresee double dipping. Also, the requirement to personally operate your gear would not change. The only thing I would see if someone wasn't actively working their gear and everyone in the community would know and our drift buddies would tell the dept. not foresee that happening. PRO: Sounds pretty good to me. I think Bristol Bay was stacked gear at one time and it was done away with. (Department (Tim): -Gill nets were stacked for three years and were no longer and has not come up again.) PRO: Why was the department neutral and not supportive? (Department): It just doesn't really when we are supportive or opposed it has to do with manage. It's been going on in Kodiak for a long time and we have no problems there. It doesn't seem to be a useful tool to improve our management. PRO: I think I could support it. PRO: Makes the operation more efficient. Win/win all the way around. PRO: Will they be using the same skiff? If doing a joint venture, you can tender either net. PRO: Joint venture permit number? PRO: Based on that assumption they are trying to consolidate equipment use to make it more economical. Which put more money in their pocket and buy more stuff and that's good. (Public): It would allow to use the same skiff which you can now do. You just have to track which fish go in which brawler. For a truck a little different, splitting loads of counting fish. PRO: Seems like a totally common sense. Sharing some gear to save on resources. I will support this.
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		

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<i>Vessel Specifications</i>			
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications, as follows		
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications, as follows		
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, as follows		
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation, as follows		
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs, as follows		
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations, as follows		
88	Remove anchor roller specifications, as follows		
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller, as follows		
90	Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows		
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard, as follows		
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows		
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows		
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows		
95	Modify early season registration requirements, as follows		

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<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage, as follows		
97	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage, as follows		
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River, as follows		
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hook sin the Egegik and Ugashik drainages, as follows		
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage, as follows		
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming), as follows		
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages, as follows		
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
185	Adopt a Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: BOF Bristol Bay Finfish in Anchorage, Egan Center (01/13-01/17)



XII. Set next meeting date: December 30, 2025, at 6:00pm Zoom only. Mat Valley AC can address Board of Game Proposals 175 and 176 (Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose)

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: 9:01 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Chairman Mansavage

Date: December 28, 2025

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Zoom Only

- I. Call to Order: 6:04pm, by Dan Montgomery, Vice Chairman Game (Chairman Mansavage resumed shortly after)

II. Roll Call (by Secretary)

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish X
Neil	DeWitt	X (joined 6:34pm)
Dom	Nickles	X (left mtg after proposal 134)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	A/E
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	X
Ed	Soto	X
Bruce	Privett	X
Steve	Bartelli	X
Dewey	Bitler	X
Pete	Imhof	X
Austin	Manelick	Alternate X (left mtg 7pm before deliberation/votes)
Ron	Linder	Alternate X

*Present: **X - 16**

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 1**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 0**

Number Needed for Quorum on Advisory Committee (AC): 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist.



- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Chris Bottom, Wildlife Biologist
Leila Williams, Board Support
- IV. Guests Present:
Kolton Eischens
John Andrews
- V. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Mr. Bartelli, second Mr. Montgomery.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of December 17, 2025, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request and also the state web site
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=158905> .)
- VII. Public Comment

Kolton Eischens (from chat): I just went through 2025 draw results, my example was DC608: total of 60 tags available last year 8 were drawn by non-residents (13%) so I thank you 13 AC members that supported because you potentially just gave two more DC590 caribou tags to residents. So, I thank you for prioritizing residents!
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals Regarding Kenai General Hunting and Kenai Trapping/Non-resident Proposals (86-154 on request basis only)
 - 1. Non-resident Permit Allocation Proposals
The committee discussed how to handle multiple proposals regarding non-resident permit allocations, deciding to group them by percentage (10% and 20%).
 - o **Herb:** Suggested taking all proposals with similar non-resident allocation percentages together. For non-resident permit percentages take them all unless there are serious differences or understanding for the verbiage as some are up to 10 and some to 20. We can break it down for up to 10s, or up to 20s, or a comment for all as to how Mat Valley AC feels about these proposals putting non-residents at a cap. I would like it to be a discussion.
 - o **Steve:** Motion to discuss, second by Pete.
 - o **Dan:** Pulled last two years of applications and how many non-residents were drawn. Only one DG363 that exceeded 20% of anything. Most hunts don't currently exceed the proposed limits. Any limits will require more work for the department with only one draw that went over 20 percent. These are solutions looking for a problem and there isn't a problem.
 - o **Andy:** Expressed concern about ensuring non-residents always have an opportunity to draw a tag. If there aren't 10 to give up to, any less would be no percentage. I would



always like to see an opportunity for a non-resident draw tag even if there was only one permit.

- o **Herb:** Author has tried to do this in individual areas, but would like to see 20% statewide. The purpose of the proposals to make them all the same.
- o **Birch:** The proposer is trying to get ahead of the curve so the non-resident doesn't get above that limit for the non-resident draw. When we vote I'll say it every time non-resident is non-resident, and I do not want to see separated out 2DK (second degree kindred).
- o **Dewey:** In Proposal 87 he listed that if 10 permits are not issued then a non-resident permit will not be available.
- o **Steve:** My idea is 10% should be the cap. This body has been pretty consistent that. I will be opposed to anything at 20% and I don't feel it should go over 10% for non-resident. The 20% is a no go for me.
- o **Herb:** We'll take the 10% together and make a comment, and take the 20% together and make a comment.
- o **Bruce:** Support consistent 10% non-resident drawing tag allocation across the board, similar to other non-residents in western states (New Mexico).
- o **Austin:** I echo the 10% non-resident sentiment (from chat).
- o **Andy:** Any time there is an undervalued drawing permit if there aren't enough applicants to fill the permits, I would see no problem with allowing all permits going to non-residents if residents didn't put in. Anytime not enough residents then non-residents should get what's available. I think non-resident should always have an opportunity to put in for a hunt even its only one.
- o **Ed:** The amendment, if we amend, would be more effective. Amending the 20% proposals to 10% would send a clearer message. We are sending a message as are many of the authors. Additionally, this would clean this up regulatorily and make it standard across the board. If non-resident tags go unused, they could be issued over the counter (from chat).
- o **Hunter:** There should not be opportunity for non-residents if there is not enough resource. I'm good with 10%.
- o **Birch to Department:** Do non-residents who draw have a higher percentage of success rate?
- o **Robert:** Nonresidents typically are more successful (from chat).
- o **Steve:** If we vote down the 20% there won't be any change, if we amend to support a 10% it does send a clear message what out AC is about. I would support a 10% as an amendment.
- o **Dan:** Identified Proposal 93 as antlerless moose on the Kenai should be taken up separately. We should take away any non-resident opportunity for antlerless. There are a lot of people on Kenai who need food on the table.
- o **Motion made by Steve, second Neil to take up lumped 10% non-resident allocation Proposals 86, 87, 88, and 94 taking Proposal 93 separately. Motion to support 13-2 (vote recorded time 18:48).**

- o **Motion made by Robert, second Steve to take up lumped 20% non-resident allocation Proposals 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, and 133.**

Motion to amend made by Ed to go from all 20% proposals to 10%, second Steve.

Motion as amended to support 13-2 (vote recorded time 19:18).

- b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	13	2	See above discussion and motion.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	13	2	See above discussion and motion.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	13	2	See above discussion and motion.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to take up by Birch, second Neil Herb: Due to the late timing (August 22-29), would support if it was August 10-17. Pete: Because Unit 7 has a small moose population that local residents cherish. Steve: I don’t support any archery-only hunts. Ed: Time frame-what logic? Bruce: I don’t think archers deserve a special season before general season. Dan: There's high demand for moose in the area and concerns about wounding.



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90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to take up by Neil, second by Dan. Pete: Oppose because it falls outside the norm of spike fork 50 standard. Birch: How would count 10 points if they struggle with 3-4 brow tines? Dan: Concern about determining legal points and complexity. Steve: Try to make the books smaller, they will have to draw cartoons for this one. Ed: Would like to know the background on this. It's out of the box. The proposal would add complexity and could be interpreted as requiring both 10 points and the current restrictions.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to take up by Neil, second Dan. Department: The department would have conservation concerns with shifting to October as bulls would be more vulnerable during rut. Dan: Oppose because meat quality would be reduced during full rut.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
Support, as Amended	15	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second Neil. Department: (Biologist): Explained the area has an objective of 20-40 moose but last count was 136, so more harvest is desired. Dan: Extend the season to August 20-September 25 instead of shortening it. Andy: <u>Motion to amend to extend the season from August 20 to September 25 rather than shortening it, second by Steve. Amendment passes unanimous with no objection 15-0.</u> Steve: Would add a safety aspect spreading the safety out a bit by giving extra time. Neil: May come into season sooner. Hardest part is getting off the boat to the island. There are a lot of things to deal with. I support adding five days. Birch: Hate to amend another ACs proposal. Herb: Based on the biologist comment might be good.



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			Bob: Mentioned historical safety concerns with hunting accidents on the island. Motion, as amended, to extend the season to August 20-September 25, supported unanimous 15-0.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	15	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. (See comments on non-resident not participating in antlerless.) Dan: Suggest <u>amending the proposal to prohibit non-resident permits entirely for antlerless moose, second by Andy.</u> Andy: I supported the earlier amendment to vote on Proposal 93 as a stand along proposal because moose is an important meat source for residents and readily available where the population is available to harvest meat close to where they live. Motion, as amended to prohibit non-resident permits entirely for antlerless moose supported 15-0.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	13	2	See above discussion and motion.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			Proposals 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 have to do with motorized vehicles in a controlled use area. Herb: We need to hear some substantial comments why the Mat Valley AC would need to comment, if we do. Steve: I would suggest we stay out of it. This is more suited to ACs of the area. Dewey: I’ve hunted on a horse. Had to go a ways in.
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	15	0	Dan: From Homer AC. Willing to support 98 and 99. Doesn’t sound like any biological concerns. Just locals using it.



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			Department: A lot of folks didn't know it was a controlled use area. They are seeking to clarify and not being an issued moving forward. Like to be removed from enforcement. Motion to take up from Dan, Dewey second. Ed: Would you put 98 and 99 on the table? Both AC sponsor. Herb: I like the direction of Homer AC generated proposals with understanding. Bruce: Let them discuss the difference of the motorized vehicles as there is different impact. Locals should be talking about how to get the carcass back to their refrigerator and conservation of the meat.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Support	15	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Dan: Locals have been using this area on ATVs for years and accessible by Seldovia. They have been doing it. They live there and they want it. Birch: Nobody knew that you could not use motorized vehicles. It would be nice to clarify and make it legal. Andy: Any concern by department? (No, no holding the hunt together there.)
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil.



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			Dan: Oppose to changing to registration or draw hunts as it would limit opportunity. Department (Biologist): Confirmed there was no biological need to change the current management.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Department (Biologist): Not much for youth harvest hunt. Dan: Changes it to a registration hunt. The department would have a harvest goal then close it, but 107 would make it a draw permit and that makes it hard for me. There is no threat to overharvest. I would go for registration permit, but it's a little more control of the hunt with low sheep numbers it could be closed. Pete: Provided historical data showing an average of eight rams taken per year over the last 18 years with 76 hunters participating annually (see additional attachment). Registration hunts don't keep any more sheep on the mountain. We aren't seeing anything different here than in the Talkeetna's. Steve: Diminishing opportunity. There is not a significant threat to the resource. I like this opportunity available to everyone. Herb: If we go by full curl management go with baseline there is not reason not to go with harvest ticket. Pete: This is a statewide issue and we are hurting everywhere. Andy: If we did need more information for a drawing, registration would be preferred option, but there would be no numbers and a registration could include numbers. Registration in the future would be preferable to a drawing.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. No one wants to see a draw hunt.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Herb: If this was a biological concern from the sense of the entire herd, ewes/rams, I think we should consider archery as a management tool. We talked about it being a tool in the field.



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109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	Dan: I think it should be left at 20%. It takes opportunity away at 10%. There is no impact on resource. I think it should be left at 20%. Very few permits are issued to non-residents. This will take away a lot of revenue to the Department. Pete: Proposal 109 has only one tag available for DS150. If there is only one tag a non-resident should not be able to apply. DS156 Crescent Lake non-residents can apply and should not be there. If only one tag should be a no-go. The supplement shows non-residents can apply. The Peninsula is hurting for sheep. Herb: So, a non-resident can give \$30 to the department, but zero chance they will draw. Dan: They can apply but will not be allocated. I believe the department would not make it available to non-residents, but if they raised it up-to then there would be a tag available. Herb: If these proposals pass then a tag could go to a non-resident. We can vote on these as-is and that would eliminate any non-resident draw in an area with one tag. Dan: With the 20% there would be at least five tags available before they would even be able to apply for them. Birch: All these hunts are available for species that can be hunted in other areas of the states. If non-residents don't have the opportunity they can go to another area. Ed: In many of these proposals it is noted that many non-residents don't apply and get the tags, but the proposer is trying to put a cap across the board. Does the state want to go with 10% and fall in line with other western states and let the math shake out? Herb: I'm actually opposed to the amendment, but my largest opposition on draw tags for non-residents is the amount of contention toward non-residents, but residents don't put in for certain areas and the hunts that residents put in for and do not go at all. There is a high participation rate for some non-residents and in some cases 20% might be okay. Ron: I think there are very few tags in the state that residents don't apply for what isn't allocated. I'm not sure there aren't too many that aren't drawn for the 90% for residents to draw. Dewey: Only reason there is a draw permit is because there is limited number of animals available. Just make the amendment 10%, then if

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			there aren't 10 permits issued then a permit won't be issued. Put the cap at 10% for non-residents and put the stipulation in each proposal. Dan to Department: We offer draw tags because we can't do registration or harvest opportunity. From that perspective yes, biological concern where demand exceeds supply draw tag system. We don't offer tags if the area falls below 50 goats. No biological concern. Herb to Dan: A draw tag at 20 capped at 10%, two get drawn, so historically speaking or trended that only 15 people put in. do we have any that don't get filled by residents? No, they get filled. Dan: not economically feasible to get maybe one or two permits. Pete: The Department realizes success is low only half the hunters will go if they draw. They double the numbers. Staff (Board Support) to Chair: Note public comment in chat (see Public Comments). Herb: Board should consider findings for last 10 years. Birch: Will not ever support 2DK. Amended proposal lumped together. Dan: Will eliminate any non-resident opportunities. Herb: We can leave some animals on the mountain. Have to go with the 51% with this. Ron: All these permits are very hard to draw. (Proposals listed and taken from discussion above.) <u>Motion made by Robert, second Steve to take up lumped 20% non-resident allocation Proposals 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, and 133.</u> <u>Motion to amend made by Ed to go from all 20% proposals to 10%, second Steve. Motion as amended to support 13-2 (vote recorded time 19:).</u>
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
Support, as Amended	8	7	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Herb to Department: In a hunt area managing goats in the peninsula area is broken up into 32 different areas. DG337, we have never opened as never observed over 50 animals. 2024 we were at 21 below the 50-goat



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			threshold typically required to open a hunt. A current hunt based on current strategy if the numbers were good. Herb: What about lowering harvest numbers? Department: You could potentially put a permit in there, but concern would be killing a nanny. Dan: <u>Propose amendment to make it billy-only to protect the population for one permit only, Andy second.</u> Herb: <u>The amendment would be to DG337 to one billy.</u> Amendment carries 15-0. Bruce: Support billy-only hunts statewide to protect nannies. Steve: I have concern about the small population and risk of accidentally taking nannies. We need to grow the herd.
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
Support	10	5	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Dan: There are similar hunts in other areas have very low participation and harvest. Bruce: Oppose the proposal. Herb: Support the proposal as it mirrors established archery-only hunts.
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Oppose	1	14	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Dan: Oppose due to dangerous late-season conditions in goat country. Herb: Support because later season goat hunts have better hair quality.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support, as Amended	13	2	See discussion and motion as amended Proposal 109.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		



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Oppose	0	15	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil Dan: Oppose because there's no threat to the black bear population anywhere in this state. No threat to population. Steve: The proposal seemed to address trespassing issues which are already illegal. Department (Biologist): Confirmed there are no biological concerns for black bears in the area.
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Support	14	0	Herb: Proposals 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, and 140 splitting from regulatory year to calendar year. I do think we should take them up. Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Department (Biologist): Explained the current management uses a 3-year running average with caps of 50-60 total bears and 8-12 adult females. Changing to regulatory year as it would guarantee fall hunting opportunity. Dewey: Oppose to increasing the cap, believe Proposal 135 addressed the concerns. Andy: Supporting based on what I heard from the biologist is what the public would support. See comments Proposals 137 and 139. (Dom Nickles left the meeting, changing the voting number to 14 from this proposal onward.)
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
			See comments Proposal 135.
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Motion, as amended Fails	7	7	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Neil. Herb to Department: There would be a biological concern with removing the cap. Dan: Move to amend Proposal 137 to increase four sows to the current cap, Andy second. Steve: Does amending this change anything we did in 135? Dan: Don't expand that it will make a big impact, but expand to make the season better. This is over a three-year period.



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			Andy: Having the cap a little higher makes it more likely to have a similar season in the fall as the spring. The cap higher not so likely to over harvest in the spring where the fall is impacted. Dewey: I think 135 covers it all. If they adopt 135, they will probably shoot down 137. I won't support 137. Andy: Should the amendment be to raise the cap and go with the regulatory year? Amendment passes 14-0. Motion, as amended, fails in a split vote. (*Note: Committee did not vote on original motion.)
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Oppose	0	14	Motion to adopt by Steve, second by Bruce. Refer to comments on Proposal 135.
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 135.
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 135.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
TNA			Herb: Proposals 141, 142, 143, and 144 have to do with lynx. Dan: Acknowledged both sides but noted the committee lacks knowledge of the specific trails. Fur quality and availability of animals due to the cyclic nature. Steve: Sketchy even if this was in our area. Michelle: I think the Department does a great job tracking rabbit and lynx. Will rely on data and population.
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 141.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 141.
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 141.
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		



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TNA			Herb: 145, 146 and 147. We can vote these down, but these are heavily involved discussions with the organizations. I feel it's a bit out of our jurisdiction. Michelle: These proposals seek 100-yard setbacks rather than the 50-yard setbacks supported by the Alaska Trappers Association. I don't think we should take any of these proposals up. This is between the local user groups and trapping association to work toward a solution such as was done on Mat Su trail systems. Dewey: Trapping today needs to adapt to increased population and recreational use of trails and current times. It's not what it was in years past. Dan: I see both sides. The old trappers, if presented like that today, they wouldn't put traps in. It's irresponsible to set snares so close to a home. I think the board will have a full discussion on this. Personally, I think we should not take any action on this. We don't know the trails. Ed: Outside of our area and we should not take any action. Herb: Proposals 145 thorough 151, 152, and 153. I suggest we take no action. Birch: Board of Game will need to deal with user group conflicts.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.

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153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
TNA			Refer to comments on Proposal 145.
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
TNA			Not even close to our AC area.

IX. Next meeting date: Hybrid meeting (Mat-Su College, Room FSM 202 and over zoom) at 6pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2025 (GMU 6, 14C, & Statewide FF + 2 ACRs) (February 11, 18, 25 and March 4)

X. Other: This meeting can be downloaded via:
https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/M2XK3nRRs62XHqo3KAeZMgP2624IEcZHSSN3nRVKnfQY9B2jn7UaHI7tiZu9sscl.3b02E_EqYaOUfD95?startTime=1769654462000

Mr. Couch reported on Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay meeting on Mat Su AC comments on Proposal 61 on buffer of set netters and drifters.

XI. Adjourn: 9:44 pm, Mr. Mansavage, Chairman

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair
Date: 02/02/2026



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:07pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Neil	DeWitt	X (Zoom)
Dom	Nickles	A/E
Hunter	Hongslo	X (arrived 6:07pm)
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	X (Zoom)
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	A/E
Ed	Soto	X (Zoom) (Left at 9:35pm)
Bruce	Privett	X (Zoom)
Steve	Bartelli	X
Dewey	Bitler	X
Pete	Imhof	X
Austin	Manelick	Alternate X (Zoom) (Joined 6:47pm)
Ron	Linder	Alternate A/E

*Present: **X - 14**

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 3**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 0**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:



Charlotte Westing, Wildlife Biologist (Cordova-Zoom)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Hannah Heimbuch (Palmer)
Lauren Hynes (Wasilla-Zoom)
Michelle Stratton (Palmer-Zoom)

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Dan, second by Andy.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 28, 2026, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request and also the state web site

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/YpZ8RVTqBOaHEBk5hW7nBXDy2PkioFX2vFt7ukB0HJy21X-Sroh1KKxnyelpkDad.uLDjy0fet26foQIE?startTime=1770864390000>).

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

Chairman Mansavage spoke to talking about the Board of Game (BOG) bear proposals. He had been contacted by one of the authors and had additional information to discuss. Another member asked if biologist Chris Bottom, could be present at the next meeting to answer committee questions.

b. ADF&G

Charlotte Westing provided data and background information, as needed, on multiple proposals related to Unit 6 wildlife management (detailed in each proposal addressed).

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment (Testimonies begin at 00:28- 00:59 of recording.)

Hannah Heimbuch introduced herself and spoke to Board of Fisheries (BOF) proposals 170-172, 163-164, and 165. Encouraged support for 163-165 regarding accountability for pelagic trawl fleet bottom contact. Hatchery side: concerned from a variety levels. Freezing or reducing pink chum to Prince William Sound (PWS)-how much research capacity is tied in to the facilities. In the Sound there is a lot of subsistence opportunities. Ocean capacity, more hatchery resources should be available. Blunt freezes and cuts don't give good data. Mid water fleet has a lot of bottom contact which is a pretty big footprint. State water regulations aren't enforced. There is more value with fewer fish. I think the hatcheries are a good way to manage.

Steve: Strays? (When salmon return to river system not their home system.)



Andy: Set netters from Kodiak pink salmon hatchery program was crazy. They thought they suffered from it. Such a big abundance. Price went down they didn't get much. You get benefit from seiners catching them.

Since we have taken pressure of wild king salmon the numbers have been going down. Often hatchery produces abundance of fish there are a lot of openings. Emergency opener for pinks may be emergency opener.

Bruce: Very effective presentation. Proposals are full of hyperbole. Hasn't brought any clarity to the subject at all. I am a seiner and fish for hundreds of pounds of fish.

Pete: Strays can be detrimental to stock. Hatchery introducing to wild systems will be eliminated. The sheer number was double and we assumed they were strays. At a former BOF, a lady spoke about the river in her village with dog salmon now present. Do we fully understand the repercussions of hatchery? We don't. Kings are coming back smaller and less abundant. To me it's scary especially without limitations. The department has not got control of egg take. The department gets a call, cost recovery of hatchery price of pinks goes down.

Lauren Hynes introduced herself and support to BOF Proposals 163, 164, and 165. Explained that analysis shows pelagic trawl gear often contacts the bottom despite regulations prohibiting this.

These proposals are designed to fish off sea floor. This includes in-state waters. The state lacks effective tools to monitor and enforce regulation. Proposal 164 would establish clear standards and strengthen accountability. In Alaska, it's a slow role to get to the crux of the issue. There is a lot of bottom trawling, but I don't see that happening anytime soon. First thing to come forward to protect this habitat.

Steve: These proposals (163) all recognize that trawl is part of Alaska sustainable fisheries. I'm opposed to trawl in its entirety, similar to what you are. These proposals kind of support their existence.

Neil: The North Pacific did some serious talking of closing down areas. Would be wise to see what they posted on their web site. (Andy requested link to where it can be accessed.)

Michelle Stratton introduced herself and noted challenges in getting trawlers to follow regulations. They are working closely with small boat fisherman that want to make progress to get trawlers to follow regulations. This seems like the most reasonable approach. She spoke to Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance and how they were formed to protect the habitat around Alaska waters.

Birch: Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance. Is there a web page on what they support? (New group of fisherman-formed around the issues of commercial and sport fisherman to protect the habitat around Alaska (taken from member reading internet information)).

Bruce: Shared experience with trawlers interfering with longline gear in state waters.

Herb: Suggested opposing all trawling-related proposals with a comment that the

committee believes there should be no trawling in state waters.

- a. Bear Proposals for GMU 7 & 15

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals: Regionwide and GMU 6 (70-85)
- b. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
OPPOSE	4	10	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Pete: Can we take unit 8 out? (Staff: Department position is influenced with unit 8.) Birch: No goat hunting for five years if you shoot a nannie. Herb: Figuring out if a goat is a billy or nanny there is a lot of information out there. (Staff): Knowledgeable goat hunters have made the five-year list. It happens. Andy: I have a hard time with "you can't go goat hunting in these areas." It's not right that we have these areas that don't get capped and to say you can't hunt is not right. I don't support this. If you kill a nanny not to be able to hunt goats is not right. Steve: I would be willing if we amend this to a second offense. Dewey: Seems to be an easy mistake to make. Why is it five years? Why not amend to one year? Bruce: If you can watch the animal long enough you should watch whether it squats to pee or stretches. If you take your time and don't hurry you won't shoot wrong animal.



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			Pete: If a nanny is harvested late in season would there be a reduction in the next year? Unit 8 is open to nanny and to restrict is not right. Herb: I concur with Pete. Dan: I don't think the board would take this massive step. Every nanny is dry, you can't kill a nanny with a kid. Residents taking their quota, all dry nanny's by definition. I would support. Too restrictive. (Staff): Even if a nanny is seen with a kid doesn't mean they can't reproduce. Herb: Any correlation with horn size and body with dry nanny's? Ed: Double jeopardy here after taking the course. To get penalized for five areas in all these areas is not fair. I'm opposed. Andy: Call question. Birch: if Unit 8 was removed I would support. I am opposed.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Tabled			Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Herb: We identified sheep as an intensive management (IM) species. This proposal is because of that. I'm opposed. I think we should not have identified sheep as IM as it could complicate predator management. Birch: Can we come back after we have department comments. Dan: Will we make it in to a subsistence? Implementing predator would be easier if there was an IM as it's been done in the past. (Could lead to subsistence designations.) Hunter: I question which populations historically sustain themselves on sheep. Andy: Hypothetical's? I suggest we table until we have staff here. Dewey: (read state IM) Chair: Table proposal to get more information from department.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Tabled			
73	Define the terms "permanent dwelling", "publicly maintained trail/road" and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
SUPPORT	12	2	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Herb: Is this housekeeping? There is a need for clearer definitions of terms like "dwelling" and "developed recreational facility."



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74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
SUPPORT	11	3	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Dan: I will support this. We put this in our contract. You draw blood a wounded bear is a dead bear. Andy: The author is specifically talking about a brown bear. The first part is put in by the department. Steve: Regional wide, does that include 13/14? Dan: No. Are any of that one bear every four years? Steve: Support the spirit of the proposal. Andy: Ethical question? If you shoot at a bear, do you assume its wounded? Question called.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	14	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Steve: I would support this. There is nothing out there. Hunter safety is required in parts of the state, and trapping safety should be as well. Birch: I would trust the department to create a course not too cumbersome. It could help mitigate conflicts with trappers. Michelle: ATA and SCCTA are doing a lot of outreach to reduce trapper and user conflicts. Bruce: I would like to see trappers survive and believe this would help. Andy: Hunter safety is required. This is a safety issue and putting traps and snares in bad places is not a good idea.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
OPPOSE	2	12	Motion to take up Andy, second by Neil. Staff: Presented data on Sitka blacktail deer in Unit 6, showing population trends and harvest statistics. More deer pellets mean more deer, and less means less. Deer are at their northernmost range extent, limited primarily by snow depth with little predation. Average harvest is about 2,000 deer annually but varies widely based on winter conditions. Non-residents make up about 10% of hunters and take about 0.5 deer per hunter on average compared to 1.5 for non-local Alaskans and up to 2.5 for Unit 6 residents.



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			Andy: Noted the proposal was based on a supposition of increased non-resident hunters that isn't supported by the data. Tags sold are harvesting the least number of deer. Birch: Biological concern in PWS for black Sitka deer (no-hunting is not a significant component of the number dropping). Steve: I question whether increased effort would cause biological concerns. In anticipation of a greater increased effort in PWS due to restrictions in Kodiak they could move their operations to PWS. Maybe the harvest would double. Would that cause a concern (staff-harvest is when there are big snow winters and most resident of Unit 6 take more). That's why the hunt structure is the way it is. We want to maximize opportunity when we expect it to decline. I think what we would encounter would be user conflict. The board may be hesitant to take up a proposal a problem is coming. There is emergency order authority that would mean opportunity loss. Staff: There's no biological concern currently, and any user conflicts would likely arise before biological issues. Bruce: Suggest non-residents seeking trophy deer would likely go to Southeast Alaska rather than PWS, if unable to hunt Kodiak. Dan: The proposal heard transporters may move their operations. Hunter: I would tend to support that non-residents would they need to stack up to four deer? I would be okay with them hunting a deer. Dewey: I don't support this at all. The numbers aren't there. Pete: It's a jungle there. Locals hunt there quite a bit. There is a transporter there hitting Hinchinbrook and its easy for his non-resident clients. They don't want non-residents. These numbers are totally different from what I've heard. Now, I oppose. Ed: Trying to solve a problem that does not exist today in that staff have the tools to manage this in that area. Andy: Call question. Birch: I don't support the proposal. If they can't go to Kodiak they will go to SE somewhere. Proposal 76 failed with a vote of 2-12, as members saw no biological justification or evidence of the problem the proposal aimed to address.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
SUPPORT, As Amended	11	3	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy



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			Staff: Data shows increased pressure on goat populations with some areas seeing 50-90% of harvest going to non-residents. Population is stable. Mandatory horn check in place. People were killing nannies and not reporting. There was a gradual decrease in days for hunt area. Unit 6D is mostly national forest service land and has authorized hunt use areas. Commercial operators are in a race to have their clients get their goats. Non-residents and residents can be 50/50. In 252, you can see 50-80% is non-resident take. Forest service has started shifting because of too many users such as in 242. Smaller portion is now going to residents. The board would have to give staff findings to what allocation to use. Herb: My personal experience is the area has become "ruined" due to guide operations, with hunts closing quickly. Dan: I propose amending to 33% or 1/3 allocation for non-residents; Andy second. Birch: Suggested 10% allocation would be more appropriate. Steve: I don't like the way it's written. We should vote it down and make a comment or amend it to something we can agree on. I like the 10% number. Herb: Can we compromise at 20%? Dan: If we make it 20% will the resident even harvest that? Herb: You can drive a boat to every part of this unit. Ed: To the motion, the equation we may have missed is the opportunity lost. If the season shuts down, we don't know how many residents intended to go that couldn't. If we go to a draw, we keep talking about 10%, I would go with 10%. We've knocked out sheep hunting all over the state. Staff: Up to 100 permits, all of our hunts have some number in our regulations; rarely get to that number. This is a very broad area with eight hunts involved. That 100 doesn't have any teeth to it. The ability of commercially users to shift these hunts are attractive to DIYs. Any of these other areas 252, 249, much longer boat ride and higher costs. Non-residents have options to go. Residents don't have options. Commercial users can shift to other areas more easily than residents when closer units close. Dan: Numbers on harvest goal? (Staff): Some areas don't close in PWS, ever and may be able to handle more hunts.



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			Andy: What is the non-resident participation now in the eight areas? (Staff): 50-60 non-residents and residents 60-90. Dan: Area to area? (Staff: 252 is 20 goats dropped to 12; Unlimited in every area. As many can be in the field and we close it when we get close to the number.) Dewey: To Staff on horn check? Bring in the whole animal or just evidence. (Staff: Bring in the horns) Reporting? (Staff: We do accept hunt reports via in-reach for the three-day reporting, but some think three days is too tight. Very surprised if anyone supported this.) Andy: I think this is a difficult conversation. Very obvious to me, residents want to hunt the closer units. I believe the closer units should have tighter restrictions on non-residents. I don't know the units are closing need those restrictions. If it did go permit system, you would still have a number it would get closed, but if non-res were limited, they would get earlier reporting. I think we need something. I would vote for a draw. I won't support. Austin: Noted from personal guiding experience that some areas are difficult to access for residents. Herb: Call the question for the amendment. Establish a 33% of the harvest goal for non-residents. Amendment for 33% non-resident allocation failed 2-12. Herb: We recognize residents are using the closer units with evidence the farther units remain open. Pete: If we restrict non-residents in the closer units they will just move. They will just roll to another unit. Neil: Call the question. Birch: Amend up to 10% harvest quota, Steve second. Dan: Can't do up to on this draw. Has to be 10%. Residents aren't in the draw. Birch: Staff will determine numbers. Austin: It closes quickly as people are hunting moose and the opportunity is there. I am opposed to this one on the 10%. I would say if you are looking for closer goats go before moose season opens up. Proposal 77, as amended, for 10% non-resident harvest quota allocation passed 11-3. Andy: I am opposed to this amendment. I would have supported if no amendment.



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78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
OPPOSE	0	14	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: This is behind Valdez. DIY using a truck is pretty attractive to people. No hunters have indicated using archery. Andy: They have more permits for everyone that wants one. I see no need for an archery hunt, if you plan in advance. Birch: If registration limit of one, I'd rather see a draw. Andy call question Herb: I would support this if there was more participation in archery in registration hunt.
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
SUPPORT	12	2	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Andy: It's nasty access from ocean and where to land plane? Herb: This goes against all biological reason. Unusual season dates extending through the rut. Dewey: If you live out these you would want it later. Hunter: Last enforcement is non-existence out there. I don't see a reason for non-resident to hunt out that late. Andy: Harvest is compensatory. Just harvesting what's going to die in the winter. As far as saying not biological, we do late hunt in 14A. Might be the preferred option. I see no reason to reduce the season. Birch: Proposer is a guide. Still open for residents. Dan: It's not accessible by boat. Right on the ocean. Aircraft access only. Ed: I flew that area extensively there are established air strips. Hard country. Maybe there is local knowledge we are not aware of. I would support it, but it seems odd. Question called.
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
OPPOSE	0	14	Motion to take up by Dan second by Neil. Staff: Municipal ordinances against taking wildlife in much of the proposed area and minimal roadkill (1-2 moose annually). Birch: Valdez municipal rules conflict. Steve: Any vehicle/moose collision? Andy: Call question.
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		

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TKA			
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
SUPPORT	13	0	Staff: Presented data on black bear harvest trends in Unit 6 (Proposals 82-42), showing cyclical patterns and management concerns. Staff: Showed harvest has climbed back to about 500 bears annually after previous declines, with recent increases in female harvest raising concerns. Explained Proposal 82 (shortening spring season) would affect about 20% of harvest. Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy (Herb left room and did not vote). Birch: After June 1, don't have to keep the meat. I support. Andy: The department is concerned the harvest rate is getting high on the bears so shortening may be good. If they were to shorten in the fall there would not be much difference. Dan: Call question.
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
OPPOSE	0	14	Staff: Increasing bag limit could increase harvest and lead to more indiscriminate take. Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Andy: The department said they would not support due to concerns with harvest additionally some hunters would get more opportunity less or none. Herb: Adamantly opposed. I would prefer this in sub units. Andy: Call question.
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
OPPOSE	0	14	Staff: This proposal would have minimal impact. Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Dan: Want this to open Oct 10 in the fall. Dewey: Maybe they are fatter in the fall. Birch: Not many people go out in the sound after October 1.



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			Andy: It will cut 20 days of the season and sometimes with bears you may not really want to kill a bear, but end up killing a bear. Better that the season is open. I am opposed. Steve: I thought the most impact is limiting the spring. More impact in the fall wouldn't have much impact. Neil: Against it. Hunting moose you need the option to take one.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
FAILED	7	7	Staff: This regulation exists in Units 1-5 but not Unit 6. Motion to take up by Dan, second by Neil. Birch: I'd like to see this statewide. I'm support. Steve: Won't support. A permit doesn't solve the problem stated. Bruce: I support. It's not fair to shoot from a boat. Proposal 85 failed 7-7 due to tie vote.
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
			Motion to take up by Andy, second by Birch. (This proposal was taken up and discussed in meeting of Dec 3, 2025. Refer to comments.)
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	12	Motion to take up by Birch, second by Andy. Herb: I won't support any of these three proposals and would encourage the committee that there should be no trawling in state waters. Dewey: I think they are doing this in baby steps. Neil: In state waters its 58' boat. Bruce: 58' foot is salmon doesn't include long-liners or trawlers. Bruce: I have a long line in the past. Draggers can come through there and trawlers can drag up your gear. In the Aleutians there is a different federal season for black cod within three miles of shore (comment directed toward proposal 11). Bruce: Lean toward not seeing them at all. Pete: To Bruce: How difficult would it be for them to comply or is this an easy application for them to perform for the department? Bruce: They have a lot of sensors and electronics high tech electronics. They know exactly where the fish is they are targeting. They've had this equipment for a long time (decades). Where they are getting these

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			bottom dwelling species they know exactly where their gear is. If they see the fish close to the bottom that's where they will fish. Dewey: Oppose it and see Proposal 11. Herb: We need to have good discussion and not just "See Proposal 11." They have sensors and they know what they are getting. Andy: There may be some good to this. HB103 about trawling. If you read the first part of this (reads from proposal). Taking little steps to improve is better than getting nowhere. Birch: Ban bottom trawling and pelagic trawling. How long to get these standards. Dewey: No bycatch in the survey I just got. Call question Andy: I think I want to be in support for closer monitoring and better standards in state waters.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	12	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Birch.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	12	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Birch. Andy: I believe salmon excluders fishing close to shore should be I would support that.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		

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170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		

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<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		

- XI. Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
a. Potential agenda: GMU 14C and Sheep/Goat Proposals

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Dan, second

XIV. Adjournment: 9:52pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: February 19, 2026



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:02pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish X
Neil	DeWitt	X
Dom	Nickles	X (Zoom-joined 6:58pm, left 9:02pm)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	X
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	X (Zoom)
Ed	Soto	X
Bruce	Privett	X
Steve	Bartelli	X
Dewey	Bitler	X
Pete	Imhof	X (Zoom)
Austin	Manelick	Alternate X (Zoom - joined at 6:41pm)
Ron	Linder	Alternate X (joined vote again at 9:02pm, Zoom)

*Present: **X - 17**

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 0**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 0**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Cory Stantorf, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage-Zoom)
Nick Docken, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage-Zoom)
Thomas Lohuis, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage-Zoom)
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Allison Donaghy
Kolton Eischens (Zoom)

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Dan, second by Andy. (Statewide Fin fish proposals will be done February 25.)

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of February 11, 2026, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support (Committee was given until Thursday, February 19, 2026, to review then finalize minutes.) Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request and also the state web site.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

Great discussions last week. We can tighten up discussions which can tie into public comment. We serve as an advisory capacity only; be respectful and keep questions to yes/no. Public testimony should be clarification more than a discussion.

I'd like to do all non-resident allocations at the end of the meeting.

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

Kolton Eischens interested in the up to 10% and 20%.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals (GMU 14C, Sheep/Goat Proposals)

b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Anchorage Area – Unit 14C			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Motion to group proposals 155, 156, 157, and 158 Motion to Amend to go from all 20% proposals to 10%. Andy: I am opposed to the amendment, and whether it passes or not, I will also be opposed to proposals to further reduce nonresident hunting opportunities in Unit 14C. Anchorage has a large military base with many nonresident military personnel serving their first year in Alaska. While hunting opportunities are limited in 14C, I do not believe nonresident opportunity (and especially for individuals that live in Anchorage) should be further reduced in 14C. Reducing or eliminating nonresident draw opportunity in 14C means that those same individuals may travel to other parts of the state to hunt. I would prefer that the large nonresident population living in 14C maintain opportunities to participate and hunt near where they live, rather than having to travel to other parts of Alaska. Specifically referring to drawing hunts, JBER military base provides the public opportunities to hunt on military land — therefore, especially on the base, I am opposed to any changes that would take away hunting opportunity to nonresident military service members. Dan: There won’t be any non-resident allocation if we do this amendment. I am opposed to reducing allocations. It would eliminate opportunities and reduce revenue. Amendment passes 12-3. Proposals as Amended Birch: We are worried about the future. We are trying to set the standard now. I support the 10% allocation. Residents should have priority for limited permits.



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			Bruce: Every 10th or every 20th, if there aren't 10 tags they should give out every 10th tag, such as it rolling over. Andy: I am frustrated the decreasing numbers as well, but you decrease the hunter population over time then what's left. I think it's good to have a broad base of support. Abstain: I read them, but the amendments were too much.
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments in Proposal 155.
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments in Proposal 155.
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments in Proposal 155.
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: To staff, permits were reduced this year and Glacier Creek gone; only seven permits available. Will there be any extra allocation in this area? Staff: We have two late season registrations goat hunts. The late season registration goat hunts haven't been used since 2011 due to dangerous terrain conditions. To get one or two goat points out of the area would increase the chance of a nanny being taken. Dan: Been 10 years since the November hunt has been open. I will oppose. Goat counts are down and cannot support an extra season. Birch: The department is managing fine right now and opening up to a weapon specific hunt doesn't make sense. Herb: I would support if all weapons.



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			Andy: Irresponsible of us to schedule a hunt in November. It would be dangerous for people in the steep stuff. I will oppose. If there were a registration hunt most hunters would not want to do with bow and arrow. It may be some opportunity, but I don't think this is a good opportunity.
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, As Amended Abstain	11 1	3	Andy: These are close to the population center. Abstain: Too many amendments. *See comments from Proposal 155.
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments from Proposal 155.
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.



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166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
SUPPORT, as Amended	11	4	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: Eagle River management area is closed to moose hunting. It is a patch work of land status, land access. We see a lot of brown bears on the south fork. There are kings and silvers that go up there. Eagle River requires special use permit from the state park. I would be hesitant as we don’t fly surveys in there since there is no moose hunting there. The proposers suggest boundaries that could be defined better especially if it goes into the drainage proper. They are going to address the loop hole of weapons. Birch: Goes into the rut even into archery. The department doesn’t have a handle on the numbers how can we open. Andy: I might support an archery hunt. It’s not hunted. The big issue on all the 14C proposals is how limited we are to hunt right now. I don’t think it would be too hard for the department to fly over and count. This could be spike/fork/50 hunt or a drawing permit. I see an opportunity that maybe the hunt area might need to be adjusted and may be smaller. We have limited opportunities right now in 14C and this might provide some opportunity.



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			Hunter: Probably shrinking down that area, a lot. A lot of tough country and non-motorized. A sample size of permits they may give out even if a few it's a good indication there are moose. You could do a pilot run with a hand full of tags. Ron: There is no tag allocation amount. Give a few tags and see what happens. Give the department a chance to figure it out. Gives more opportunity to residents. I would support. Dan: I would suggest making the boundary an Echo Bend. Eagle river proper from Echo Bend upriver. I will support with the amendment with firearms. Motion to amend by Dan, second by Andy. Ed: Are horses allowed? (Staff: No.) Steve: Archery only to any weapon (from Echo Bend) for clarification. Dan: Icicle Creek up is wilderness area. Steve: I didn't like archery only, but I do like adding firearms. Any concern taking a moose to the middle of October? That concerns me more than anything. Herb: I won't support for any weapon. Archery equipment only is drastically lower harvest percentage over any weapon. Birch: We aren't even sure Chugach State Park (CSP) will give a permit to discharge a firearm. Staff: It's specific drainages in CSP. It's not every drainage. Ron: I am not supporting the amendment. Increasing opportunity to get a moose with archery, but with a rifle you would be successful. Past Icicle Creek can use a firearm. Andy: My problem I wish I was more familiar with the whole area. I'm more comfortable leaving it archery. I'll oppose. If there were enough moose to go a season length I would support. Ed: A lot of human traffic in the Crow Creek area. I want to see more opportunity, but there is a lot of use. I would probably oppose the amendment for that reason. Amendment to firearms: Fails 1-14 Herb: Echo Dan's comments DS140 and while walking back to camp we stacked a head high stack of sheds over the course of our hunt on DS140 and saw bulls every day. There is a healthy population. I would support with low draw tag amount with weapon restrictions. Birch: If the dates were different, I would support.



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			Pete: I have concern about the late season dates (September 15-October 15) coinciding with the rut. Dewey: Amend the dates I would support. Andy: Amend the dates to the day after Labor Day (depends on the year) until Sept 25. Staff: Two BOG cycles ago we got rid of day after Labor Day because every year we had to catch the date change otherwise the troopers didn't have a solid date to write a citation off of. All start Sept 1, no issue with AST and cleans up the day after Labor Day wording. Andy: Amend dates Sept 1 to Sept 30. Steve: Will continue to oppose if there aren't firearms. You can get a permit through the park to hunt with firearms. The opportunity can be there, but they are only asking for archery only. If there can be a firearm only, I won't support archery only. Bruce: I'll support. There isn't a lot of noise there with archery. Ed: Says bow and arrow only. Dan: I will support the amendment and the board can figure out the boundaries. There are big moose there. Ron: I will support. Increases opportunity for residents. The firearms thing there are a lot of user groups, but I'd like the opportunity with a bow. Andy: To my amendment, I want a hunt the public can support. I was comfortable with the original dates. Amendment: Change dates to Sept 1 to Sept 30. Support 12-3. Proposal, as amended, for archery only with dates to Sept 1 to Sept 30: Support 11-4
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
SUPPORT	13	2	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Hunter: Pretty congested. Less people on non-motorized days. I'll support it. Awesome opportunities to knock out congestion. Dan: I'll oppose. I don't think there are hardly any non-resident participation. I don't think it's necessary to close to non-residents. Andy: This is a registration. I recognize there are a limited number of animals, but a large population of people who want to participate. The base allows us to hunt and a lot of those service folks start as non-residents do become residents. I'll be opposed. I think this provides them an opportunity.



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			Ron: I support. I think it's a perfect hunt for residents only. Herb: I'll be in support. One of six is 18% quota is going to non-residents. (Discussion on military orders as resident v non-resident.) (6:58pm (Dom) Number of votes don't change, but member joined on Zoom.)
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area		
OPPOSE	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Hunter: Opposed. The area can already be hunted with a rifle during the season Andy: Difficult area to get to. Staff: This proposal adds an archery registration to East Fork Eklutna; adds a layer of regulatory complexity. It will force the department to come up with a quota. It's a small area and we already see hunter congestion. Andy: The quota would be for any bull. I think there is an opportunity for archer already. I will be opposed. Ed: Opportunity wise, the area outside the current archery registration area that is open falls under spike/fork/50. He offers additional opportunity. Steve: Date through October.
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Management area in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT	13	2	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: I generally don't like these proposals because if you shot at something if you hit or not you should not shoot at it. While I'm normally opposed to this and we are allowed to hunt on base, it's an opportunity. Birch: I won't amend this, but I'd like to see this statewide. Can't regulate ethics. Ed: Having it count to bag limit doesn't help the moose. Counting wounded animals toward bag limits does not prevent wounding. Staff: JBER has taken steps to reduce wounding. You get the permit and do a proficiently shoot and the arrows have to be labeled. We still see multiple moose where hunters have shot two moose and maybe only recovered one or none. All these areas double as training and recreation areas for the public. This is the last layer to mitigate wounded moose. A couple near misses and brown bear on carcasses in training areas. All kills



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			are GPS located and they move training schedules around to help mitigate the fine line between hunting opportunity and the mission. Another layer to help keep these hunts going. Andy: I have participated with a friend who got a moose. I think this is a benefit to hunt on base and will support this. Steve: Agree with the premise, but with enough of these instances it may get attention statewide especially with archery. If you nick an animal see some blood drops and that should not go on your bag limit. Ed: Once you wound the impact has been made. Telling someone you have to fill your tag doesn't fulfil the mission. Not hunting them is a problem as well. It doesn't reach the goal of not seeing the moose at all. Bob: It's important to get the moose harvested out there. Early on, we had biologist accompany the hunters. I cut trees down out there to get moose harvested. I'll oppose so we can get moose harvested there.
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
OPPOSE Abstain	1 2	12	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Birch: No trouble with dates since its antlerless. Pete: 110 tags. Running that season later helps tremendously. Maybe these dates should be moved earlier for the cows. There is conflict in that unit. I support it. It needs to be split. It's tough to do in Sept. That late season will be tough. Staff: Department is neutral. We can manage either way. Water levels drop when you get to October. Proposal drops to 31 days. Unknown if it will help with harvest. Making DM211 a winter hunt will solve water level issues and get more moose out of there. Steve: Loss of opportunity. The gun hunt ends Sept 30 and the antlerless doesn't until October. If you don't want conflict there is a break. I'll oppose. Andy: If there are a lot of moose could have a registration hunt. I'm opposed to this proposal. Pete said everyone wants to go opening weekend. If that's the way to do it, we don't have to allocate all against the cows by splitting the season at different times. There are other ways to deal with this. Herb: I will abstain on this one. I'd like to hear public testimony from people who use this hunt. Let the board take this up. Birch: I'll oppose and let the board take this up.



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			Michelle: Abstain. Would like to hear from public. Andy: I oppose, but I like the concept to come up with something agreeable for the public to come up with a split.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
OPPOSE	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Brich: Too complex, too many issues. People are successful they are voting against. Staff: Ram harvest in Unit 7 has been 1-3 rams p/year; 14C has been 12-20 rams p/year. I don't think this will put more sheep on the mountain. 3000-4000 applications per year; one permit every several years. Cannot comment on allocative issues. Herb: Five percent would not make sense. I will not support. Dan: It's too complex. Reducing non-residents to 5% has never been proposed before. Andy: Residents value and opportunity to hunt every year to be drawn, but this would take away from that. There are three different proposals on this. This would take that away and I won't support. There is really three different proposals in this.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
SUPPORT Abstain	14 1	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: Recent survey in December before antler drop was 199 animals. We have twins and singles all over. They didn't get hit with the same snow load. The 199 is a minimum count. This is a low estimate. We need to pull this population down to the 150 level. I don't want hunter crowding, but need good levels. Birch: Can the department manage without this? (Dept: No.) Herb: Inclined to support as a management tool. Dewey: Reauthorizing only give the department a tool. Andy: This is a popular area to hunt. I will support when we have the opportunity to harvest. Michelle: Abstain only as I would like to hear from someone in the area.
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
SUPPORT	14	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy.



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Abstain	1		Staff: All 14C proper. Keep these permits held back until we can get more calves on the landscape. They are responding nicely. This hunt is a multiple purpose hunt. When we don't have the snow, we don't have the animals moving down. Mitigating moose and vehicle conflicts. 100 are hit on the roads in 14C on an average. Andy: In the Municipality of Anchorage, they try to keep the numbers lower to minimize the conflicts. The department is doing a good job. In the Knik area, they are trying to put more moose on the landscape. Dan: I'll support. I think the department does a great job with conflicts. Population needs to be kept in check. Herb: Concur with both. Dan: Do we know moose population in Anchorage? Staff: 1500 animals and intensive management (IM) is 1500-1800. Still within harvest objects 90-270 animals per year. Michelle: Abstain only as I would like to hear from someone in the area.
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
SUPPORT	9	6	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: Adding five days gives more opportunity. Birch: It's plenty long. I won't support extending the season. Herb: I'm inclined to support. What's the last five years on harvest? Staff: On average low 1-3 sheep per year. Herb: Sometimes the better weather keeps harvest low and sheep high. Extending five days might be advantageous. Dan: Sixty permits issued to residents. Andy: To Staff: Any biological conflict? Staff: I have reservations of the optics of adding opportunity sheep, but not supported by data. No biological concerns. Steve: Seems like there is already opportunity there. I hear "we want more sheep on the mountain." If you want to grow more sheep we shouldn't take them. Ed: I'll support this. October is a time our season changes, not September. Adding the five days at the end of October based on what I heard it's really not going to add any more sheep being killed. I would support. Bruce: How many? (Dan: 57 residents; 3 non-residents (bow only).) I would support. Birch: Success rate on archery? (30%)



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178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	14 1	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: I will be opposed. I don't want to see this reduced. I would have been in support in splitting the tags in the original amount. This is reducing tags from 24 to 12. Dan amended, Birch second. (Amend the proposal to maintain the original number of tags (24) while splitting the season) Dewey: These tags are hard to get anyway. Dan: You get 25 hunters and every hunter will go after the same sheep. This splits up the pressure 50/50 and gives opportunity especially later. I think there are too many permits issued with rams available on the landscape. Not reducing the number of permits, but I support splitting the season. Staff: Even the folks that are successful have crowing on this hunt. Harvest on this is pretty low. I don't see any reason to reduce tags. Andy: This gives you a two-week window but gives you a reasonable opportunity to do the hunt. I'll support. Birch: I have a hard time with amendments. The proposer wants to reduce the number of tags. Rearrange what they want. Herb: Staff will answer at the board. Neil: Everyone is saying "no sheep, no sheep". If we go with Dan's amendment, go to 12/12. Have the two hunts, but don't split in half to half and half. Amendment: Not what the proposer wanted. Dewey: Cutting the time down. Most the sheep are taking the first part of the season. Amendment to maintain original tag number passed: 13-2 Abstain: Wasn't in the room and didn't hear the discussion Amended proposal passed (14-0-1)
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: I'm opposed to this. Birch: They want to make this archery only for this area. Andy: I wanted to hear how the committee discussion went before I made a decision. All I heard is opposition.



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			Herb: Is it a mandate for the board to increase opportunity for hunters? Dan: It's really inaccessible hard to get to. I don't think it takes any opportunity away. This proposal takes opportunity away. Hunter: The area is not that big and the East Fork spreads it out. This only removes opportunity rifle hunters with a draw tag. Steve: There are a lot of tags and when you remove an area it gets concentrated in other areas which I don't think is a good idea. Hunter: There are more tags with those, but the numbers aren't what they seem. Half the people don't go.
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
OPPOSE	4	11	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: Creates a super tag for 14C. There is only one resident tag. This opens it to resident and non-residents areawide. Changes the season date to August 1 instead of August 10, any ram. It's a small area. Pete: Exempt from the non-resident quota. Giving them an exemption give them another tag. I don't see a need to add additional pressure. Birch: There should be three different proposals for this. It's already a super tag. Herb: I could support if it was residents only. Steve: This proposal goes across four different hunt areas, if you had a conservation issue in any of those areas would you cut off a portion of this hunt? Staff: Up to this area, up to this season date. Shorten the season dates with discretionary authority to shrink this hunt area. Steve: As written, only one tag available could it be increased to two? Staff: This is one drawn tag, but likely represent three tags. Both governors tag would be able to hunt with this DS123 under a one ram bag limit. We look at it as three tags. Andy: Speak to any ram portion. I think anyone would like that. I do think people would put in for it for that reason. I like things when people voluntarily pay money support our wildlife. I don't like that people don't think they could afford it because there isn't much chance to get those tags. It's complicated, but I support someone to have the opportunity. Ed: I oppose. Many guides won't put it. Should a non-resident draw, it would be a horrible optic. All of us residents want to hunt sheep but the



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			one permit went to a non-resident. The any ram thing because someone might shoot, we are willing to change the rules because someone might make a mistake. I am opposed to anything that commercializes our wild game. My opportunities have dwindled. Pete: We are at 13% non-resident draw. Bruce: I am favorable to the proposal because we are talking about one tag. I've supported getting it down to 10%. Thirteen percent is acceptable to me. Guiding is an important industry in the state. If there is interest it's fair. Birch: One auction tag goes to the highest bidder. For lottery, there is no benefit. Herb: I would not be happy to see a non-resident draw this tag. Dan: The 1, 2, 3 hunt only allows for one permit. Ron: Why are you okay with any ram on this tag? Dan: If you take any ram after investing this amount it should be allowed.
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	3	12	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: This would allow residents to transfer permits to second-degree kindred. Herb: I believe this would allow more non-residents to hunt. Ed: I would have a tendency to support since there would have to be a transfer. Dewey: What proof of 2DK? Dan: Have to go to office and get permit transferred. Staff: There's minimal verification of kindred relationships currently. Pete: Very little up-front investigating. A hunter's education whose name was different than mine. The only way to get caught would be if someone turned you in. Andy: Most people in the state hunting and fishing are not checked in a year. I like the proposal. There are people this would be a better hunting experience for them to harvest a ram. You'll get the non-resident fee for getting the license. Birch: You are going together anyway whether you have the permit, or not. Pete: Increase in tag applications and slowly back residents out. Dewey: I'm opposed. I think it will open to more fraud. Next you would be moose or caribou. Stricter requirements for verifying 2DK.



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			Herb: I don't want to see more tags go to non-residents. Birch: I'm opposed. This is just a band aid to get around the non-resident tag.
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
SUPPORT	9	6	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: This would ensure at least one non-resident guided tag in each hunt area. Birch: Will this add more non-residents tags? If it didn't say guided, I would support it. Oppose because it specifies guided permit rather than general non-resident permits. Steve: If there are less than four, so if there are at least four, at least one non-resident. In my math that is a 25% non-resident tags. Pete: There were several years ago Eagle River was a non-resident tag. To staff: How are non-resident tags allocated throughout 14C? Birch: It could go higher than 13%. Governor's tag is all the way to Chugach. Herb: This isn't adding any more tags. Originally, I was opposed, but I can support to make this even. Andy: This allocation seems complicated how they shifted the 2DK to different seasons and units. To make a determination where the 2DK goes seems unfair. This proposal makes sense to me. The same number of hunters and spreads them out. Ed: to Dan: How is the guide losing financially if they have the same number of hunters. Dan: Access to areas. (Dom left meeting; Ron voted 9:02pm)
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
SUPPORT	12	3	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: Include McHugh brown bear hunt, we would lose both of the hunts due to the park won't issue permits. Steve: Board would have ability to amend this and I would support. Andy: I think there should be careful consideration where we would extend to June 15 and some areas would not be appropriate. Through the public process to get an expanded opportunity elsewhere. (Bob left meeting at 9:05pm; Austin will vote.) Bruce: Highly populated area. Too many conflicts.



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184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		
SUPPORT Abstain	13 1	1	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: Main access from South Fork Eagle River, or Arctic Valley. Between access and no clear definition, we would likely not be able to issue many permits. May be able to issue special use permits. Herb: Take no action? Andy: I'd like to take action as someone was killed there. I support the concept. How to define the hunt area is critical and it may be useful for people in that area. Staff: Yes, there was a fatality brown bear. Pete: See Proposal 169. I'm for this. Staff: 169 is on the other side. This is JBER side. Herb: I will abstain from this. I don't know how they will draw the access points. I support the premise. Bruce: This hunter is going to be an edible bear. Instead of going somewhere else I will support this being able to hunt in their back yard. Steve: It's a population dense area and it's an area of opportunity. I would support it. Dewey: There is access to it. Ed: Great opportunity. I'll support.
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT	15	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: From the biologist on base, I'll support.
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
SUPPORT	12	3	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: We support for moose and black bear. It's from the base biologist.
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	15	0	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dewey: Does any hunter ever get three bears? Andy: Considering not all hunters take three, I'll support this.
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to "up to" 20% of the available permits as follows		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments in Proposal 155.



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189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, as Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
SUPPORT, As Amended Abstain	11 1	3	*See comments Proposal 155.
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	1	14	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Staff: An allocation issue. There is already DB470. We don’t have a lot of information on brown bear. Where the harvest is at seems to be keeping things status quo. There are same number of conflict and kills. Where we are is working and maintaining that. Moose are still on the landscape. Andy: 14 calves to 100 cows? Possibly there is significant bear predation on those calves. Our post hunt surveys showed loss of those calves. Not a lot of brown bears in general. We don’t see the same impact on moose. Birch: Department has a good handle rather than create a new hunt. Herb: Won’t support this one, but will support 192. Steve: There is already an opportunity to hunt with a bow. Dan: Extra opportunity, but usually not much with a bow.
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	2	13	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: I will be able to support this to establish a quota. Birch: There is already a drawing hunt, so just increase the numbers.
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
OPPOSE	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: Staff comments collar data to establish sow data to issue permit would make this null.
194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		
OPPOSE	7	8	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dewey: Late in the year to harvest.



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			Andy: There are conflicts and not as good as bears. Dan: Hair falls off and there are plenty of opportunity.
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	14	1	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: Went through the legislature and they were okay. Bruce: Visualizing a lot of planes circling I believe it will become a nuisance.
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	15	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: Five miles is way over the river who knows where and not many people. A traditional use should remain.
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	1	14	Motion to take up by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: Gives enforcement to check traps every day and not necessary. Dewey: To hunt on base, you have to have your name on it. Ed: Accountability issue. Steve: Back when you were younger you didn't experience the ani-trapping as it is now. Trappers should not have to deal with harassment. Staff: Chugach State Park requires it. This is asking for Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) identification and the department does not have access to it. It is a federally recognized number. Dewey: It doesn't hurt to put your name on something.

- XI. Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 25th at 6pm at both Mat-Su College Room FSM 202 and over Zoom (GMU8, Kodiak, and FinFish proposals)
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman



Date: February 27, 2026



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish X
Neil	DeWitt	X (Zoom)
Dom	Nickles	X (Zoom-joined at 6:42pm; left at 8:42pm)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	X (Zoom-joined at 6:15pm)
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	X (Zoom)
Ed	Soto	A/E
Bruce	Privett	X (Zoom-left at 6:40pm)
Steve	Bartelli	A/E
Dewey	Bitler	X
Pete	Imhof	X (Zoom)
Austin	Manelick	Alternate A/E
Ron	Linder	Alternate X (Zoom)

*Present: **X – 14** (dropped to 13 after member Privett left)

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 3**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 0**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist



- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
- IV. Guests Present:
Gale Vick, Fairbanks Advisory Committee (Zoom)
Craig Van Arsdale (Zoom)
Blake Parker (late arrival)
- V. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Birch, second by Andy.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of February 18, 2026, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support (Committee was given until Friday, February 26, 2026, to review then finalize minutes.) Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request and also the state web site.
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
Would anyone be willing to attend the Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting in Anchorage, March 17-21? Possibly Ed, and a backup. Chairman Mansavage will attend Board of Game (BOG) in Kodiak.
 - b. Others
Andy reported the Mat Su Borough Wildlife Commission will be meeting on Thursday, February 26, and supporting BOF Proposal 186.
- VIII. Public Comment
Gale Vick, Fairbanks Advisory Committee. Spoke to what their committee addressed for BOF. Proposal 127 passed with substitute language removing adaptive management triggers for Area M. The one issue is the management for Area M (Proposal 127-RC 245 (aligned with proposal 140). Non-retention of kings did not pass, which was concerning as kings caught and released likely won't survive. Throwing kings overboard will not make it 2000 miles away. Ms. Vick also mentioned that proposals for chum conservation in the post-June fishery passed (Staff confirmed Proposal 141 carried 5-2, amending post-June salmon management.)

Craig Van Arsdale author of "up to" Kodiak game proposals. There are no allocation limits on the proposals. It's all about how many non-residents enter the pool. The department charts are messed up (Proposal 223). (Andy: The department always says they are neutral on allocation and if you have "up to" language, if you do anything but give maximum amount of permits they can't be neutral.)

Blake Parker (arrived at 8:48pm). Spoke to wanting to write a proposal.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals (GMU 8, Kodiak Area)
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: This was a proposal previously seen for Prince William Sound (PWS) and Copper River. It was recommended to bring forward to statewide. Herb: This is subsistence only not for personal use. (Yes.) Hunter: If you were engaging in subsistence activity, how could you claim you were hiring someone? Birch: The department does not have comments out yet which makes it difficult to discuss. Andy: Currently on the Copper River, charters can drop people off and pick them up, but can't fish from the boat. On the Copper it's a good opportunity for people to access. The access on the Copper is very limited to put a boat in or get to the river (a lot of private land). Subsistence is about harvesting fish. I think this is something

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			for some people it is a good opportunity to use. I don't think it's a hindrance if you pay someone to be dropped off to catch fish. They are just taking you up and dropping you off. Birch: Subsistence, definitely Alaska residents. There could be a lot of implications that we aren't aware of (for various subsistence fisheries across the state). Dewey: You aren't allowed to fish from his boat. So just using a commercial service. I don't think it should be banned. It's like taking a bush to work – people shouldn't be prevented from hiring transportation. Herb: If this was something to help you fish and had anything to do with an operator catching or netting a fish I would be opposed. Dan: I don't think it's necessary and I won't support.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		



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TNA			*Committee agreed to Take No Action (TNA) on Proposals 166-168 as these are issues not familiar with.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to support by Andy, second by Dan. Committee noted this was a department proposal clarifying definitions.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
SUPPORT Abstain	11 2	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: This is Fairbanks AC proposal. It can only be brought up statewide. There is a lot of scientific discussion not affiliated with Alaska and concerns about hatchery fish competing with wild stocks, particularly king salmon. One of the big issues is competition at sea such as hatchery. Policy for state management for sustainable for salmon fisheries state wild stocks should take priority over hatchery stocks and managed in a processionary manner if you don't have science. How much is our fishery being impacted by hatchery stock? I know this is controversial if you are making money off hatchery fish. A lot of pink salmon in PWS seem to be hatchery stock. The wild fish should take priority and wild fish should take priority. (Gale: PWS is one of the majors for hatchery. Not only the number of eggs that we put into the Gulf that go into the Bering Sea. A lot of the pink and chum are displacing the wilds and weaken them.

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			This is affecting all our salmon. All those fish go into the Bering Sea. A lot of evidence of Asian chum. We don't have enough genetic studies on them. The state isn't willing to do the studies. The Dept of Commerce who gives out the loans know they will get their money back. It gets attached to permit holders.) Birch: Department will have a hard time. Do the Russian fish get here. Do they get to the Gulf? Andy: The United States is the largest producer of hatchery fish. Russia will be increasing their production. Herb: A commerce issue and a biological fish issue? (Gale: Yes, biological issue. Japanese are lowering. Russian will be increasing production. A lot of Asian chum. We don't have enough genetic studies.) Birch: Pinks take advantage of warm waters. Herb: I think I am inclined to abstain. With trawl right now and a major effect on this I think I need more information. Dan: I am going to support this. There is plenty of evidence there is a problem. Can make immediate impact and see how this affects operation. I'm worried about our natural stocks. The fish aren't as big as they used to be and it could be hatchery, or trawl, but we need to take action and figure out the problem. Birch: Why just pinks and chums? Andy: Private not-for profit (PNP) are primarily raising smolt size kings and coho. Chums and pinks hatch and take off. Hatchery not pen raise them and let them loose. Pinks come back and return is quick. Pinks and chums are better for them to raise for return. For disaster assistance, PWS every other year have been getting assistance for pink salmon (least valuable). The only people making money are seiners. They aren't worth much for everyone else. To have a system supporting raising pinks for disaster assistance I don't think we should be supporting this with federal funds.

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			Dewey: This is just for pinks and chums and I can support this. Bob: Top feeders eating out lower feeders. Abstain: Not enough information and came in late on the discussion.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: Vague proposal. This proposal addresses high stary rates from PWS hatcheries into Lower Cook Inlet streams. I would support this. The proposal asks to follow existing guidelines in the comprehensive plan. Birch: More of a place holder? Andy: Department make the call. Herb: I think it's a guideline. (Gale: The Board has authority over the egg production, but not if it shuts down the hatchery.) Pete: In 2020, the Kenai experienced a pink run that was over the top. These pinks were all small compared to our much larger Kenai pinks. They were presumed to be the PWS 3 to 5 lb pinks where as our Kenai pinks are the 6 to 8 lb average, no DNA to verify. We look no further than our king salmon hatchery release program on the Kasilof where we had king strays in the Kenai verified by clipped fin, the department did not hesitate to reduce the smolt numbers to lessen the chance of hatchery kings in the Kenai. I support the pink salmon hatchery reduction.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	12	1	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: I don't think we should increase anymore until this is under control. This would maintain the Commissioner's current policy of not increasing egg take levels. Dan: Doesn't take away anything. I will support.

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			Danny: Opposed. We went through this several years and the same people in Fairbanks keep bringing it back up. There is no evidence the pink salmon are harming wild stocks, and I can't support if there is no evidence.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: There have been issues on lower Cook Inlet. Committee briefly discussed and noted this was a housekeeping proposal.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
TNA			Motion to adopt by Dan. Andy: I would TNA. (Committee preferred to have input from a member who was not present.)
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Hunter: I set net for four years, 3 ½ inch web is small. I think this would make it harder to catch fish. I think I would oppose. I don't think this will help catch fish. Herb: I was in support of this if it would help with king mortality. Andy: Standard gill net gear for coho is 5 ½ inch. I question how much we will save with this. If you can save a net from being lost in the water you are saving a fish. I am opposed noting the smaller mesh would make it harder to catch fish and I question conservation benefits. Pete: I think the intent for this was good to help release kings without entanglement, but it's not that simple.

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			Hunter: I can't picture a king of any size getting caught and they are probably rolling. I don't think this would help release them any easier.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
SUPPORT	7	6	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Birch: Can't do this with halibut? Pete: I have mixed feelings, but I lean toward supporting to help elderly anglers. (Committee supported both Proposals 176 and 177 noting the issue of trawl bycatch made these restrictions seem minor.) Herb: I'm going to support this and 177. I have trawl in the back of my head way too much. A lot of these people just want to catch fish. Andy: I think there is good in this. There are also some issues it raises such as halibut charters are limited like in-season restrictions. This may only increase the number of fish they harvest. Limits have consequences. There is a lot of harvest in the charter harvest and conservation harvest. I'm going to oppose on conservation ground. Dan: I won't support either. If someone hasn't caught a fish, but to let someone else catch most of the fish and such as conservation concerns you should catch your own fish. Birch: Department of Law didn't put any comments in. Can't regulate ethics. One big, one little in SE on charters. People are fishing hard to catch a little one. Andy: I'm opposed, but this is legal in several other states and the department can manage this. Michelle: Oppose. I do believe a 75-year old woman can bring in her own fish.



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177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
SUPPORT	7	6	*See comments Proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Committee expressed concerns about the wording being unclear about how many people a fish would count against. Andy: I could support this more than the previous. If there is a bite on any rod, they that would be your rod now. If someone hooks a fish that they can't handle by regulation they couldn't handle that doesn't seem right. Birch: Does this count as a fish for each of the people if three were to help. I would be concerned the proposal could be interpreted to mean one fish count against multiple people's limits. Dewey: It should be the person who lands the fish. Andy: I change my vote to no.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
SUPPORT	10	3	Motion to adopt by Dan second by Andy. Andy: This would probably be most effected in state salt waters. Looking where we are on king salmon other places have problems with kings. I would support 179 or 180. Proposal 179 would allow more robust limit fishing. Birch: I would not support. The winter king salmon doesn't have a limit. Herb: I'm inclined to oppose this. Biologically speaking it's a sustainable fishery. Pete: As a family of four, we used to put 20 kings in the freezer and we depended on that. The winter kings are going somewhere else. We need to be conservation minded for other down the road for other people's fish. How many fish are we pulling out of this ocean every day? Ten is more than enough. We don't know what non-

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			resident are catching. How many are being caught? Is 10 a reduction or an increase. Andy: There are other resources. You'll catch something other than king salmon. There is hardly a fresh water fishery in the state to harvest five salmon. I think 10 king salmon is reasonable. Dan: I think 10 fish is plenty with the situation we have statewide. Birch: If the department could show me this will only effect three people I may support, but I can't.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
SUPPORT	9	4	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: From a conservation standpoint I will support this as well (noting serious king salmon problems statewide), but I personally support 10.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	12	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: Housekeeping by department? (Committee discussed concerns about limiting fishing methods by specifying "held in hand or attached to a fishing pole or rod".) Birch: You could call anything a line or pole such a 2x4? One line is already in there. Would be nice to see the department comments. Herb: Is burbot long line sport? (Yes, or personal use.) Andy: I see no problem with someone catching a fish with a hand line. I prefer the current language of "closely attended single line."
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Birch: I don't want to amend for any water.

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Hunter: I would be inclined to support. I don't see an exemption of Northern Pike. Birch: Not specific for length specific species. Herb: If it was specific for regulated species. How many people process their fish on the beach. Andy: What is the definition for process? Process to me would be fillet. I don't see this really accomplishing anything other than I processed it. Pete: When the red salmon limit goes to six and you have a family of five you see a possibility of 30 fish it's impossible to see how many fish were processed. We see some fillet and thinking on the trooper side it's hard to determine how many legal fish were harvested. It could have been clearer. Two fillets per fish could be easily identified. Until your fish is off the river leave it as it is. I've seen canning fish done on the river. There could be cases of fish processed and not able to be identified. Andy: I'm not going to support this until it has better language. It is unclear to me what it means. Birch: I'll vote no for not having the departments comments.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
OPPOSE	6	7	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Birch: I'll vote no in protest for not having the department's comments. Herb: The book is getting so much bigger especially when we have trawl fish thrown away.
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		

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SUPPORT, As Amended	13	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: This was an Agenda Change Request (ACR) submitted the committee previously support. I would request all our comments on the ACR be submitted to BOF. Coho salmon study is available on the web site and a genetic report on sockeye salmon that the committee agree to use that data on testimony as well. I'd like to make an amendment to the proposal: At the end of the drift management plan is a Point H: (H. <u>Following the purpose of this plan, the Commissioner may further restrict Central District commercial drift gillnetting under this plan, when the coho salmon spawning escapement projection at Deshka River, Little Susitna River, or another Northern Cook Inlet ADF&G salmon indices falls below the mid-point of the applicable SEG range as provided in 5AAC 21.363(e).</u> [THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEPART FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN UNDER THIS SECTION AS PROVIDED IN 5 AAC 21.363(e)) to stay within escapement goals is to stay within the management plan. What the department has been doing is using that provision then providing extra fishing. The amendment would read: Following the purpose under this plan, second by Birch. Herb: I like the language and the amendment. Unanimous support? There needs to be more attention to what is going up the river. Amendment passes 13-0. Andy: Are we agreeable to use comments and departments new data. Proposal, as amended, is supported 13-0.
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: Online in supplemental proposals (ACR). I don't have any personal opinion on this. BOF still making escapement goal. I suggest TNA. Motion to TNA.

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Kodiak Area – Unit 8			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: I don't think it's necessary. I'm opposed. Dan: I don't think it will do much. Andy: The pressure probably drops off significantly and it's a non - issue.
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: 199, 200 and 201 together? No objections. (Committee distinguished between proposals for der versus buck, supporting two bucks but not more deer.) Dan: I won't support any of these. Non-residents come and fly out. There is no season for more that one buck anywhere else in the state. I support the one buck rule. Too many transporters out there. Birch: There is enough pressure now for one buck. Herb: I'll be supporting this. On a good year, we are at 100,000 deer. Pete: The local AC they supported the one deer due to overcrowding. We have the deer to support the three deer harvest, but the transporters are an issue. Herb: Proposal 200 and 201 talks to bucks. Proposal 199 is deer. Hunter: I will not be in support of increasing the bag limit for non-residents. Andy: I think we should note we were the advisory committee to make it one deer. I could support two deer limits from the



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			biological side. I am sure there is a crowding issue. I think it gives someone an extra opportunity. Birch: Did we get a decrease when it was dropped? Herb: There is a massive transporter problem. It's not just non-residents. Dewey: I don't support two deer, but would support two bucks, due to biological sustainability. The harder the beach to get to is where you'll get the buck. Motion to take up only 199, second by Andy.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
OPPOSE	3	10	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Committee taking up both 200 and 201. Andy: I would support taking two deer, but not two bucks. Pete: It's not a deer issue; it's a crowding issue. One deer is not slowing things down. It's a pressure issue. A lot of permit areas in the state is not for lack of game it's an over-crowding issue. A transporter issue. We aren't experiencing the hunt we experience 30 years ago. We are trying to slow things down. We are headed to a one deer drawing per deer on Kodiak in the future. Birch: I will stick with one, but if there was a gaff tag to get a second for a fee for a transporter. Dan: I'll stick with one buck. I look for something big looking for that one. I don't think as a non-resident needs more than one. Enjoy the hunt and get one. Everyone is getting pounded. Herb: I'll support due to zero biological concern.
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	3	10	*See comments for Proposal 200
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	0	12	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. (Dom left meeting at 8:42pm. Committee at 12 voting members.) Birch: Guide use areas don't follow areas for hunting. Not inclined to support. It's a little confusing. Herb: Won't support. Local issue.



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			Danny: Guide use areas for deer? I don't think there are any. Dan: Usually by drainage by small use areas and they are managed for bears. I don't think there are any for deer. Andy: Ambiguous proposal. Does that mean you can take two antlerless after December 1? I won't support.
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	3	10	*See comments proposal 200 and 201.
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
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217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed		
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
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228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
Tabled			Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Committee discussed the proposal’s merits, but felt they lacked sufficient information without maps. Michelle: It looks like he did his research on this proposal. Birch: Without a map I’ll abstain. Bob: Will abstain until I see a map. Neil: The proposer puts a lot of effort when he submits somethings. He wants to make it on the ridgeline not on the creek. Loosing part of the hillside it would move boundaries to ridgelines instead of creek bottoms. I tend to support since he keeps it on the ridgeline not on the creek.



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			Andy: This will reduce drawing hunting opportunity. He can only hunt one half but wants both halves. It sounds like the bear hunts for both unit into one with the same number of tags but not one can access. From that perspective, I will vote no. I would like department numbers. Danny: I'm not going to support. Usually when the proposer submits something it's for his benefit. Herb: Table and look at a map? Dan: Would like to have seen it proposed with other area proposers?
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
OPPOSE	0	12	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: To the crowing issue are we putting people on top of each other? I don't care if they start April 20.
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
TNA			Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Doesn't apply, it's law on Kodiak Island for brown bears.
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
OPPOSE	2	10	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Bob: If a resident kills a sow, it affects the resident downstream and avoids penalizing future hunters for sow harvests. There is another way to get at this, but this what was proposed. Committee supported noted the committee's own proposal for hunter education. Birch: There has to be a consequence for taking a sow. Herb: Getting people to understand a skull size will be difficult.
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
OPPOSE Abstain	6 1	5	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: Guide use areas are exclusive use, that guide is the only one who can apply for that area and they must be nonresident. If he doesn't apply those tags are still theirs. If guides don't have hunters booked by December 15, they may not apply for permits. The



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			board will not pass the proposal due to the reallocation component. Herb: I'll support this, but the reallocate part needs to be written differently. Hunter: Send a message. An Alaskan would have to move out of state and become a nonresident and then be able to get a permit over the counter. Andy: A guided hunter should be able to put in for a permit. Those permits are very limited. If someone lost a hunter, they would want to book another hunter to take their place. I see the point, but I don't support the proposal. Abstain: Michelle: I don't think the board will support, but I think it needs to be addressed in some way.
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
SUPPORT	12	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: The jest is trying to educate hunters enough so they don't kill sows. Andy: I will support as well. You are maximizing the hunt opportunity, participation and dollars for transports, guides, and outfitters. Birch: You have 2DKs. You'll never get rid of the ones that want to come home with something.
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		



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243	Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
246	Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		

XI. Select representatives for board meeting:

- a. Board of Fisheries statewide finfish representative: Meeting is Tuesday, March 17 to Saturday, March 21, deadline for nomination is Monday, March 2nd. Committee sought to send member Soto, but he was not present to participate. Discussion with board support and chair would decide.
- b. Board of Game southcentral region representative: Meeting is Friday, March 20 to Wednesday, March 25, deadline for nomination has moved up to Wednesday, March 4th. Committee felt Chairman Mansavage would represent the Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee at the Board of Game.

XII. Set next meeting date: Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm at Mat-Su College Campus and over Zoom



XIII. Other: Common committee comments were "it would be nice to have department comments on fishery proposals before the meeting in two weeks".

XIV. Adjourn: 9:23pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: March 2, 2026

Mat Valley Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
Mat-Su College and Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game
Michelle	Heun	Secretary
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish
Neil	DeWitt	
Dom	Nickles	
Hunter	Hongslo	
Birch	Yuknis	
Danny	Lewis	
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	
Ed	Soto	
Bruce	Privett	
Steve	Bartelli	
Dewey	Bilter	
Pete	Imhof	
Austin	Manelick	Alternate
Rong	Linder	Alternate

Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Dan Montgomery, Andy Couch, Neil DeWitt, Hunter Hongslo, Birch Yuknis, Danny Lewis, Robert Cassell, Ed Soto, Dewey Bilter, Pete Imhof, Ron Linder

Members Absent Excused: Michelle Heun, Dom Nickles Bruce Privett, Steve Bartelli

Members Absent: Austin Manelick

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams

IV. Board of Game Member Dave Lorring

V. Guests Present: Alex Lindell

VI. Approval of Agenda: Andy, 2nd Ed

- a. Amendment to talk about the Board of Fisheries at the end of the meeting
 - i. Approved without objection
 - ii. Amended agenda approved without objection

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. Others
 - i. Andy Couch mentioned Alaska Outdoor Council's Alaska Gubernatorial Forum in Anchorage – a Youtube video is available of the event.

VIII. Public Comment: No public comment

IX. New Business

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals (GMU 8, Kodiak Area)
 - i. Dan mentioned that the AC has not yet talked about Proposals 71 and 72 and that AC tabled Proposal 233 during our last meeting
 - ii. Pete Motion/ Danny 2nd on all Motions
- b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Regionwide & Multiple Units			
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Oppose	0	10	Dan mentioned that both 71 and 72 deal with Sheep subsistence. Dan does not believe Intensive Management should be put forth toward Sheep populations. Herb mentioned that this could make it difficult for managers in determining which predators might be taken to benefit which prey species. Herb is opposed because of this complexity.



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			Proposed by ADF&G – if this makes it more difficult to manage why is the department submitting this proposal? Dan: It is somewhat of a political move, but believes there is nothing that can be done without IM program for Dall sheep. He believes an IM program is unnecessary. Birch asked why no ADF&G comments about this proposal. Hunter mentioned he is afraid sheep could go to subsistence allocation and would oppose for that reason. 1 abstain because of no rationale/staff comments from ADF&G.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Oppose	0	10	IM for another sheep population. Why was there no rationale or ADF&G staff comment on this proposal. Dewey asked if an IM program was implemented would there be additional money available for management. Herb mentioned that there could be some extra money available for predator management only. Ed says the issue of these proposals (71 and 72) is providing the amount of consumptive use – not whether this is a subsistence species. Herb mentioned that this could lead to less public access for non-subsistence use quickly. See also comments from 71. One abstention – same comment on abstain vote.
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
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206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
TNA			Dewey mentioned issue with road access and he supports the proposal – last time he hunted was in 1980s. Birch and Ed mentioned this is a local issue and they did not have enough information about this hunt boundary. Motion to take no action with a second. No objection to no action on Proposal 206.
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
TNA			
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	If there is an area where you can take multiple deer and there is enough deer around a couple members mentioned no reason to support.
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
TNA			
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
Oppose	0	12	An objection to taking drawing permits and reallocation to registration with remote pickup only in one location and not over the counter or through the internet.
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
TNA			
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	Hunter mentioned he would like to see a statewide allocation of 90% resident and 10% nonresident drawing permits or with up to language so he will be in favor. Herb says the reason for the up to 10% language is that if there are less than 10 pages for any hunt then 0 tags should be issued for nonresidents. Herb said that there could be a situation where the department does not issue a tag even at the level that would allow a tag it does not need to be issued. Dan mentioned that with no limit on nonresident drawing tags hunts can be flooded by nonresidents. Dan said the resident hunt could be registration. Dewey mentioned that when hunts are by permit, then there needs to be a limit which registration for all would not apply. Dan felt that no cow elk permits are necessary for



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			nonresidents. Dan will not support this proposal – with language of up to 10% for nonresidents – too restrictive. A high number of permits produces a high number of applicants – and often many of the people who draw do not even hunt. Bob says language is up to – not guaranteed. Andy mentioned that the up to language would be totally allocative if the manager had the option of issuing or not issuing permits to nonresidents even when there were 10 permits available. For that reason he will not support this proposal.
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
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Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
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Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comments on Proposal 212.
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
TNA			
221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
Oppose	5	7	ADF&G mentioned a conflict with goat surveys. Pete sees no impact for starting the 480 hunt earlier. We still have a stable population. This would provide an opportunity for school age hunters to participate without conflict with school attendance. Dan sees impacts with hunter



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			numbers increasing if this is the only area with an early season. Pete mentioned this area is still under a 2 goat limit with a season that extends all the way to March 31. Oppose as written unless it was a youth only hunt only – written poorly.
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed		
Oppose	0	12	Can ADF&G handle sealing. This would increase hunters required stay on Kodiak. Is this necessary – is the population hurting or stable? Goats are getting smaller but population is still stable. Dan mentioned about a 1/3 of the residents would likely still shoot nannies – so not good for hunters or necessarily needed for goat population. How would going to a limit of one billy increase the size of billies in the population?
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	Goat hunts setting limits for nonresident permits at 20%. Some members asked why a limit of up to 20%. Oe comment would not support nonresident permits at more than 10%. Dan mentioned that some of these area are exclusive guide areas. Dan felt with such a high number of permits that these hunts could be managed on a registration permit system for residents – which might be a better solution. Herb said that the percentages shown in ADF&G comments are misleading. No matter what the math. Ed mentioned that his opportunity in Idaho has been reduced overtime as a nonresident hunter of deer. He wants to restrict the harvest by nonresidents so Alaska residents have a better opportunity to hunt. Birch – A nonresident is a nonresident. I never want to see 2DK separated from the nonresident pool. One member had a hard time blanketing all these proposals with the same percentage. One member commented that the Kodiak goat populationbhas been relatively stable at present and from his discussion with ADF&G they appear happy with that.
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.



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Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.
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Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	10	2	See comment on Proposal 223.
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
			See comments from Proposal 221
231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
Oppose	0	12	Contradiction with how AC voted on other goat proposals – one reason for opposition.
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Not a clear proposal.
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
TNA			Bob Cassell would not support without any support from the adjacent guide. Bob had not contacted the other adjoining guide. Motion to take no Action with a 2 nd . This is a boundary issue that could favor one guide over another – we have not talked with either guide nor do we know much about the area. ADF&G comment is proposer has asked to pull the proposal. Without objection NO ACTION on Proposal 233.
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit in Unit 8		
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		



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237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
Oppose	0	10	Do we need a log book. Unclear proposal. 2 abstain for lack of knowledge.
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
Oppose	1	10	Against night vision for hunting, not fair chase. Supports limiting fox to 2 for nonresidents. Comment light is allowed in most units under trapping regulations. Need ADF&G comments to fox population. 1 abstain with lack of knowledge.
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
TNA			
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
TNA			River otter eat invasive crayfish – and crayfish are a problem on Kodiak
243	Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
Oppose	0	12	Objection to proposal. Neil – personal problem with this. What is the designated poundage of the breakaway snare. Dave Lorrington – ADF&G has had trouble coming up with the appropriate conditions. Different sized animals may have different breakaway specifications.
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
Oppose	1	11	Some people may target a trapper that has ID on a trap simply because they are opposed to trapping – opposed. In favor with a registration – stolen trash may find their owner once again. In favor – be proud of your trap. What if someone takes ID tags off traps – trapper might be illegal by sabotage. How close to the road system would this apply – no specifications. ADF&G comments on this proposal? Dewey mentions that on Kodiak Island there is a definition to the “Road System” for deer hunting.
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
Oppose	1	11	Opposition for the way proposal is written – is this for hunting only?
246	Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
			Already illegal. See comments on Proposal 245.



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247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
TNA			Already Legal -according to Dave Lorring. Bob would oppose. Confusing with regulation. Request of No Action, 2 nd . No Objection to No Action.
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
TNA			See comments on Proposal 247.
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
Support	12	0	Motion to amend to require a brown bear harvest ticket with a 2 nd . Hunter – there is a benefit for being able to harvest a bear without a tag. Oppose need for a tag. Sealing a brown bear already provides harvest data. Understood that this would increase regulatory complexity. Amendment failed 1-11-0.

X. Board Meeting Representatives:

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting: Herb will represent the AC in Kodiak – approved without objection
- b. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Meeting: Ed Soto with objection was granted authority to agree to Board changes that would pass additional coho into northern Cook Inlet (proposal 186) – it was also agreed with no objection to also add July 20 as a start date for possible restrictions with Matanuska Valley amendment to Proposal 186).

XI. Set next meeting date: Wednesday, April 1st at 6pm is highly recommended since Leila has no conflicts then and can come into Palmer in-person and help with elections then, as well as it would be before Board of Fisheries call for proposal deadline of April 10.

- a. April 1 will be the next Matanuska Valley AC next meeting with topics – elections – legislation – Board of Fisheries proposals for Upper Cook Inlet / Board of Game Proposals for Interior/Arctic, Federal RAC proposal WP26-15 – closing hunting on Hawkins and Hinchinbrook Islands for non-federally qualified subsistence users.
- b. Bob will be in King Salmon on April 1st.
- c. AC terms expiring: Bob, Danny, Ed – alternates Austin/Rob



XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

XIV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Couch

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 03/05/2026



McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 6:00 pm by web/teleconference

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Roger Seavoy, Clinton Goods, Tim Yoder, Jesse Grady, Brett Gibbens, Ken Deardorff, Jason Carter, Brad Sturm, Daryl Petruska, Marty Runkle, Lewis Egrass (not present for vote on proposal 255)
Absent: Mike Tierney, Jason Carter, Daryl Petruska, Dan Esai, Jimmy Nikolai,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. ADFG Staff Present: Josh Pierce, Kyle Campbell
- IV. New Business
 - a. 19D Antlerless Moose Reauthorization ([Proposal 255](#))

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Antlerless Moose Hunting Reauthorization

The McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee held a telephonic meeting to discuss the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunting in region 19D. Josh explained that the winter hunt is currently restricted to bulls only due to declining moose numbers following a severe winter in 2022-2023, but the September hunt remains on the books. He emphasized that the committee needs to vote in support of the hunts annually to prevent them from expiring. No questions were raised after Josh's presentation.

Moose Hunt Proposal Approval

The group voted unanimously to support Proposal 255, which reauthorizes the antlerless moose hunt.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	10	0	



Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee

1/8/26

Denali Aurora Lodge, Healy

- I. Call to Order: 8:08pm
- II. Roll Call: Present: Paul Nyberg, Alex Buetow, Jacob Matilla, Coke Wallace, Andrew Lebar, Ethan Graham, John Basile, Allan Mortenson, Nathan Goodin (online), Mike Green (online)
Excused: Eric Haugen, Matt Nustvold Unexcused: Leroy Sutton?

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wells, Lindsey Drees, Kyle Campbell, Luke Rogers
- IV. Guests Present: Mike Potter- AST, Dilool Erickson, Dave Lorrington, Forrest Rosenbower
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Andrew, Unanimous
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Coke, Unanimous
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: none
 - b. ADF&G:

Luke Rogers- Assistant Biologist on Wood Bison Restoration Project. The Lower Tanana Wood Bison Herd was released on the south side of the Tanana River on Minto Flats SGR. A 100-acre pen held 58 bison throughout the winter of 24/25 as step one of the "soft release". In May 2025 61 bison were set free to roam at will. They have generally remained in the zone of release. Three more calves have since been born with the cows returning to the soft release pen to give birth. There have been three confirmed mortalities and the cause is not currently known. They have been unable to visit the herd this winter due to the cold. Radio collars send a signal every six hours. The soft release pen is in a dormant state but still in the field. Elk Island NP Canada is providing 40 more bison for this project in the spring of 2026. Yukon Flats SGR is the hopeful site of an additional herd in 2027. In theory, these Bison are genetically pure despite physical differences observed by viewers. The average age of released bison was 1-2 years old with a few three-year-olds.

Jeff Wells- Unit 20A & 20B moose update. There has been no cow harvest in 20A since 2021. IM objectives are 10k-15k moose with a harvest of 500-900 animals and a ~25bull:100cow ratio. Federal predator control in the 1950's led to high moose numbers in the 60's. That peak was followed by a 20,000 animal decline to 3,000 total moose in the 70's due to all the factors.... Numbers increased over the next 30 years up to 18,000 moose. 20A moose numbers have been stable since 2008 and inside IM

population objectives. A metric for nutrition availability is if three-year-olds are having calves. Two-year-olds will have calves if nutrition is exceptional. Twinning rates below 10% equates to poor nutrition. Above 20% is great nutrition. Right now, 2020's, our population is likely not decreasing. It might be stable or it might be increasing. Over the last 30 years, the average calf:cow ratio in 20A is just above 30:100. ADF&G's recommended cow harvest is 1% or less starting for the 2026 hunting season. By starting now (2026) we can keep harvest of cows low while the population is stable as opposed to the need to harvest a larger number of cows as a reaction to an increasing population. We are also currently below the IM harvest objective so allowing some cow harvest could potentially get us over that hump. The fall 2024 population estimate for 20A was 11,700 moose. The proposed Cow harvest goal for 2026 is 50 animals. Those 50 animals represent 0.4% of the 2024 population estimate. Therefore, with historical success rates for these cow hunts falling around 20% ADF&G must issue 5x as many permits as the targeted harvest to achieve harvest objectives. 248 total permits will be issued.

Lindsey Dreese- Presented 20C historical fire maps and 20C "Minors" (sub-sub-units) to help us build a muzzleloader proposal in the future.

- c. Others-Coke would like us to consider commenting on federal regional subsistence advisory committee that doesn't do anything productive except cut off our access to our resources. They are a redundant system and the money could be better spent.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Proposal 256: Motion- Jacob, 2nd- Coke. 10-0 unanimous

Proposal 257: Motion- Jacob, 2nd- Paul. 10-0 unanimous

Proposal 250: Motion- Jacob, 2nd- Allan. 10-0 unanimous

Discussion over Unit 20C muzzle loader hunt proposal.

XI. Set next meeting date: 2/10/26

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn: 20:32

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow



Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee

2/10/26

Lions Club, Anderson

I. Call to Order: 18:08pm

II. Roll Call: Present: Paul Nyberg, Alex Buetow, Jacob Matilla, Coke Wallace, Andrew Lebar, Ethan Graham, Eric Haugen, Leroy Sutton, Matt Nustvold, Nathan Goodin, Mike Green (online) Excused: John Basile, Allan Mortenson Unexcused:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wells, Lindsey Dreese, Kyle Campbell, Brad Wendling

IV. Guests Present: ZC, Jacque Muehlbauer

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Leroy, Unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion-Jacob, 2nd-Nathan, Unanimous With the correction that Leroy was excused from the 1/8/26 meeting.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: none

b. ADF&G:

Brad Wendling-Became interior Dall sheep researcher in 2015. We have spent three million dollars over the last four years studying both hunted and protected populations of sheep. This research has been 100% state funded but the NPS has supported the process by allowing the state to fly and land within national parks to sample and collar sheep.

Basic sheep ecology: The short Alaskan summer provides sheep with a limited window to grow fat reserves for the long winters. The rut occurs mid Nov-Dec. They have a finite winter range. Birth of lambs occurs in mid-May and then ewes are both producing milk and trying to add enough fat to get pregnant again and survive another winter.

Recent population fluctuations: Brooks Range sheep are down 66%. Alaska Range sheep are down 50-70%. Talkeetna sheep are down 40-60%. Chugach sheep are down 60-70%. Denali NP is down 50%. The NE zone of Gates of the Arctic NP are down 60%. W Brooks Range is down over 70%. The Wrangell



population was stable until 2019 but apparently now it has dropped as well. 2012-14 poor body condition = 18-44% typical preg rate is over 85%

In 1991-92, unit 20A experienced record snowfall and the sheep population totally tanked. It took 15-20 years for them to recover but eventually did and we were back to harvesting over 100 rams per year until we fell on these hard times again.

We could be witnessing a paradigm shift in Dall sheep populations. The new norm of dramatic freeze/thaw cycles in the fall negatively effects adult survival. However, longer growing seasons in are good for lambs...There are a lot of unknowns about how new weather patterns will affect sheep. The fear of shrubification, willow and alder moving up into the high country, could reduce the carrying capacity of mountain ranges.

Trophy harvest is not the reason for the full curl regulation, it is a positive by-product of the full curl regulation.

The state had 3100 sheep hunters in 1980-90s. From 2001-2024 the state averaged 700 fewer sheep hunters. Peak sheep harvest was in 1989 when hunters killed ~1400 animals. Starting in 2020 we broke consecutive records of declining sheep harvest every year until 2024. Sheep harvest in 2025 finally stopped that downward trend.

The Alaska range trend count area is around 200 square miles and is located near the Wood River. ADF&G has been counting sheep in this zone since 1991.

c. Others-Coke would like us to consider commenting on federal regional subsistence advisory committee. By his estimation they don't do anything productive except cut off our access to our resources. They are a redundant system and the money could be better spent.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: Coke wrote a letter for the AC to group sign regarding the Federal Subsistence Board. Jacqueline is working with Tanana Chiefs to offer an online training for public comment to the federal subsistence board.



All were in favor of supporting cokes letter.

Motion to support proposals 71 & 72 Leroy, 2nd Jacob. Vote: 10 for-1 opposed

We discussed the 20C muzzle loader proposal that Jacob created. Lindsey and Jeff were able to provide input. Discussion focused around nonresident allocation, potential boundaries and number of tags issued

XI. Set next meeting date: 3/31/26 at aurora lodge

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn: 20:56

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow



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71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	10	1	
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	10	1	
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	10	0	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	0	
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, February 27th 2026 at 11:00 am
by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 11:09 by Eva Burk
- II. **Members Present:** Eva Burk, Alex Hanna, Kathleen Demientieff, Leonardo Wassillie, Carl Frank, Don Charlie (alternate), Charlie Wright (alternate)
Members Absent: Andy Jimmie, Ray Stevens, Dillan McManus, Philip Titus
- III. **Guests Present:**
Janessa Newman, Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC
Kyle Campbell, Board Support
Virgil Umphenour, Fairbanks AC
Jazmyn Vent, YRITFC
Brooke McDavid, EIRAC Coordinator
Matt Olson, ADFG Fall Manager
Deena Jallen, ADFG YR Summer Season
Gale Vick, Fairbanks AC
David Lorrington, BOG
Al Barette, BOG
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Board of Fish Proposals for Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues –
Based on the meeting transcript, the following motions passed for the Minto Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee:
Motion 1: PNP Hatchery Egg Take Reductions
 - a. **Proposals:** 170, 171, 72
 - b. **Action:** Support
 - c. **Details:** the AC discussed three hatchery proposals (170-172) that would reduce egg take and codify moratoriums on chum and pink salmon catch. Eva presented the proposals and shared concerns about their potential impacts on local herring populations and hatchery production. Brooke Woods suggested using state data to support the proposals, while Virgil provided historical context on hatchery regulation and oversight. The AC discussed concerns about salmon hatcheries, particularly their impact on wild salmon populations. Virgil shared examples of hatchery-related issues in Alaska, including reduced wild salmon numbers and overproduction of pink salmon. Gale explained the complexities of hatchery management and politics, noting that the state of Alaska often dismisses independent science. The group agreed to support proposals 170 to 172, which aim to limit egg take from hatcheries and increase accountability.
 - d. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)



Motion 2: Trawl Gear Closures

- e. **Proposals:** 11, 163, 164, 165
- f. **Action:** Support
- g. **Details:**
 - i. Proposal 11: Close state waters west of 170 degrees west longitude to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear
 - ii. Proposal 163: Define all trawl operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards
 - iii. Proposal 164: Monitoring requirements for vessels participating in fisheries in state waters with pelagic trawl gear
 - iv. Proposal 165: Salmon excluder requirement for legal gear types
- h. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Motion 3: Dip Net Regulations

- i. **Proposal:** 175
- j. **Action:** Support with modification
- k. **Modification:** Support the way gear is used (must be held in hand, rope cannot extend reach beyond handle length for fishing purposes, though safety tie-offs are acceptable), but do NOT change mesh size requirement
- l. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Motion 4: King Salmon Annual Limit

- m. **Proposals:** 180 (support), 179 (no action)
- n. **Action:** Support Proposal 180
- o. **Details:** Establish statewide annual limit of 5 Chinook salmon in sport fishery (stronger than Proposal 179's 10-fish limit)
- p. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

b. Board of Game Proposals for Southcentral Region Meeting
Proposals 256, 257, 258 (Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations for GMU 20)

Antlerless Moose Reauthorization Discussion Summary

Eva Burk (Committee Chair)

- o Stated the committee doesn't support antlerless hunts except for ceremonial purposes
- o Stated they don't need to support antlerless reauthorization to continue ceremonial hunt opportunities
- o Expressed willingness to listen to Jeff Wells' presentation before making a final decision



- o Acknowledged that Carl, Alex, Hannah, and Kathleen likely have strong feelings on the issue

Kyle (ADFG):

- o Explained that Proposals 256, 257, and 258 deal with antlerless moose reauthorizations for different portions of Unit 20
- o Noted on-time comments are due Friday, March 6th
- o Mentioned Jeff Wells and Lindsey Dreese (area biologist and assistant area biologist) prepared a presentation
- o Suggested the committee could submit comments as Record Copy (RC) to the Board of Game meeting beginning March 20th if need be

Janessa Newman (Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC):

- o Confirmed Eva's understanding about ceremonial hunts
- o Noted Jeff Wells prepared a presentation on antlerless authorizations in 20A with supporting science
- o Acknowledged the committee's principled opposition but requested they hear Jeff out first
- o Highlighted that Jeff has been trying to address their questions, including admitting there's no data proving antlerless hunts decrease road collisions
- o Emphasized she's not saying her mind would change, just wants to give him an opportunity to present

Carl Frank:

- o Strongly opposed to antlerless hunts
- o Has previously testified before the Board of Game against them
- o Expressed concerns beyond ceremonial use, citing that observed moose numbers don't match what biologists report
- o Indicated there's "more behind it" and mentioned having conversations with Jeff Wells

Kathleen Demientieff:

- Strongly opposed antlerless hunts
- Shared historical observations from the 1990s when working, noting that aerial surveys over Minto Flats showed areas with no moose due to wolf predation
- Expressed concern that moose gather in concentrated areas, making population counts unreliable
- Questioned survey frequency (every 2 or 4 years)
- Warned that continued antlerless hunts will result in depleted moose populations

Alex Hanna:

- Challenged the scientific basis, stating "the science definitely isn't there"
- Disputed the claim that antlerless hunts reduce vehicle collisions, noting this would only work if there were no moose left
- Refuted the "insufficient food/willows" argument, explaining that moose naturally move to areas with adequate food rather than starving in place
- Cited collar data showing moose travel significant distances
- Opposed antlerless hunts even in the Fairbanks management area, noting moose migrate between Fairbanks and Minto
- Expressed concern about current in-town antlerless moose hunting permissions

Charlie Wright:



- Need for big bulls to teach young moose survival skills (knocking snow off food, breaking trail)
- Big bulls are essential for breeding healthy moose populations
- Comparison to bears needing maternal teaching for proper denning preparation
- Observations of lack of large bulls in the area, mostly seeing small bulls and cows

Leonardo Wassilie:

- Lives right in Minto Flats at 315, Little Goldstream Creek and Reported two moose were hit on roads yesterday morning
- Attributed collisions to snow conditions making it hard to see around corners and poor visibility generally
- Emphasized the hits were "definitely a result of the snow," not because moose are overpopulated near roads
- Shared knowledge from an elder about identifying bull vs. cow moose by ear position:
 - o If ears move forward: female
 - o If ears are further back: male
 - o (Leonardo noted he might have the directions mixed up)
- This traditional method is used by hunters to determine sex without seeing antlers

Eva Burk (continued):**Ceremonial and Management Context:**

- Clarified that in Unit 20A, funeral permits do not allow cow harvest, questioning the rationale for Proposal 256
- Noted Proposal 256 applies to Unit 28 (upriver east of Nenana) with provisions for:
 - o Drawing permits for up to 2,000 antlerless moose (August 15-November 15)
 - o One antler moose by registration permit (October 1-last day of February)
 - o Prohibition on taking cows accompanied by calves in both seasons

Ecological and Health Concerns:

- Expressed deep concern about recent moose health issues around Nenana
- Reported finding tapeworms in multiple moose taken for potlatch, including:
 - o Tapeworms up to 4 inches long found in bone marrow
 - o Visible tapeworms in tissue and fascia after hanging/drying
 - o Affected moose are skinny with no fat and tough meat
- Suggested moose are unable to naturally deworm themselves, possibly due to lack of knowledge about medicinal plants

Traditional Knowledge and Bull Importance:

- Emphasized critical role of big bulls in moose population health and survival
- Big bulls teach young moose essential survival skills:
 - o How to knock snow off food
 - o How to break trail in deep snow
 - o What plants to eat for deworming/cleansing
- Drew parallel to bears needing maternal teaching for proper denning preparation (eating right foods to avoid sepsis during hibernation)
- Observed lack of big bulls in the area, predominantly seeing small bulls and cows

Management Philosophy:

- Criticized non-precautionary management approach across Alaska for fisheries, caribou, and moose
- Expressed concern about Alaska resident food security given salmon declines and need for healthy moose populations



- Referenced Anna Frank's early warnings about Minto Flats moose decline that were initially dismissed
- Noted science eventually confirmed what elders had been reporting about moose population declines
- Advocated for escapement-based thinking: "Until you have enough to make escapement, then you can't have an opportunity, and there won't be no opportunity for nobody"

Current Environmental Stressors:

- Highlighted the "incredible dump of snow" making it very hard for moose to move around
- Identified snow conditions as creating the road collision situations, not overpopulation
- Suggested alternative management solutions:
 - o Plow trails for moose alongside roads
 - o Plant grasses near roads instead of allowing willow/browse growth
 - o Reduce birch saplings near roadways (moose are attracted to new growth and birch saplings)

Historical Pattern Concerns:

- Stated: "All the places where they've done this kind of management, there doesn't seem to be any more moose in them at all, hardly"
- Warned against repeating pattern of allowing harvest whenever numbers slightly improve
- Called for allowing populations to fully recover before considering antlerless hunts again

Overall Position:

- Willing to hear Jeff Wells' presentation but maintained opposition to antlerless reauthorizations
- Advocated for letting moose populations recover and learning from past management mistakes
- Emphasized traditional ecological knowledge should be weighted equally with Western science

Motion 5: Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations

- a. **Proposals:** 256, 257, 258
- b. **Action:** Oppose
- c. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
SUPPORT	6	0	
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
SUPPORT	6	0	
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	6	0	
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	6	0	
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
SUPPORT	6	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
SUPPORT	6	0	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	6	0	
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
174			Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	0	Support the way gear is used (must be held in hand, rope cannot extend reach beyond handle length for fishing purposes, though safety tie-offs are acceptable), but do NOT change mesh size requirement
176			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
177			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
178			Modify the definition of bag limit
179			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish
180			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish
SUPPORT	6	0	
181			Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear
182			Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
183			Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
184			Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
186			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area
187			Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	6	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	0	6	
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
OPPOSE	0	6	

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Minutes Approved By: Eva Burk

Date: 3/2/2026



**Alaksa Fish and Game North Slope Advisory Committee
North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee
Date: November 20th, 2025 at 1:30pm
Location: Inupiat Heritage Center (5421 North Star Street)
And Zoom/Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: JOSEPH LEAVITT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:30 PM
- II. Invocation ENOCH OKTOLLIK GAVE THE INVOCATION
- III. Roll Call

No	Name	Designated Seat	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
1	Joseph Mello Leavitt	Utqiagvik	XX	
2	Esther Hugo	Anaktuvuk Pass	XX	
3	Wanda Kippi	Atqasuk		XX EXCUSED
4	Lee Kayoktuk	Kaktovik	XX	
5	Dorcus Nashoalook	Nuiqsut	XX	
6	Michael Tuzroyluk Jr.	Point Hope	XX	
7	Robert Lisbourne	Point Lay	XX	
8	Enoch Oktollik	Wainwright	XX	
9	R.Ernest Nageak Jr	Undesignated	XX	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: QUORUM ESTABLISHED WITH 8 MEMBERS PRESENT

North Slope Region: Game Management Units 23 & 26 November 20, 2025, Utqiagvik, Alaska			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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North Slope Region: Game Management Units 23 & 26 November 20, 2025, Utqiagvik, AK			
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<i>example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
71	Intensive Management of Identified Big Game Prey Population		
			NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTH SLOPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
73	Permit for hunting Black Bear with the use of bait or scent lures		
			NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTH SLOPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
74	Restriction of bag limit		
			NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTH SLOPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
250	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
	8		NSB AC supports the proposal because it alleviates the financial burden of purchasing a brown bear tag. They also mentioned that predator control can happen when the need arises around campsites.
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	8		NSB AC supports the proposal because it alleviates the financial burden of purchasing a brown bear tag. They also mentioned that predator control can happen when the need arises around campsites.
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
	8		NSB AC supports this because moose are not seen regularly around the communities. NSB AC supports an amendment to extend the season to September 30. Freeze up is becoming later in the year. Hunters miss the opportunity when moose are seen after September 15
266	New regulation would require ADFG to use a plastic nonmetallic sealing tag on hides and furs that require sealing. A plastic seal is fur friendly in the tanning and taxidermy process as opposed to the current steel locking tag		
	8		NSB AC supports this proposal. Plastic tags are easier to work with than metal. Metal tags may break when sent to a taxidermy.
271	Proxy tags will need to be notarized by both parties before the proxy tag is issued.		
			NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTH SLOPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IV. Adjournment

Minutes Recorded By/Date: Jim Hunt 12/5/25Minutes Approved By/Date: Bonnie 12.5.25



Northern Norton Sound AC

NNSAC

1/13/26

Call to Order: 1:07 pm

Roll Call

Charlie Lean- Present

Brandon Ahmasuk- Present- Phone

Jacob Mannix- Present

Andrew McCann- Present

Patrick Knodel- Present

Davis Lincoln- Present- phone

Nicole Braem- Present

Louis Stang- Excused

Alfred Weyiounna- Absent

Paul Nagruk- Absent

Penny Olanna- Absent

Quorum Established: 7

Fish and Game Staff Present

Alicia Carson- wildlife

Sara Henslee- Wildlife

Ethan Kelso- Comm Fish

Kevin Clark- Comm Fish Manager

Helen Cold- Subsistence

Brendan Scanlon- sport fish

Luke Henslee- Comm Fish, phone

Guests Present

Dan Reed

Roy Ashenfelter

Gabe Smith

Chuck Menadelook

Karen Gillis- Bering Sea Fisherman's Association

Moment of Silence for Tom Gray

Approval of Agenda

Motion to discuss wildlife issues first

Motion approved, wildlife to be discussed first.

Game Proposals

Proposal 251: Reauthorize current brown bear tag fee exemption.

Motion to support Andrew McCann, Pat Knodel 2nd.

Discussion: The tag fee can be a tool to measure hunt participation. It may also dissuade people from taking a bear opportunistically.

Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries

Proposal 250 and 261, take no action.



Proposal 266: Proposal to require ADFG to use plastic tags as opposed to metallic locking tags, plastic tags are more friendly during the tanning process.

Motion to approve by Jacob Mannix, seconded by Andrew McCann.

Discussion: Are there any metal tags currently used? Wolverine is currently sealed using metal tags and there are some metal beaver tags which are not required in Unit 22.

Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries.

Proposal 271: Proxy tags would need to be notarized by both parties before the proxy tag is issued.

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, second by Pat Knodel.

Discussion: The current process is sufficient enough and notaries can be difficult to find.

Additionally, proxy hunting is for subsistence use and by adding additional regulations to it you are complicating the process further. Current proxy authorization process is: two parties need to come into the office, all information is recorded from the beneficiary and the hunter. In order to qualify for a proxy you need to be over the age of 65, 70% disabled, blind... If the hunters are remote and not near an office we work with those people through email.

Vote Count: Unanimously opposed, 7 opposed. Motion fails.

Moose Subcommittee Recap:

Jacob Mannix- The moose subcommittee met on 1/12/26 and reintroduced primary topics of concern that were brought up by members of the AC and the public including, short seasons, predation, and habitat. We discussed upcoming habitat studies and the potential increase of the 22C brown bear quota. There were also three draft proposals discussed as follows:

1. Divide the RM840 permit hunt area into four different subunits, each managed under it's own permit
2. Change the season in the 22B West portion of the hunt to be September 6- 20. This was then suggested to be changed by Davis Lincoln to include the entirety of the RM840 hunt area.
3. Change the number of permits per household to 1 permit and require that the household receiving the permit is only eligible to hunt moose in the subunit for which they receive the permit.

The proposals were received with mixed support and opposition with members of the AC and the public unsure if the proposed changes would meet the goals of the AC. The goals being a lengthening of the season. Additional discussion occurred on at least breaking up the unit into subunits to open the door for more specific management changes to smaller areas, including taking additional steps to divide subunits even further. There was also discussion on how changes may impact subsistence opportunity. There was additional discussion on limitations to methods and means as a way to lengthen the season, or maintain the status quo and focus on habitat studies and predation.

Additional Moose Discussion: 22E Moose harvest numbers from ADFG- total harvest averages about 34 moose since 2012. 2023 and 2024 resident harvest increased significantly. 20 in 2023, and 14 in 2024 compared to around 5 per year from 2012. Nonresident harvest was reduced in 2023, the number of permits issued is now 5 bull tags for nonresidents.

Anecdotal reports from Shishmaref would suggest that recent moose harvest in 22E from Shishmaref residents is likely higher than the estimated unreported harvest or around 14 moose per year.

ADF&G gets very poor reporting from the harvest ticket hunt in 22E compared to the RM840 hunt.



Jacob Mannix- maybe we look at turning the harvest ticket hunt into a registration hunt to help improve reporting.

Methods and means- ADF&G gave report on transportation methods used in 22C. Brandon Ahmasuk brought up the use of airplanes in the RM840 hunt and commented that airplanes are often used several days before the season to spot moose and mark them with a GPS. Brandon also made comments that airplanes were not fair chase and should be reduced.

Western Arctic Caribou Working Group Recap:

The abundance estimate shows the herd down to approximately 121,000 animals from about 495,000 animals in the early 2000's. The current status of the herd according to the WACH working group matrix is critical declining. The recommendations from the working group suggest reducing cow harvest as much as possible and eliminating calf harvest. The bull cow ratio is at a desirable level. Calf survival is about 80% in the 1st year. Adult cow population continues to decline. There was concern in the working group that if there is no allowable cow harvest that it would set people up for making honest mistakes and getting into legal trouble. Proposed bag limit was 4 caribou, no more than 1 cow. Additionally, the working group proposed shutting down all hunting if the herd reaches 75,000 animals. Snowmachines these days are much more advanced with higher speeds, longer ranges, etc and more people are using snow machines and running down animals. It stresses animals during the winter months.

Discussion:

Andrew McCann- when there is enough snow it's usually February and I've found calves inside caribou carcasses. If caribou are being taken away from people in the region as a food source I hope that it's taken into consideration about what other opportunities for meat harvest could be presented.

Roy Ashenfelter- Is there any consideration of closing the caribou hunt in March? The efficiency of snow machines have outpaced the abilities of the animals. Closing the hunt early may help save cows.

Andrew McCann- We likely have a lot less opportunity than people in Unit 23, if it isn't a unified proposal between Unit 22 and 23 it likely won't have much impact.

Charlie Lean- The proposals that were recommended were to be for the range of the WAH. It would effect Unit 23 as well. There were only 2 members opposed to our recommended proposals.

Nicole Braem- There have been different regulations in place in Unit 22 than there have been further north in the past. There might be room for a proposal specific to Unit 22.

Pat Knodel- would Feds take over if the population hit a certain number?

Charlie Lean- Unlikely that there would be federal management takeover.

Andrew McCann- Are there any herds that are doing well right now?

Charlie Lean- Yes, CAH and Teshekpuk are stable if not increasing.

Jacob Mannix- With a reduction in animals there is a loss of traditional opportunity for selective bull harvest and more pressure may get put on the winter hunt which very well may have a higher rate of cow harvest. Hunting by snow machine also burns more calories in the animals when they need energy. I think one of the areas that has been overlooked by these proposals is limiting the season to close when harvest of caribou can occur.

Recess for 5 Minutes: 2:25

Back to Order at 2:30



Arctic/ Yukon/ Kuskokwim BOF Recap

Kevin Clark: Two proposals approved for our region, one proposal restricts the length, depth, and mesh size when a gill net fishery is closed and immediately reopened for beach seine. There was also a proposal to close the sport fishery for King Salmon in the Pilgrim River and that proposal passed as well.

Charlie Lean- On the restrictions proposed for King fishing on the Pilgrim River, the proposal to limit subsistence harvest on the Pilgrim river failed because the harvest on the Pilgrim is so comparatively small to the harvest in Tuksuk channel. The other proposal that failed was the 25 fish limit on the Sinuk River. The Board was concerned with limiting subsistence and Fish and Game stated that there was not a conservation concern for that river. The AC has consistently said we believe that there is a conservation concern.

Andrew McCann- The department says there isn't a conservation concern, the primary method for surveys has been aerial? Are we confident in aerial surveys?

Kevin Clark- Yes, it's been primarily aerial, there have been some years where we weren't able to do it. Aerial surveys are an index, not a weir count.

Luke Henslee- The escapement goal for Glacial Lake is an aerial survey goal. While the aerial survey might not be a great abundance estimate, that escapement goal is defined for aerial surveys. The last year that the weir was operated was 2010, there is some effort building for getting a census survey for sockeye entering the lake.

Fish Proposals

Charlie Lean- On the June Area M fishery this AC has historically been very concerned about chum salmon catch, somewhat concerned about king salmon catch and largely ambivalent about sockeye catch. This fishery is a directed salmon fishery, designed to catch salmon, it is a legal fishery managed by the state. This fishery does catch approximately 8x as many chum bound for western Alaska as the pollock fishery, but it is a legal fishery.

Proposals Dealing With Fishing Schedules and Fishing Times in Area M

Charlie Lean- These schedules are set by the Board of Fish and are not based on escapement, they are based on a calendar. There have been several genetic studies on this fishery, the WASSIP study found that roughly 50% of the chum passing through the Area M fishery was bound for western Alaska and has recently reduced to 25% in about 10 years time. Hatchery and Asian fish have now started showing up more, this is partly because the western Alaska chum run is decreasing.

There are at least ten proposals on this topic but suggest focusing on three that I believe are best geared towards changing the fishing schedule, one submitted by the Fairbanks AC, one by Chignik and one by Kawerak. Kawerak's proposal was to start the fishery late, beginning June 16th.

Chuck Menadelook (Kawerak) Discussing Kawerak's proposal- My primary motivation for writing this proposal is the conservation of salmon, I want to make sure that my children can catch salmon. This proposal was informed by information from these fisheries meetings and I wrote the proposal to delay the fishery by 5-10 days. I also wrote it because commercial fisherman and board of fish members have stated that there is no chum chucking occurring, then the state troopers write 9 citations for that exact thing. The intercept fishery numbers only report the ones caught, not the ones that are chucked.



We tried to emphasize in this proposal that we don't want to close the Area M fishery, we just want a delayed start. I do the beach monitoring in Nome here and there was no salmon at the mouths of our rivers.

Andrew McCann- Let the salmon go through. We need a continuation of the runs.

Jacob Mannix- Just to build on the record, it's my view that these discussions are not allocative and not about money. While I appreciate that this is a large revenue generating fishery, it may not be in another 15 years. These conversations should be strictly about the conservation of salmon and not about finances and allocation. Historically, we have seen the decline of salmon across the entirety of the west coast and now we're seeing it in Alaska. We're following a pattern of decline and not taking any action.

Charlie Lean- The state's constitution discusses sustained yield which is discussing Alaska run wild fish, not hatchery fish and not asian fish. The state is supposed to be maintaining these wild stock runs that we are seeing in decline.

Brandon Ahmasuk- We've been in this chum salmon fight for 40 or 50 years. In the Nome area we had a chum closure that lasted a substantial amount of time and when it reopened it reopened under Tier II. We're past money issues, this is a conservation issue. I've said before plenty of times, on the Sinuk River, there are no more chum salmon. I'm of the opinion that the Nome area should be a Tier II fishery for chum salmon again.

Andrew McCann and Charlie discussed chums caught off the coast of Nome, especially when Pilgrim closes and more people set nets in the ocean. Intercept fisheries are not limited to Area M, Nome catches fish bound for Teller.

Charlie Lean- The bottom line is do we go along with the status quo for Area M, do we support an increase in fishing, do we support restrictions in Area M?

Roy Ashenfelter- chum salmon are significantly reduced, the Yukon is no longer fishing for chum. A proposal needs to be picked that the board will support. I believe that a proposal that has some reasonable days of closure is the most likely to be supported.

Additional discussion from Roy Ashenfelter on the Board of Fish process.

The AC discussed additional factors that might effect the Board of Fish decision and that we are supportive of schedule restrictions for Area M.

Karen Gillis, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association- there has been a small group of people that consist of a diverse group of stakeholders, Fairbanks AC, people from Chignik, etc... we put together an analysis of the 11 proposals that address the June management plan. In times of conservation concern and crisis, an intercept fishery that is targeting stocks that are bound for other areas is a real problem. There are very few pros to intercept fisheries and a dozen cons. Proposal 127 proposes a decrease of 43% in seine and 56% in drift harvest. Proposal 128 sets thresholds for time and area closures. The Area M fishery should not rely on thresholds when the pattern of chum chucking is so prevalent. Thresholds can be avoided by chum chucking.

Proposal 129 we kind of thought that Proposal 129 was similar to 128.

Proposal 130 it's a 48% decrease in the seine fishery, couldn't evaluate the driftnet fishery, 131 decrease in the seine of 58%, drift 68%, no change in setnet. Designed to protect chum and chinook salmon.

132- 32% decrease in the seine, 29% decrease in drift, 6% for set netters.

133- 23% decrease in seine, 32% decrease in drift, no change in set.



134 and 135 are increases
136 is a complete closure from June 7 to June 28.

The AC is generally supportive of all of the proposals that restrict the Area M fishery.

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposal 131, seconded by Pat Knodel.

Discussion: The AC is generally supportive of all proposals that restrict the Area M fishery. We view this proposal as the most reasonable solution that makes meaningful reductions in chum and chinook harvest while still allowing for commercial fishing opportunity for sockeye.

Roll Call: Charlie Lean- yes

Brandon- Yes

Jacob Mannix- yes

Andrew- yes

Pat- yes

Davis- Yes

Nicole- yes

Unanimous support for Proposal 131, 7 in favor.

Additional Discussion on Proposals

Threshold triggers are highly susceptible to being played and there are ample opportunities for these thresholds to be avoided. Even processors can get rid of fish to avoid them being enumerated.

Nicole Braem makes a motion to support proposals 128 and 129. Seconded by Andrew McCann

Discussion: With regards to these proposals we are supportive of time and area closures but do not believe that threshold triggers for these closures are effective. Thresholds can be avoided and there is a history of avoidance of recording chum and chinook catch.

Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 oppose.

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposals 134, 135, and 137, Pat Knodel seconds.

Discussion: This is an increase in fishing opportunity at the expense of subsistence opportunity throughout western Alaska, additionally this is an increase in commercial fishing opportunity during a salmon conservation crisis.

Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 opposed

Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support Proposal 110, seconded Nicole Braem.

Proposal to reduce the length and depth of seines in Chignik.

Discussion: This proposal was designed protect deeper running fish like chinook and chum salmon. Sockeye salmon tend to run in shallower water, this proposal would still allow for successful sockeye fishing.

Unanimous Support, 7 in favor. Motion Carries.

Proposal 143, initiate a test fishery

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: king salmon are in decline statewide, this proposal raises the issue of the need for monitoring king salmon in general.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries. Kevin Knowlton joined meeting.

Proposal 147, reduces gill net depth



Motion to support, Pat Knodel, Seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: the intent of this proposal is to protect chum and chinook. Sockeye salmon run in shallower water and closer to shore. Sockeye would still be targeted while protecting chum and chinook.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries.

Proposal 148 to limit seines by reducing the lead

Discussion: This is very similar to proposal 152. This issue will be addressed by proposal 152.

Take no Action

Proposal 149 increase the length of setnets

Discussion: Would result in increased chum and king harvests

1 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails. 1 in favor thought that the proposal was a mesh size increase.

Proposal 150 allow the use of monofilament

Motion to support Andrew, Nicole seconded

Discussion: We view this as a conservation proposal and allowing the use of monofilament is a conservation concern.

Unanimous opposition, 8 opposed, motion fails.

Proposal 151 reduce the length of gill net gear by eliminating the lead

Jacob Mannix makes motion to support, Andrew McCann seconds

Discussion: This proposal is a conservation proposal for chinook and chum salmon while still allowing gill netters to harvest sockeye by placing the net closer to shore and in shallower waters where sockeye run.

Unanimous Support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.

Proposal 152 reduces the length and depth of seine gear

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support, Nicole Braem seconds.

Discussion: This proposal builds on our support of implementing conservation measures for deeper running fish and reducing gear size over conservation concerns. Sockeye salmon could still be targeted using this gear.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries

Proposal 153 to allow the use of monofilament gear.

Take no action due to our action on proposal 150.

Proposal 161 to create a management plan for chinook salmon for streams located on the Alaska Peninsula and are part of the Bering Sea drainage...

Take no Action

Recess at 4:34

Call to Order at 4:41

Penny Olanna joined meeting at 4:39

Pat Knodel left meeting at 4:48. Still Maintain quorum of 7.

Additional Proposals



Charlie Lean- There are three proposals that have to do with hatcheries that would place limitations on hatcheries. Alaska has gone from no hatchery production to the largest hatchery producer in the world, Russia will surpass us soon. There is a significant amount of research that would support that hatcheries and over production of pink salmon over browses the ocean and reduces the carrying capacity for wild fish. The majority body of research supports that idea.

Proposal 170, a proposal to reduce the hatchery egg take permit level for pink and chum salmon by 25%

Motion to support by Nicole Braem, seconded by Andrew McCann

Discussion: The research overwhelmingly supports that hatchery production is causing over abundance and reducing the carry capacity of the North Pacific ocean and negatively impacting wild stocks. Russian hatcheries will be increasing their hatchery stocks. Historically, hatcheries along the west coast were designed to rebuild wild stocks and quickly transformed into a supplement for commercial fisheries. They have been unsuccessful in rebuilding wild stocks and have ultimately been detrimental to rebuilding wild stocks. This reduction is viewed as a measure for the conservation and rehabilitation of wild stocks.

Unanimous support, 7 in favor. Motion carries.

Take no action on proposals 171 and 172.

Proposal 162 to prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.

Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support, seconded by Andrew McCann.

Discussion: This may have additional effects on other outfits like culture camps. Additionally, people may not be able to afford boats, gear, etc, but can afford to pay for a transporter to participate in subsistence fisheries.

Unanimous Opposition, motion fails 8 oppose.

Proposal 175 to modify dip net mesh-size and configuration.

Discussion: This is a statewide regulation despite that it is likely an area specific issue. Dip-net gear is legal in our unit and this proposal addresses a specific issue that is not a problem here, this proposal should be taken up during the specific board cycle for the author's unit.

Unanimous opposition, 8 oppose, motion fails.

Proposal 176, 177, 178

Take No Action

Jacob Mannix- I support taking no action however, it's worth noting that pooling bag limits is not consistent with the intent behind sport fishing bag limits. Bag limits are not an entitlement to retain and do not guarantee retention.

Proposal 179 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of 10 fish.

Take No Action

Proposal 180 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of five fish.

Jacob Mannix motions to support, Nicole Braem seconds.

Discussion: This is a common sense reduction in the annual bag limit for king salmon while king salmon numbers are in decline everywhere. This is a conservation proposal. It would not effect our districts as the limits for king salmon are lower or none.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.

**ADF&G Closing Comments**

Fisheries- Kevin Clark, at the last Board Meeting the Board declared Kwiniuk as a stock of concern for kings. There will be a plan forthcoming.

Public Comments

Karen Gillis- We need to be very cognizant of hatchery release into the oceans. in 2024 hatcheries released some 5 billion salmon. Russia plans on increasing their hatchery release five-fold by 2030, their 2024 release was 1.9 billion.

Select Representatives for board meeting

Andrew McCann makes a motion to send Charlie Lean to the upcoming Board of Fish meeting, Kevin Knowlton seconds.

Motion carries, unanimous support.

Next Meeting date

- Moose subcommittee meeting tentatively planned for early March.

Other

Carl Seetok from Brevig Mission- wants to join the AC and will follow-up with Sam Kirby.

Adjourn at 5:19 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mannix".



Nushagak Advisory Committee

Saturday, November 15th, 2025, at 10:00 AM| Curyung Tribal Council and Online via Zoom
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 891 2818

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I. Call to Order: 10:05 am

II. Roll Call

I. Members Present:

Gabe Davis, Gayla, Susie, Dan, Travis Ball, Lindsay Layland, Travis Wren, Mariano, Curt, Moses Kritz (online), Chris Carr (online), Kenneth Nukwok (online)

II. Members Absent (Excused): Todd Fritze

III. Members Absent (Unexcused):

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8; achieved with 11 present

V. List of User Groups Present: ADFG, TNWR, BBEDC,

Motion to Approve Gayla, Second by Travis B.

III. Approval of Agenda

Move to amend: Travis; Second Dan (motion carries unanimously)

Chair seeking expedited elections in respect for Curyung Tribal Meeting; wants to ensure all voices are included; restructure of agenda proposal: introductions, elections, staff presentations, guest presentations (Jeff), antlerless moose discussion,

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tim, Greta, Lee

V. Guests Present:

In person: Robert Heyano, Fritz Johnson, Jesse Rogers, Mark Schwantes, Tony Zoch, Stan Culling & Truitt Caufield (USFW/TNWR), Tim and Greta and Lee Borden (ADFG), Misa Webber, Natalie Romo (Baord Support).

Online: Bronson Brito, Christine O'Connor, Cody Larson, Dave Bedinger, Heather Scandel, J.Ludwig, John O'Connor, Jorjana Dray, Nicholas Dowie, Rene O'Conoor, Sonja Rootvik Ewing, Taryn O'Connor, Tom O'Connor, Tom Brookover – BBSRI (Joe Witkop AST joined in the afternoon).

~~VI. Approval of Agenda~~

~~VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes~~ (These were approved by designated sub-committee to be submitted to the Board, no need to re-approve)

I. Elections: 1 Undesignated Seat, 2 Undesignated Alternate seats, Officers

Nominations for seats: Travis Wren, Lindsay Layland, Jesse Rogers.

Results: Undesignated – 3 year term (Travis Wren); Alternate at Large – 1 year term (Jesse Rogers & Lindsay Layland).

Nominations for officers: Dan nominates Susie for Chair, Travis B for Vice, Lindsay for Secretary.

Nominations supported unanimously.



VIII. Reports

Gayla Hoseth (Federal Subsistence Board)

Safari Club proposing to change make-up of Fed. Sub. Board. Previously 3 tribally elected board members. 6 public seats, 3 tribal seats. DOI will open scoping period, want to remove 3 Tribal seats from Fed. Sub. Board. We have a Rural Subsistence Priority - Seeking support for maintaining 3 Tribal members on the Fed. Sub. Board during the 60 day comment(scoping?) period (likely to close sometime in January), when DOI will draft recommendations that opens a public comment period likely to close sometime in June (Tribes can request tribal consultation during this time). September – November final rule will be published and take effect in Dec. '26.

Chair: If wish of committee we can take action on this issue.

ADFG Sport Fish (Lee Borden):

Lee - Overview of projects: King Salmon Creel survey & Coho Salmon Creel survey. Continuing trend of decreasing effort/harvest on Nushagak. Will continue project next year with BBSRI support. EO this year for reduced bag limits (despite Lee's push for catch and release). How collecting effort data? Via surveys. What % of those participating in fishery are actually surveyed? Lee: not voluntary – all anglers approached must respond (173 interviews in 2025, fewer than years past because fewer people are on river. Anglers in 2019: 4,207; Anglers in 2025: 1,490). How to ensure you're surveying fly-in anglers? Physically running the river daily, counting fly-ins. Top end Ekwok land boundary down to Black Point. Probably covers 90-95% of king salmon angler effort. Creel survey covers: rod hours, sample of catch. Frank Woods: How do these connect to escapement and return? Lower Kuskokwim did a 5 year moratorium of all fishing (sport, comm, sub), and they now have healthy returns. At what point do we recommend a moratorium for sub. & sport? If 55k is minimum for return escapement, at what point do we address this option? Recommend that be the charge of this board. Gabe: How many kings are harvested by anglers on the river in 2025: 3,458. Commercial fishermen harvest: 3,625.

Anglers: Av. Weekly catch: 2.1 fish/day. Av. Harvest: .6 fish/day

How many fish hooked and released?

Chair to Lee: When did you start lobbying for catch and release only on the Nushagak? July 3 is when the EO was recommended, but not taken up by commissioner. If up to Lee, we would have gone to catch & release.

Subsistence taking of kings? Tim: those are delayed by a year. Definitely down, 3 year average of ~3,500-4,000.

ADFG Comm. Fish (Tim Sands):

2025 Season Summary overview, catch and escapement. Nush sonar @ 34,322 past sonar, likely ~31,000 actual escapement. Started fishing June 22 based on stock of concern Nush & Wood triggers. Total catch 16million. 23 mil total run Nush (4th largest harvest in Nush District history). Met Chum escapement goal of 200k minimum. Togiak not as strong, 522k catch, 314k escapement. Less drift effort in Tog. Tog did open to outside boats on July 28.

1.2's in Igushik and Togiak performed poorly (2021 brood year, worst brood year return since 2009). Did not see this trend in Nush and Wood rivers.

Frank: How does the lacking coho run impact the ecosystem? How would it help if we supported your proposal to drop Coho mgmnt plan? How can we rebuild the silver population? Tim: they're complicated, we don't have the money to count silvers, we rely on anecdotal reports. Possible shift in coho run? Also no market for silvers. FW: why is it not a species of concern? TS: If we're not exploiting them, it's a natural shift in run size.



FORECAST 2026: 44mil inshore BB; 19mil to Nushagak District; 11.4 mil to Nushagak River, we expect 8-10mil 1.3's next year, 2.5mil 1.2's (leery of this). Did not see many jacks in Nush or WR systems. Igushik and Tog are predominately 1.3 systems. Very concerned about Igushik & Tog. Nak/Kvi forecast 11mil (average harvest 11 mil), so expecting fewer fishers in Nak/Kvi.

Nuyakuk tower count higher than Nush sonar in 2024; 2025 Nuyakuk tower count was 92% of Nush sonar. Jordan @ BBSRI – using drones to observe/supplement age sex link sampling with beach seine. Historically Nuyakuk tower counted 75% of Nush sonar fish. Likely that so many fish going past sonar we can't see them all.

Frank W: Herring? Tim: no herring forecast yet. No herring fishery last several years, no money for surveys in 2025. Forecast will likely be similar to last years but a bit more conservative. FW: What would it take to get a sustainability stamp about this? TS: I don't know on that. Herring pop. for BB used to be fully utilized, Pollack industry wants to move herring bycatch from 1% to 2%. FW: we're missing all the data we used to have on herring. TS: because there is no fishery. If we did have one, we'd likely have big fish (~400+ gram) based on age classes and sizes in previous years.

11:32-11:45 break

USFW: Truitt - Peninsula Caribou Herd: 650 animals July 9 survey. Harvest limit is 200 animals. Once 200 have been harvested, hunt will shut down. Bull to cow ration: 53bulls/100cows. Calf cow ratio: 60calves/100cows. Since Aug. 1, 18 caribou (17 bulls) harvested. Next lichen survey 2027. If good snow, do expect meeting harvest goal. Around 20 harvested winter '24-'25. Stan: significant reduction in staff at TNWR, be patient with our slow responses.

BBSRI, Jordan & Tom: Started with asking 'What can/should we do with Chinook stock of concern management plan since its 2023 adoption? How has the plan worked?' We put together an objective assessment of how the plan is working focusing on 3 elements (OEG, Start trigger, limiting sport fishery), but also want feedback from participants/stakeholders in the fishery of how the plan has worked. 9 questions, sent to AC's for input. Susie: can public, non-AC members complete this survey, too? Tom: not yet, but can talk about that, started with sanctioned committees. To go broad with the public, likely wouldn't have time to summarize this data in time for BOF. Susie: we have an obligation to bring the public in on this topic. BBSRI.org/king-committee website brings to a king salmon management committee webpage with documentation of this process and reports that people can view. Can be helpful in understanding how this plan came to be, this assessment will be posted on that website on Monday Nov. 17. LL: Can we share this assessment and questionnaire with public today and invite folks to bring their feedback to the AC at our next meeting? Questionnaire feedback due to BBSRI by Dec. 15. Travis: Good idea to let others review & provide feedback on it. Tom & Jordan, 30,000 foot level overview: We tailored questionnaire succinctly about how the plan has worked in the past 3 years: OEG, start triggers, sportfish annual limit. Report text is 18-19 pages long plus appendixes of data. Includes intro, key actions in plan, and how conservation actions performed first 3 years, participation and biology of sport fishery, measures of success (list of management objectives by the plan 'what a successful fishery looks like'). JH: a few objectives with SOC: 1) delay opening of fishery while kings are abundant in district (did this work? What measures to determine if it did or not); 2) provide opportunity for kings to make it through the district, ie, breaks in fishing time for comm. fishery. What is the reduction in sockeye harvest from old plan to new plan? Why is BBSRI involved in this: in 2018-19, King Salmon Management Committee was formed and BBSRI was asked to be the scientific/technical team supporting this committee. BBSRI & Committee continues to work with BOF, RAC's to determine best way to manage



district for king conservation. Is the structure of the plan working? Need to find out as we look at new BOF proposals addressing the plan's structure.

Public Comment: None

IX. New Business

I. Antlerless Moose and Bear Tag Exemption Reauthorizations (comment deadline March 6)

Reauthorization of 17A antlerless moose proposal (253)

See table notes.

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization (249)

See table notes.

Recess for lunch, 12:34-1:15

Meeting called back to order 1:20 (11 members present)

Trooper Joe Witkop present 2:30pm (conversation about Prop 56)

II. Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee

Chair: Will review proposals but table action on them until next meeting. See Proposal Table pages 5-36 for discussion.

Proposals 45-53 related to East Side Management, table for now.

3:20-3:35 recess

3:47pm - Moses: wants to touch on 93 & 94 before being excused for traditional council meeting

4:26pm - Chair: Skip 61-69 for now. Tony: BBEDC hasn't taken an official position on these proposals, but feels strongly that we don't want to see changes to the stock of concern plan – it took 5 years and a lot of effort and we don't want to see that undone.

Travis: Was BBSRI's assessment requested by the BBEDC board? Tony: I don't think so, but open to it.

Susie: Quotes a few lines from the Stock of Concern Management Plan conclusion – it has had intended consequences.

4:52 – Chair: Thanks to staff members for presentations and comments throughout our discussions.

III. Appoint AC Member to represent the Nushagak AC at the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting (See minutes for Dec. 13 mtg)

IV. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025 (See minutes for Dec. 13 mtg)

V. Miscellaneous business

X. Old Business

XI. Set date of next meeting

Next meeting: December 6, 10am @ Curyung Tribal Hall

XII. Committee comments

XIII. Other

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:56pm



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery, and report all king salmon harvested		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: overview of proposal. Travis: This author likely doesn't understand what's going on (on commercial side). Oppose. Lindsay: Oppose. Dan: Curious what the limit of subsistence harvest would result in. Lindsay: Challenging to limit a per person subsistence when so many subsistence fishers catch and share with other families. Susie: Important to remember that in AK, subsistence is the priority fishery. Travis: Don't agree with this proposal. Kenneth: Opposed. Mark S: There are/could be options to restrict days of fishing. Gabe: How low does the stock have to get to see a limit on subsistence to be valid? This proposal doesn't make sense but brings up a good point. Moses: We have no scientific reason to shut anything down, I'm opposed. Cody: With current conservation plan in place, this proposal would not take place unless the current conservation plan would be repealed. May be worth liberalizing the types of gear allowed for harvest to reduce mortality rate (ie, dipnet). Dan moves to adopt (Dec. 13), second by Travis. Dan willing to oppose for now, conducted researched on his own. Question.



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45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: instead of waving transfer period on July 17, it would be postponed to be waived on July 22 into the Naknek-Kvichak only. Lindsay: Is the Nak-Kvi not meeting its minimum escapement? Tim: they are. Robert: Oppose this as a Nushagak drifter, don't want to restrict departure from the Nushagak. Curt: Travis has the power to open or close the fishery any time. Tim: Once we hit midpoint of goal, we waive transfer period into the district. Nak-Kvi has a bigger range, not sure what they have to hit before they waive the transfer period. Susie: oppose. Travis B: oppose. Travis B motion to adopt, Dan seconds (Dec. 13). Travis calls question.
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
No Action			
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
No Action			
48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet fishing must be removed in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			
49	Modify the ratio of fishing periods between set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			



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50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: Adds a new section to the management plan, not sure how it would be implemented or how it works. Travis: not a feasible proposal. Susie: this responsibility falls on the processors to ensure quality. Travis moves to adopt, Dan second (Dec. 13). Dan: doesn't feel like the department's problem – this should be on the processor. Question.
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
No Action			
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		
No Action			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: Coho management plan relies on sonar count that we no longer do. We don't want to have an escapement goal if we're not assessing the stock. *See minutes for 55 to supplement conversation for 54. Tim : wanting to take this plan off the books so that it doesn't look like we're not meeting the goal (Dec. 13). Travis moves to adopt, Travis W. moves to adopt. Travis: concerns with abolishing the commercial fishery altogether. Susie: refers to notes on 55. Tim: this proposal would not eliminate commercial fishing, we can still manage the



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			fishery, not sure how that language got in there. LL: is it important for this plan to go away? Tim: Someone else thought so, someone in the future could use the data to make a 'SOC' some day. OK to have goals. Travis W & Susie: we don't want to limit the opportunity. Question.
55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
Support	12	1	Tim: original WRSMA language made to protect coho, this proposal would remove that language, too. Coho management plan is based on triggers (at certain levels of escapement, we take certain action. 'If projecting over xx amnt, can have directed commercial openers.' Travis: I have problems with this... we want to eliminate the commercial harvest of coho but keep the sport fishery. The commercial fleet has not put a lot of pressure on coho. Tim: this (prop 54) does not shut down the commercial fishery. I don't know who wrote it, but you could oppose 54 and support 55 and that would eliminate the possibility of language in 54 from going into effect. Susie: We want to keep coho fishing opportunity, but understand that the state can't manage a species without data about that species. Travis/LL/Susie/Dan: we <i>do</i> want to maintain commercial opportunity for coho. We oppose Prop. 54's language stating "without escapement data, the department will not provide directed commercial fishing opportunities on Nushagak River coho salmon." Tim: We do have other ways to manage a fishery and allow fishing in the



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			fall/traditional coho season even without specific coho management plan. Travis B. moves to adopt, Dan seconds(Dec. 13). Travis: too bad that we don't have funding, what's the problem with the plan being there? I oppose. Dan: Travis brings up interesting point. Travis B: What happens if this stays in place? Tim: Someone can come at us and say we failed to meet the goal and push to create a Stock of Concern. Coho harvest effort has been so low that it hasn't hurt the coho run – it all depends on the market and effort. Travis & Travis: our concern is getting rid of language that says we have an opportunity for commercial harvest. Robert: After the 3 rd week of July the department used to shift to manage coho; we're managed by EO from June til end of September. Susie: in support of 55 as written. Gabe: Who does this benefit? Robert: If you have a plan that has an escapement goal, does that excuse the department from opening it? Question. Roll Call vote.
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
Support	14	0	Tim: meant to set a line that is not affected by beach erosion that changes across years and decades. John: this proposal is much easier to enforce per conversations with law enforcement. Lindsay, Susie, Travis B: in favor of this proposal. It may have been interpreted that we were trying to gain fishing area when we weren't, we were just trying to



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			maintain fishing area and opportunity where erosion was eliminating or reducing that. The drift group that wanted to sunset this did so in anticipation of unforeseen consequences, of which we've had none. Travis W: Initially had a lot of questions as a drifter, think it provides a defining line and may open opportunity for future setnet operations to have a tool to fix similar concerns, support. Robert H: I didn't think this was going to be open ended. When a drift boat comes in and tangles a setnet, the fault is the drifters. We have a serious problem of inadequate enforcement. This regulation doesn't address the problem of enforcement. This isn't going to help. As long as there is language that affirms the 600' guideline from mean 18' high tide. Travis: the problem with 600' guideline is having a clear understanding of the starting point when the wind can drastically change the high tide point. As its written, you can drift in between setnets as long as you don't entangle. Robert: still doesn't address the enforcement concern. Trooper Joe: GPS line is fixed, does not change with erosion. Does not limit drifter's shoreward fishing – they can go inside this line (so long as they don't wrap setnet gear). Susie: if I choose to go inside the line as a drifter and entangle with a setnetter, that's on me. Joe: You're right we're low on enforcement – we can't manage it in a way you all need us to do. Robert: its incumbent on us to get together with the law enforcement department to encourage more



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			protection. Travis W: drifters can still fish inside or outside the line. Travis B: It is an effort to make sure people's sites are not illegal as a result of erosion, "the line" was made to make it as simple as possible and as straight as possible – wanted to increase convenience and reduce waypoints to make the lines. Tim: nothing that says in 10 or 20 or 30 years that this can't be revisited. If the beach continues to erode, it can be changed. Travis B. moves to adopt (Dec. 13), Dan seconds. Robert: If looking to remove the sunset clause, its important those distances stay in there because that whole section of beach is eroding. If there wasn't a setnet buoy there, then its ok for the drifter to go inside that line – the drifters have no regard for the setnetters who fish there. If we have a regulation that's not working and the real issue is adequate enforcement, we need to get together and make sure there is major support for adequate enforcement. Strongly recommend you look at these and ask the BOF not to take action, but give us opportunity to address enforcement issue. John (author): We had more specific language but the legal team thought it was conflicting, we do need to clarify the points. Agree with Robert we need some kind of check, willing to amend it to include language to make it a check-in every 5 or 10 years to account for erosion and keep that distance from the beach consistent. Tim: approximate distances from shore are in regulation and would stay there, all this proposal is doing is removing the sunset



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			clause and keeping current regulation in place. Joe Witkop: Agree with previous comments about enforcement, agree this regulation does not fix that problem. It adds clarity to where that line is – a GPS coordinate is very specific and easier to enforce. Current regulation mentions a number of feet offshore – that means nothing if this line is the line. Question. *resurveying discussion/option should be established at BOF level.
57	Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery, and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear		
Amended to read: 5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear in the Nushagak District, as follows:	14	0	Tim: Same area as 56, but would prohibit operation of drift gillnet gear inside/shoreward that line. Christine (author): Our buoys and gear are routinely pulled away, has gotten expensive and missing harvest opportunity, dangerous, to have drifters within that setnet fishing area. Joe: Regulations determining how far off shore and side to side drifters can be of a setnet always applies to everywhere (drifters can be shoreward of a setnet on combine); these only apply when setnet is out to its legal distance, if beyond that its only illegal if gear is ‘touching.’ There is not a regulation that a driftboat can not ‘run over’ a setnet. Regulation AS 16.10.055 says ‘interference with commercial fishing gear’ addresses ‘wilfully’ or ‘recklessly’ disturbing gear resulting in loss of fishing time or incurring cost to property (like running over a net intentionally or not caring that they busted



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Add language and a new section that reads: <i>(w) In the Nushagak District, no part of a drift vessel, gillnet, line, buoy, or other device used to drift a gillnet may be operated so as to come into contact with a set gillnet, line, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to operate the setnet.</i>			someone's line under tension). Travis: I've lost my outer buoys 4/5 years in a row. Shares personal reflection of frustrations and consequences with drift boats ruining lines (drift behavior and lack of enforcement). Susie: Don't like the notion of limiting shoreward fishing from this line but do think language to prohibit 'any contact' with setnet gear is reasonable. Christine: Purpose of this is to eliminate any gray area that might be present, whether their buoy is under water due to current or not, we need a mechanism to keep them further away. Curt: Shares possible self-regulation and enforcement option. Lindsay/Travis/Curt: support this proposal as written. Joe: If someone calls in to us, we will respond. We can't allow 'heresay' in court, so if you want to report your experience, you need to be willing to testify. Consider lobbying for more CoastGuard presence? Misa: I know state budget with enforcement is tight, hope that the State would explore more technological/drones approach to enforcement. Joe: prohibited to use drones by AK statute. Via Game: some drifters do think its unreasonable to prohibit shoreward fishing from that line. Susie: burden is on the drift operator to operate appropriately. We should be allowed to fish shoreward, but we should not be allowed come into contact with a set gillnet. Lindsay: If we supported this with an amendment that did not prohibit shoreward fishing but did include language to prohibit any contact with setnet gear, would that



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			be an improvement? Christine: Yes. Travis B. moves to adopt, Dan seconds (Dec. 13). Chrissy O: There are stretches down lower where there are no sites/pegs/lines, could include an amendment that mentions these areas to allow drift fishing. Gabe: If there was no setnetters between two or three of those points, it would still prohibit a drifter from going in there? Christine: I was thinking about pegs/lines/blocks when drafting this language. There are sections where there are no sites – in those areas it wouldn't have to be prohibited. In areas where there is gear (that's not a net, but is marked by a buoy), those areas still need to be protected. Travis: there are specific distances a drifter has to be off setnet gear. Ekuk has its own set of rules. Tim: Ekuk has defined maximum distance from shore. Drift fleet can bump your buoy. Side of net has to be 300' from side of net. If your net is 25' inside that max. distance, they have to stay 25' away, if 100' inside they have to stay 100' away. Travis: for us there is no limit once we're out at that max distance – drifters can be right on us. Susie: no problem with new language saying drift gear should not become in contact with setnet gear. Do have a problem with language saying nobody can go inside the line. This is an enforcement issue. Lindsay: want to make a motion to amend. Dan: see the conflicts, open to an amendment. Robert: Setnetters came up with these offshore distances, these problems are due to the advent of



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			the the jetboat. Travis/Susie: problem is 900+ boats and a handful of fishermen who do not how to meaningfully or respectfully or legally fish this beach. Witkop: Agree drifters can/should be capable of operating legally, these violations occur when weather is poor or at night. Don't forsee our patrol effectiveness increasing. Sonja RE: comments about personal experience setnetting on Ekuk. Jamie: Would like to see 100' buffer at Ekuk that others in the Nushagak enjoy. Lindsay: move to amend proposal language to remove everything except: (w) of the New Section and include the words "in the Nushagak District" to read "In the Nushagak District, no part of a drift vessel, gillnet, line, buoy, or other device used to drift a gillnet may be operated so as to come into contact with a set gillnet, line, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to operate the setnet" Gabe Seconds. Question. Amended language: supported unanimously. Prop 57 as amended: question.
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
Oppose	2	11	Tim: This addresses particular trigger of when we open to harvest surplus salmon. Lindsay: Would it make more sense for the trigger for the Wood to be a percentage of the forecast? Tim: Biologically we don't need more than 1.8 million fish up there. We have gotten a lot of flack about 'foregone harvest' up the Wood, and now the author wants to



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			increase the 'foregone harvest' up the wood by setting the trigger later. Travis: Some folks wanted to put the fleet in the WR to protect Nush Kings; Some wanted to completely shut down Wood River because kings go up into the Wood then back out. This proposal is to protect some of those kings who go up and flush back out by waiting until 1.6million reds go up. Susie: When we are functioning under the stock of concern plan, this would be another tool to reduce king harvest (per conversation with proposal author). Tim: Likely the concern is about opening the WRSWA before the Nushagak, which would require a 11mil forecast to the Wood to beat that. On a per sockeye basis, the number of kings caught in the Wood River is far less than it is in the Nushagak District. Travis W: recommend waiting for further discussion until author can be here to explain his perspective on this. Lindsay moves to adopt, Travis B. seconds (Dec. 13). Robert: with the large surplus sockeye going into the wood, either we move it up to the OEG or something else. Travis seeking clarification on Muklung kings. Tim: there is nothing in regulation designed to protect muklung kings. Susie: this proposal seems to fit better with King Salmon Management Plan. This is a complicated proposal as a small solution to a big problem. Lindsay: this would delay fishing (regardless of gear type) in the wood and lead to foregone harvest? Tim: Yes. Susie: do we think the stock of concern plan is having the intended effect as written? If yes, is it



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			enough? If no, what else needs to be done? Need to consider these before examining proposals like this one. It's difficult to assess where we are when we're not even through the entire life cycle of a king salmon. Would like to see the WR utilized appropriately, delay fishing appropriately, but these small-scale proposals are hard to get behind. Question.
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: This wants to make equitable harvest opportunity for drift and setnet in the Wood. Lindsay: I think it would be chaotic. Travis W: How would this impact allocation? Tim: We wouldn't be managing for allocation, I don't think a lot of drifters would make the trip up there if they're out in district. If doing this, be as specific as possible about when exactly it would open and close. Tim provides additional background about NRSWA and substitute language for fishing time. Travis B: The Board doesn't want to deal with this. If we allow this to be open, we need to be very specific otherwise they'll make it their own language that will be more difficult to manage. I'm opposed. Travis W: Agree need to be careful/specific about language, what we're doing now seems to be working, I'm opposed. Susie: opposed. Travis B moves to adopt Lindsay seconds (Dec. 13) Robert: allocation shouldn't apply when trying to reach escapement. I'm not in favor of 48 and 48, but there should be an opportunity for drifters to go up there



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			and fish. Susie: when concurrently open, what would or could that split look like, Robert? Robert: allocation doesn't supersede escapement, so WRSWA shouldn't be managed on allocation. Tim: be specific about what you want, we have been here before. Travis: RC70 Dec 2018 – provide history on that? Tim provides history on WRSWA, originally opened to protect Nush fish, has evolved into a dual fishery system and became what it is now. Travis: why do we tack it on to the district allocation? Tim: because we had no guide for how to do it, so we just made it an extension of the Nush allocation. Susie: Would it be worth it to go 36 on and 12 off as a setnetter up in there? Lindsay: maybe. Travis: Shares challenges of not being able to access the Wood River as an Ekuk setnetter or prop driftboat. Allocation in the bay should be allocation in the bay. WRSWA should not be a part of Nushagak Bay allocation. Nick Dowie: Hard to approach this stuff piecemeal – want to point to the BBSRI report that shows how much time setnet has lost as a result of the SOC management concern. Robert: Allocation to go into the wood is based on 25/75, Igushik fishers don't really go there. When the allocation was put in place, it was based on 400-600 boats. Now its 900. Allocation shouldn't matter – the only reason you're fishing the Wood River should be to stop extra escapement up there. Travis W: Part of the SOC is to protect kings. Setnetters have a lower rate of catching kings than drifters – opposed to this because drifters



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			theoretically catch more kings up in there. Pete A: live and subsist on Wood River, kings come up to Hansen point. Allocation and special harvest – probably 16 sites take majority of the fish that are caught up there. Robert: If allocation doesn't apply, make it compatible. Question.
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
Oppose	3	10	Tim: Set gillnets from 25 fathoms to 37.5 fathoms. Tony, speaking as a personal fisherman: Agree it would be doable at certain times. Lindsay in support, could be doable at certain tide stages and not doable at certain tide stages, also depends on location. Travis: Be careful in what you ask for – it can open a can of worms. Is the board going to OK prop 59 and prop 60 to give 'both sides' an 'equitable' opportunity? How would you feel about that? Travis B. moves to adopt Lindsay second (Dec. 13). Lindsay: more web in the water means increased capacity to catch 'foregone harvest'. Dan: if the reason to do this is because they do it in Naknek, that's not a strong reason to vote for something. Mike D: Should be an effort to protect Muklung kings, this proposal would lead to increased division between the 'haves' and 'have nots' in the Wood River.
61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon inriver		



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	projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery		
Oppose	0	10	Tim: overview of proposal Lindsay moves to adopt Dan seconds. Lindsay: Need to give the king salmon management plan more time before even considering supporting a proposal like this. Travis B: also opposed, need to be unanimous in our support for the SOC plan. Lots of concern about giving up sockeye now, this would increase that drastically. Tony: BBEDC feels strongly not to see any changes to SOC plan until enough time passes we can see how it comes to fruition. Robert: echo same comments, we can't be nickel and diming this – hope this regions comes out in support of the existing plan. Wonder when the SOC plan will impact average runs when we have them again. Susie: Agreed, opposed to all because we haven't had adequate time to allow SOC plan to be in effect. Hard to know how effective without clear knowledge of how many kings are in the river. Gabe: would challenge that there has been no restriction on sport fishing is inaccurate. Lee: anglers have been limited to how many fish they can harvest. Much less effort from sport fishery. Question.
62	Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar		
Oppose	1	9	Susie: important to keep in mind our general themes – don't want to restrict subsistence fishing, echo Tim's caution about entertaining any of these



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			proposals that could open up the plan for wayward changes we are extremely opposed to. Harder to enumerate kings with increased sockeye – we don't actually know how many are there. Tim: crew starts counting by June 5 or 6. Travis moves to adopt and Dan seconds. Pete: There are fewer kings – there are less than there used to be. Dan: inclined to oppose this. Chris: in agreement with keeping the management plan as is. To Tim: did a survey of spawning grounds happen this year? Tim: no. Past several years yes. Question.
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	10	Nick Dowie: proposal is based on inconsistent dialogue about when to initiate EO's. We are amenable to an amendment or pulling proposal entirely. John: we agree we need to let SOC plan work for a few more years. Robert: important to follow through on commitment that someone can come fish and bring a fish home. Susie: I know we do have local guides, don't want to entirely take away their revenue. Chris: we're going to continue to lose camps, still committed to sticking to management plan. Lee: Creel program is very helpful in collecting data. Travis: It seems like raw data would be so much better than a survey. You mention man hour days on river – do you actually talk to all the lodges on Iliamna and Lake Clark and Naknek/Kvichak? Lee: yes – we make a substantial efforts to meet up with all flyouts every day. Dan:

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			pretty grueling program to develop surveys. Question.
64	Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to drift and set gillnet gear until one of the king salmon stock of concern triggers is met		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt Lindsay seconds. Travis: Seems problematic. Susie: based off earlier discussions about kings cycling up and out of wood, why would we open it early if we are worried about conserving kings? Will oppose. Travis: I see problems with it talking about opening to one gear type. Open to too much interpretation. Question.
65	Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan to include set gillnet specific provisions		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt Lindsay second. Nick: Jerry Ball of ABS has significant concerns about this and how skewed setnet numbers are with allocation. Wrote it with Andy Wink, wish we knew more before submitting. Seems like something we shouldn't be asking the Board for, its ADFG primarily. Ekuk is down from harvest share. Travis: Where allocation comes from needs to be discussed. In support of part of this plan of decoupling WR from Nush, but don't want to mess with the plan. No way to get fish off Ekuk beach as setnetters, tough with seeing big reductions in our catch share. If we lose our plant we'll lose our fishery. I'm in favor of WR part but don't want to mess with the plan. Susie: Proposal 59 should someone want to submit some language as an amendment might be a good vessel to address this. Robert: Bigger issue here – fish are



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			not running on that side of the bank as much as they used to. Ekuk in the past has caught 40% of total nushagak harvest. Dan: really interesting to learn how the effects of allocation are affecting folks. I wonder if we could do something that doesn't disrupt the rest of the plan that addresses that issue. Nick: All setnet here – addressing loss of fishing time. Plus increased number of vessels coming to the district. Setnet overall has lost time. Don't want to upset SOC plan but want to do some education on this and share our concerns. Question.
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose		9	Travis B moves to adopt Lindsay seconds. Travis W: wants an additional measure to protect kings, still in favor of seeing the SOC plan through for a few more years. Dan: we have struggled with addressing the barbless issue, sounds great and is popular elsewhere but not much gain for energy put into it. Opposed to barbless part. Lee: baitless leads to less catch, barbless does not have a statistically significant difference in mortality. Lindsay: support this except for the fact we're wanting to see the SOC plan come to fruition, oppose for now. Question
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt, Lindsay seconds. Tom & Susie: think there is a lot of merit here, but at this time and with the assessment and previous



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			comments will withdraw support – may try it again another time. Will put in a comment withdrawing it. Question.
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
Opposed	0	10	Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Dan: tim pointed out major drawbacks so I will oppose. Question.
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
Opposed	0	10	Travis B moves to adopt, Gabe seconds. Dan: reference other statements about not messing with SOC right now. Travis: agree with Dan. Not their backyard.
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
			No Discussion today
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	14	Dan: We have gone cross-eyed over this after moving to a specific river management plan, not reasonable. Travis: We do not need this. Susie: We should be fishing in the districts where the fish are headed, these proposals do not have credence. Lindsay: I oppose all. Lindsay moves to combine 71-74 into one proposal. Travis W: Second. Joel Ludwig: points out that his proposal (71) uses language that the department <i>may</i> adopt a General District. Quality would likely improve. Could address marine mammal problem. Fish will be caught regardless. Travis: Seems like a move to change the rules because illegal fishing is happening – wrong reason to change the rules.



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72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: 466 “Dual” operators now, has been gradually going up over the years. Travis: We deal with this every time, goal of the “D” permit was to help someone participate in the fishery as a permit holder even if they couldn’t afford a boat. We are forcing everyone to compete. This needs to be an economically feasible fishery. “D” permits need to go away, they create an unfair advantage for wealthy fishers. Gabe: What data is there about removing gear from the water and fleet efficiency? Is this an ethical or economic dilemma? Susie/Lindsay/Travis: this can lead to a snowball effect of consolidation, we want to reduce outmigration of permits, we want to promote local owners and fishers and permit stacking diminishes that. Susie: BBEDC was a driver for current dual system as a way to keep permits in the watershed. Yes, it has unforeseen consequences with inactive permits becoming ‘D’s and some consolidation outside of the watershed. Tony: BBEDC has never supported consolidation/stacking proposals, but do see benefits to dual permits. Misa: See Rachel



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			Donkersloot's publications about this issue. Travis: Presents background history about shift of industry capabilities and local ownership of permits. Jesse: I like the current set up for duals, I wouldn't be participating in the fishery in the way that I am without this opportunity. Curt: Agree with Jesse, when used as intended it's a system that works. Lindsay: Motion to lump proposals 75-78 , second Travis B (Dec. 13) Travis: reiterate how disadvantageous this is for local people and communities and fisheries. Strongly opposed.
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			See notes on 75
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			See notes on 75
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			See notes on 75
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
No Action			
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
Support	6	4	Dan moves to adopt, Travis B. seconds (Dec. 13) Jamie O'Connor: Based precedent in Kodiak, hoping to achieve logistical ease in deliveries. Setnet operations would look and operate the same as currently are, but would simply allow one person from joint venture to deliver fish than have both permit holders go. Trying to avoid



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			consolidation concerns by confining it to two permits only. There are ways people do this (transporter license, eg) but require lots of paperwork. Would require both permit #'s to be written on ticket. Joe Witkop: I didn't see anything that alleviates 2nd permit holder from being present at time of delivery to sign – am I missing that? Jamie: Department is willing to add Joint Ventures to delivery requirements, which would allow/require only one person to sign the fish ticket. Robert: To reference similarity with D permit on a drift boat is apples and oranges. It would be the same as two separate drift boats joining their catch and one boat goes to deliver while the other stays and fishes. It sounds like this already happens and it would be making something currently illegal, legal. Sonya: Makes it a simpler transition for people who are still fishing and need to deliver while others are still working the gear with issues in intertidal zones. Travis: using the word 'permit' a lot – can you clarify point 3? Jamie: I couldn't sign my brother up without his permission. Using the word permit is confusing terminology. Travis W: Concerned about adopting language from another fishery into ours, also it may be that you need to invest into your operation. If you need multiple trucks, buy another truck. Sonya: that's not the issue, its more logistically sensible. Susie: how would this impact setnet skiffs not operating on a beach? Lindsay: Similarly – would simplify operations and operate similarly to those on



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			Ekuk/with beach and trucks. Robert: If fish come out of one person's net, that person needs to deliver the fish. If the fish come out of another person's net, the other person must deliver the fish. Travis: this does not give anybody an advantage of how they fish, wouldn't give setnetters an advantage over drifters. Would make logistics simpler. Travis W: This can already be achieved if you fill out the transporter paperwork. Question.
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
Oppose		10	Tim provides overview – could be utilized as a beach sein to test primary 'research objectives'? Dan: inclined to oppose – if it's a research project go do a research project. Gabe: Who would be doing the fishing? Tim: perhaps a setnetter could drain out their fish in a non-entanglement way. Question.
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	10	Tony: BBEDC doesn't want to see any changes to current regulation, would rather see current regs enforced. Summarizes a report BBEDC has produced – regarding need for enforcement and clarification of what does and doesn't qualify as 'vessel length.' Want to ensure disparity doesn't increase. Dan: prop. 85 seems most clear and coherent. Robert: After seeing BBEDC's report and language might not have submitted this proposal. Discussion about whether you can enforce on water only, while actively fishing only, or in boatyard



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			once the vessel is registered to fish in the BB fishery. Joe: State attorneys don't think certain regs/definitions are enforceable, we just need to figure out what the hard limit is are that we can defend in court. Travis B: to Robert, can you provide clarification about "trim tabs" in prop. 86? Do you want to withdraw your proposal? Robert: I think there is strong enough language in existing regs to enforce. Best thing to do is come out strong. 32' is 32'. We will work with enforcement if needed. Existing regulation is a lot more clear than my proposal. This is a slippery slope and will go on and on. Need to stop it here. Travis W: Agree with what Robert is saying. Dan: do we need to add language? Susie: BBEDC's language is what is already in regulation. As soon as the vessel is registered, they can enforce it. Pete: 32' is 32'. The platform is built for what you're supposed to do. Susie: I'd be in favor of taking 82-91 and voting them all down. Tony: Reads analysis memo. BBEDC hasn't made a decision about whether their packet should be a public comment. Do plan to get our packet in front of board prior to meeting. Travis B. moves to adopt 82-91 second by Travis W. Question.
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
Oppose			
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose			



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85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
Oppose			
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
Oppose			
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
Oppose			
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
Oppose			
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
Oppose			
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
Oppose			
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
Oppose			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
No Action			
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
Support	10	0	Moses: This addresses limited fishing time and opportunity for local fishermen and is highly dependent on weather. We've experienced several deaths of people trying to go home with severe winds after trying to travel after the closure. It used to be open from Monday morning to Saturday morning, with no problem. We'd like to extend the current fishing days. Tim: Right now only allowed to extend 48hrs. in Tog. Local folks initially requested original schedule but now want it to be extended again. Kulukak limited



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			fishing time was in response to concern for kings and people trying to catch 'intercept fish' on their way to Tog. Tim providing additional history of Togiak fishing period decisions. Susie: We're talking about increase of overall time but there is a general decrease in effort. Travis W: Would this drastically impact these escapement numbers? Tim: We don't have a lot of data about this. It will likely not be overly exploited, don't have a lot of biological concerns. Troopers did bust 5(7) boats fishing illegally outside of Kulukak Bay. Travis: if both 93 & 94 were adopted, would it mandate they're both open or just give the option to be open? Tim: it would become the schedule for Kulukak but that could be reduced by EO. 94 would allow management flexibility. Maybe it shouldn't be based on a set schedule but be based on weather that requires conversations each week with local fishermen. Joe: Primarily setnet effort there, rare to see drifters there. Susie: This seems like a reasonable ask if issue is to preserve life and safety due to weather concerns. Tony: A big part of these proposals was the transfer time – outside boats would come and reduce local catch. Locals thought if they increased fishing time they could catch more before other boats came over. Susie: Curious to see Togiak AC conversation, inclined to hear their priorities and wishes before making decisions about their area. Lindsay moves to adopt (Dec 13) second by Dan. Susie: safety and weather concerns were addressed. Question.

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94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
Support	10	0	See notes for 93. Natalie: Togiak AC supported unanimously. Travis moves to adopt Dan seconds. Question.
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
Opposed	0	10	Tim provides overview – allows a fisher to unregister after participating in early fishing and prior to having started fishing regular season. Travis moves to adopt, Lindsay second. Dan: I'm not inclined to support. Susie: I like the deadline of only being in effect til June 25. With June 25 I could support it. Tim: no impact for department. Pete: it's a wonderful idea, but what it panders to is speed and wealth. Robert: look closely at the reasoning for this – its to 'test' out your boat and crew. If you need to come up early to prepare, come up early. Travis W: we already have the opportunity to test our crew. Question.
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
97	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
No Action			
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		

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No Action			
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
No Action			
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		
Oppose	0	10	Lee provides overview: moves boundary upriver about 4-5 miles, introduces bait 4 days sooner and moves close water boundary up in the Togiak. Travis B moves to adopt second by Dan. Travis W: would like to see things stay the same and keep that area closed, there are spawning areas in that proposed extended area. Spent a lot of years fishing here, would oppose this. Lee: at 2022 meeting, Board prohibited all retention of kings over 22". 2024 had zero harvest on Togiak R. Effort has declined to 0. Dan: I've spent time there and heard from folks there, this seems to be a bad idea. Keeping it prohibited would protect other species. Lee: Bait is currently allowed but not during peak king season, this would move that date 4 days earlier. Question.
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
Support	10	0	Lee: Overview of proposal, chumming is already prohibited by all areas disallowing bait, this would extend the prohibition of chumming to all areas. Travis W. moves to adopt, Gabe seconds. Dan: to Lee, can you clarify chumming with cleaning tables? Lee: its limited to guides and guided



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			anglers. Authors don't see a lot of this, but it does happen and they want to get out ahead of it – proposal ensures 'fair chase' aspect. Dan: have seen overactive coppers giving kids a hard time on certain rivers. Gabe: I suspect one or two bad actors dumping lots of guts in one or two areas consistently. Am in support. Travis W: know some guides who do it, not a fan. Travis B: Same page, not in favor of this. Intent is to not make it a commercially viable practice. Inclined to support. Pete: I've fished above upper Nushagak, haven't seen bait but when in those areas with kings spawning, they can be very aggressive. You don't need bait. Question.
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
No Action			
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	10	Lee: Board could go about this different ways, we don't have any enumeration for rivers other than Nushagak. BOF can't direct department on how to spend money. But Board could adopt a management plan in absence of SEG's. Author wants to alert board to fact that there is no data for these rivers and they do want data. Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Lee: would have to take into consideration commercial, sport, subsistence with this plan. Dan: we struggled on the Naknek to do this, became very heated between sport and commercial fisheries. To make a plan would be very



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			difficult. More attention is needed but can't support this now. Gabe: How would this impact/change anything? Lee: essentially it would be supporting Nancy in her quest. Gabe: It doesn't have any teeth? Travis B: understand what she's trying to do, seems too broad. Susie: agree – can't do the job we want here, would be too big a task for now. Opposed. Question.
	<i>Other fishery proposals at the ACs discretion</i>		

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249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region		



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	11	0	Move to adopt by Travis, seconded by Dan. Travis: despite many liberalizing moves to increase harvest, populations remain high, in favor of this. Question called, Reauthorization of Proposal 249 carries unanimously.
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
	11	0	USFW: 17A was over objective in last survey, no reasons to be concerned at this time. Dan: support this, under impression we still have an abundant moose population. Motion to adopt by Dan, seconded by Travis B. Chair is in support. Chris Carr: do other villages have a way of obtaining a permit or does someone have to go to Dillingham? Truitt, not sure if state will travel to pass out winter 17A tags or not, can get them in DLG. Think people can get them in TOG. (Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 antlerless hunt). Travis in support, calls question. Reauthorization of Proposal 253 carries unanimously.



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February 12, 2026
Over Zoom

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Nick Crump	X	
Dan Eames	X	
Rowan Miller	X	
Patrick Day		Excused
Brett Wilbanks	X	
Jens Saxum	X	
Bruce Bowman	X	
Thane Miller	X	
Justice Cousins	X	
Hope Finley		Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: *Charlotte Westing*

IV. Guests Present: *Dave Winney*

V. Approval of Agenda:

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: *Nick mentioned to keep discussion brief in order to end the meeting before the ADFG shrimp meeting later that evening. Nick also mentioned that although we thought the deadline to submit comments to the federal subsistence board about our opposition to proposal WP26-15 was on February 13th, it turned out that the deadline had passed. However, Dan Eames made a motion that we allow Jens Saxum to represent the Valdez AC at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in person or over the phone and read his letter during public testimony either in person or over telephonically. The motion was seconded by Thane Miller and was passed with unanimous consent.*
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others



VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

a. New Member Forms & Email Addresses

X. New Business

a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals for GMU 6 (Cordova Area)

b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Regionwide & Multiple Units			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
Support	8	0	Jens commented that he would be in support if there was an amendment to remove Unit 8 from this proposal. Charlotte Westing of ADFG noted that the original proposer may also be considering making that amendment. Jens Saxum made a motion to support this proposal with the amendment to exclude unit 8 from the proposal, and it was seconded by Bruce Bowman. Motion passed with unanimous consent.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support both 71 and 72 since they're both so closely related, seconded by Jens Saxum. Motion to support made by Bruce noted he was in support because he considered it the first step towards creating an intensive management finding for that species, establishes this species as a human food source of importance, could help generate funding for certain related projects, and noted his support. Jens also stated his support. Charlotte stated she's not too familiar with this proposal because she doesn't do sheep anymore but that since it was proposed by ADFG it's clearly a tool they think they need.



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72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Support	8	0	See comments in 71.
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Support	3	2	Motion to support by Brett Wilbanks, seconded by Bruce Bowman. Charlotte mentioned there was some debate on whether this would really tighten up the necessary language or not, although that’s the intent. Thane mentioned that he may support the intent of the proposal but has concerns over the language and definitions. Bruce noted that he feels the intent is to gain clarification. Brett also noted that there appears to be wiggle room in the definitions that need to be clarified for safety around public use cabins and that the Board of Fish has leeway to come up with a more optimal definition. Charlotte thought that there were already laws about bear baiting around public areas and recreational use areas but wasn’t totally sure. Roll call vote yielded 3 supports, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions. Dan, Jens, and Nick abstained due to not feeling like they really understood the issue.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
TNA			The committee discussed the issue at length and decided it was more of a hunter ethics issue. Bruce made a motion to take no action, seconded by Thane. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Support	8	0	Motion to support made by Brett and seconded by Jens. Bruce noted that the date might be arbitrary, and that people born on either side of that date could potentially use an educational course. Jens noted that date has been used in other instances as well and there’s continuity across the board with other species and styles of hunting. Motion to support passed with unanimous consent.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to oppose made by Thane, seconded by Dan Eames. Bruce said he didn’t see a current problem, and any future potential problem was purely speculative. Thane said he would’ve made the bag limit 3 for everyone, and he opposes it as written because it’s allocative. Motion to oppose passes with unanimous consent.



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77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to oppose made by Jens and seconded by Dan. Jens noted that of all the units in 6D there are only two that really get shut down early, and that's because those are the two easiest ones to access. Charlotte added that there's another one that also shuts down early, but that he was generally correct. Motion to oppose passes with unanimous consent.
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
TNA	0	0	Thane made a motion to take no action, seconded by Dan. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
TNA	0	0	Thane makes motion to take no action; Bruce seconded that motion. Motion carried with unanimous consent. Jens said since it takes place in 6A, we should take no action on it. Charlotte said it was allocative, had no environmental impact, and the department was neutral.
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to oppose by Thane, seconded by Jens. Nick noted it would create a nightmare of safety concerns, be hard for adfg to manage, and goes against a city ordinance which bans hunting in city limits. Motion to oppose passes with unanimous consent.
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	8	0	Motion to support made by Bruce, seconded by Dan. Leila noted this is to reauthorize the authority for AC's to authorize this hunt and that's an AC jurisdictional power. Charlotte said it was primarily a housekeeping measure, and that if we keep this hunt on the books, it's there if she needs it. Motion to support passes with unanimous consent.
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
Support	5	2	Motion to approve made by Thane, seconded by Justice. Nick noted that members of the community had mentioned to him that this proposal might disproportionately effect Valdez compared to other areas in PWS because many residents of Valdez need extra time in the spring to bear hunt due to the extra time it takes for our heavier snowpack to melt. Jens said that although this spring proposal is estimated to save more bears than the fall proposal, he



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			thought the fall proposal would save more sows than the spring proposal because in the fall the sows are with their cubs. Charlotte said it would be a wash with how many sows would be saved and that the total number of bears is more important. Justice asked what the estimated black bear population was in PWS right now, and Charlotte said she didn't have a concrete population estimate, but they use indirect measures to gauge stress on the population, but they indicate a recent steep decline in population. Justice noted that in the spring the meat must be kept but in the fall they only hunt for the hide and skull. Roll call vote yielded 5 in support, two in opposition, and 1 abstention by Nick Crump because he was unsure how he felt on the issue.
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to oppose made by Brett, seconded by Thane. No discussion was had; motion passed by unanimous consent.
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
Support	8	0	Move to support made by Brett, second by Dan. No discussion was had, motion passed by unanimous consent.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to oppose by Brett, seconded by Thane. Dan thought they already banned bear hunting by a boat, but hadn't done that for deer yet as long as the boat is not in motion. Charlotte said this proposal was clearly intended to be for deer, and the only other potential big game we have in PWS is goats. Motion to oppose passes by unanimous consent.

- XI. Select representative for board meeting: Jens Saxum was selected to be the Valdez AC rep in the BOG meeting in Kodiak.
- XII. Set next meeting date: No meeting date was set.
- XIII. Other: Attached is the letter Jens will read to the Federal Subsistence Board.

Re: Opposition to Proposal WP26-15 (Unit 6D Deer Closure)

Dear Members of the Federal Subsistence Board:

We write to express strong opposition to Proposal WP26-15, which would close Federal public lands on Hawkins Island and Hinchinbrook Island in Game Management Unit 6D to deer hunting by non-federally qualified users (NFQU). After reviewing the proposal document and the Office of Subsistence Management's (OSM) preliminary analysis, we believe this regulatory change is unjustified and unnecessary, and we urge you to reject this proposal.

1. Not Necessary for Wildlife Conservation

The proposal's stated concern is deer population decline and increased harvest pressure by non-federally qualified users. However, the agency's analysis concludes that reported harvest by non-federally qualified hunters represents only a small portion of the total harvest on these islands (27%), and pellet count indices do not indicate a significant conservation issue currently affecting deer populations. Closing these areas would therefore restrict opportunity without providing measurable conservation benefit. Additionally, as stated by the OSM, "...the percentage of deer harvested by NFQUs has been trending downward over the last decade."

2. Lack of Evidence Showing Subsistence Need Requires Closure

Proposal proponents argue the closure would benefit subsistence users; however, the existing Federal subsistence season already aligns with the State season and prioritizes subsistence hunting opportunity under current regulations. The available data does not clearly demonstrate that subsistence hunters are unable to meet their needs due to competition from non-federally qualified users. In fact, harvest data shows that federally qualified subsistence users have been successful under existing regulatory frameworks (64% to 85% of the deer harvested from Hawkins and Hinchinbrook Islands between 2015 and 2024), and populations are expected to rebound after natural fluctuations due to weather conditions.

To note, there is an average 72% success rate by hunters that are residents of Cordova in the survey data from 1985 to 2014. This success rate is 28-44% higher than the reported hunter success rate from Westing & Fowler (ADF&G), Unit 6 deer management report

(*historic data) that reported hunter success rates of ~50 %–56 % for hunters harvesting at least one deer.

* 'Westing, C. L. Deer Management Report and Plan, Game Management Unit 6: Report Period 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2016
and Plan Period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2021. Species Management Report and Plan ADF&G/DWC/SMR&P-2018-41, Alaska
Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 2018'

3. Imposes an Unnecessary Restriction on Public Use



Closing Federal lands—especially in areas where access is limited and wildlife resources are shared—places an undue restriction on recreational and rural resident hunting opportunity. The Federal Subsistence Management Program should not impose broad closures unless there is clear scientific and socio-economic justification. In this case, the analysis suggests that any observed deer population fluctuations are more likely linked to environmental factors (e.g., winter severity) rather than unsustainable harvest, and existing harvest patterns by non-federally qualified users do not warrant an outright closure.

4. Enforcement Burden and Complexity

The proposed closure could create enforcement challenges and confusion for hunters on the ground, especially in areas with mixed state and federal jurisdiction. Requiring law enforcement to determine federally qualified status in the field could strain limited resources and deter lawful participation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Federal Subsistence Board oppose the adoption of Proposal WP26-15. Protecting access to wildlife resources while conserving healthy wildlife populations requires careful evaluation of both biological and social impacts — and this proposal fails to demonstrate a compelling need for the restrictions it seeks.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our views.

Sincerely - the Prince William Sound / Valdez Advisory Committee

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Brett, seconded by Bruce.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Nick Crump.

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Seldovia Advisory Committee
Friday, December 19th, 2025
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Michael Opheim (MVO)

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Michael	Opheim	x	
Stephen	Payton	x	
Jevon	Chartier		excused
Walt	Sonen	x	
Alvin	Swick	x	
Bryan	Chartier	x	
Keith	Swick	x	
Liz	Diament	x	
Jordan	Cameron	x	
Chris Chance	Pollock Collier	 x	excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Leila Williams, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom

IV. Guests Present:
none

V. Approval of Agenda
MVO

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
MVO

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report
none

b. ADF&G:
i. Jason Herreman – Deer planting, goat hunts, Kalgin hunts

c. Others
none



VIII. Public Comment

none

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections: 4 seats expiring, 4 vacant seats, 2 alternates
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- c. Board of Fish Bristol Bay Region Proposals
- d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC agrees with restricting hunters that take nannies in any unit should be restricted.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Na			
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Na			
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Na			
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
Na			
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Na			



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87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Na			
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Na			
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
oppose	0	9	
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
support	9	0	
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports the Homer ACs proposal on this topic as it covers the same concerns as ours, proposal 99.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports this proposal we developed



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100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Na			
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
na			
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Na			
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Na			
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Na			
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Na			
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			



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127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Na			
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Na			
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
Na			
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Na			
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Na			
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		



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Na			
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
na			
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
na			
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
na			
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
na			
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
na			
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
na			

Alaska Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Region Meeting

January 13-January 18, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline December 29, 2025

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
61	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon inriver projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
62	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar		
oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
69	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon		

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
167	5 AAC 28.050. Lawful gear for groundfish. Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
support	9	0	The AC agrees that a vessel should only be allowed to carry one gear type as described in this proposal. This would align with other fisheries and ensure good practices.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
186	5 AAC 21.353 Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
oppose	0	9	The AC feels restricting these fisheries further would not help the problem stated in this proposal.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn
7:47 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton_____

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim_____

Date: 12/29/2025_____



**Seward Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 13th, 2025
Seward Community Library & Zoom**

I. Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Jim McCracken

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
James (Jim)	McCracken	X	
Dianne	Dubuc	X	
Andrew	Bacon	X	
Nathan	Smith	X	
Maile	Branson	X	
Kenn	Carpenter		Unexcused
Mark	Clemens	X	
Bob	White	X	
W. C.	Casey	X	
Arne	Hatch		Excused
Derek	Branson	X	
Jim	Hubbard		Excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Bottom – ADFG Area Wildlife Biologist

Leila Williams – ADFG Board Support

Britany Blaine-Roth – Area Management Biologist Sportfish

IV. Guests Present: Carrie Ann Mueller – Board of Game

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

Britany Blaine-Roth reported that ADFG Sportfish staff surveyed Coho in our area for the first time since 2019. Staff counted 1,100 fish in lagoon and adjacent drainages. Survey showed good numbers in other area streams: Clear Creek, Box Canyon, Salmon Creek. In response to a question, Blaine-Roth stated that ADFG-stocked hatchery fish return the following year.

Chris Bottom reported a strong moose harvest this year. 454 moose harvested on the Kenai Peninsula, 10-12% were sub-legal size. Bear hunting was slightly down, and did not have to close brown bear season. The Department transplanted black tail deer to the Fox River flats. Dubuc asked what the long-term goal of deer repopulation is. Bottom replied that over time, the hope is a sustainable food supply, similar actions in Kodiak and PWS took 19 years before opening a hunt.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment - none

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business

- a. Elections for 4 expiring seats for terms ending 06/2028 and 1 alternate: Carpenter relocated out of state and will not be seeking re-election. The four other members up for reelection were present and willing to run for an additional term. There were no others present seeking election to the Seward Advisory Committee. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to elect Andrew Bacon, Mark Clemens, Bob White, and Derek Branson

b. Election of Officers

Motion: (Dubuc/Bacon) Nominate Jim McCracken Chair, Diane Dubuc Vice Chair, Andrew Bacon Secretary

- c. Current Board of Fisheries Proposals: Bristol Bay, Statewide Finfish – *Discussion notes and vote sheets attached*
- d. Current Board of Game Proposals: Southcentral Region- *Discussion notes and vote sheets attached*
- e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed - Kid Fish Report: Event was successful this year. About 100 kids attended. This event had good community support both in participation and business donations of food and prizes for participants.



Alaska Board of Fish Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery and report all king salmon harvested, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or re-register in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
46	Amend the dates described in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> , as follows		
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet fishing must be removed in Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
49	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay, as follows		
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest		



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	Area, as follows		
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan, as follows		
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity, as follows		
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Samon Management Plan, as follows		
55	Repeal the <i>Nushagak River Coho Samon Management Plan</i> , as follows		
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
57	Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery, and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear, as follows		
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish, as follows		
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows		
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the		



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			retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows
62			Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar, as follows
63			Amend the <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
64			Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to drift and set gillnet gear until one of the king salmon stock of concern triggers is met, as follows
65			Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows
66			Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
67			Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, as follows
68			Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
69			Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			
70			Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District, as follows
71			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows
72			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows



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73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District, as follows		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		
<i>Vessel Specifications</i>			
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications, as follows		
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications, as follows		
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, as follows		



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85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation, as follows		
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs, as follows		
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations, as follows		
88	Remove anchor roller specifications, as follows		
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller, as follows		
90	Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows		
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard, as follows		
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows		
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows		
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows		
95	Modify early season registration requirements, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage, as follows		
97	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage,		



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	as follows		
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River, as follows		
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hook sin the Egegik and Ugashik drainages, as follows		
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage, as follows		
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming), as follows		
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages, as follows		
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) Salmon excluder requirements would set a good example for salmon conservation. It would not be a burden to the industry. Smith stated that Canada has been using them. White abstained, stating reason that the trawl fishery should be eliminated entirely.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		



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Support	9	0	(White/Dubuc) - moved to discuss and vote on proposals 170-172 as a group. Discussion about the increase in hatchery operations in PWS over time, emphasized increase in rate of output since the 1989 oil spill. Dubuc stated that hatcheries have driven development of this fishery that operates more along the lines of harvesting than fishing. Discussed straying issues affecting wild populations along the North Gulf Coast. Discussed lack of hatchery committee meetings, as specified in paragraph 3 in the proposal book, and members questioned why the lack of meetings on this important issue. The Seward Advisory Committee urges the Board of Fish hatchery committee to be empowered to meet more frequently to discuss this topic.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Support	9	0	<i>(see above)</i>
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Support	9	0	<i>(see above)</i>
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Casey) – moved to discuss and vote on proposals 176-178



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			as a group. Discussed party fishing issues being difficult to manage on deck, and how the dynamics of different groups affect things. Discussed release mortality being generally low. Discussed that fishing charters are marketed as a fishing experience, not a promise to fill the freezer. McCracken noted that State of Alaska does not have regulatory authority on halibut, complicating bag/possession of State managed vs. Fed managed fish
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(see above)
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(see above)
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Casey) – moved to discuss and vote on proposals 179-180 as a group. Dubuc stated that this should be a locally managed decision, and that local Area Management plans should be applied. Group consensus that this proposal shouldn't be considered at a statewide meeting, its too broad reaching.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(See above)
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/White) – Noted that the proposer had brought this forward multiple times in the past and that it should be considered. Discussed that this would apply only to fish that have no limit.



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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) – The Committee asked the fish biologist if the impetus behind this proposal was lack of data samples, to which she replied that it was mainly enforcement related. Discussion then related to how current regulations like leaving the fish skin on as an identifier and having minimum fillet lengths for lingcod are sufficient.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	9	0	(Smith/Dubuc) Discussed that this would align definitions across the state, and that this would open up harvest opportunity for an additional type of rockfish, i.e. one DS, one Slope, and Pelagic



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Regionwide & Multiple Units			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Cordova Area – Unit 6			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		



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81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Clemens/Dubuc) moved to discuss and vote on proposals 86-88 as a group. There was lengthy discussion about the numerous proposals by Mr. Van Arsdale and their intent to allocate a greater share of hunt permits to resident hunters. The Committee discussed the proposal with the wildlife biologist in attendance. Recognizing that the content of each proposal is identical, except for different hunt numbers inserted, the Committee discussed whether to vote on all Van Arsdale’s proposals at one time, but the consensus was to instead look at them in smaller groups throughout the meeting. Within these meeting minutes, discussion of Mr. Van Arsdale’s proposals will reference back to this one. Each of the proposals received a motion and a second to adopt, which will be noted in the minutes, then to the vote.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>



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89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Oppose	1	8	(Dubuc/White) – Dubuc supports opening up opportunity to bowhunters. White concerned with animals getting hit and not recovered, doesn't see need to split hunts between user groups. Smith not enough moose abundance.
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restriction		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Clemens) – Discussion about the intent of the proposal. In response to questions from the committee, ADFG wildlife biologist commented that it would add a lot of complexity to the existing regulation.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Smith) – White stated that moving the hunt back into October would have a negative effect on meat quality. There was discussion about increased harvest resulting from more favorable environmental conditions to hunters. ADFG biologist echoed concerns with increased harvest due to these factors.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) – see discussion proposal 86
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) – see discussion proposal 86
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(Casey/Clemens) – The Seward Advisory Committee votes annually to reauthorize this hunt, discussion limited to acknowledging that ADFG supports this hunt



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97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	9	(Smith/Casey) - Discussed support of ADFG management of full curl hunts, biologists can manage by EO if necessary.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Support as amended	9	0	(Smith/Clemens) - Smith supports registration hunts because it provides additional harvest data (Smith/Casey) - amended subsection (4) to delete the language including resident hunters, so this would apply only to nonresident hunters.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		



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Oppose	0	9	(White/Smith) – White stated that he does not support the limitations of a draw hunt. Discussion acknowledging that ADFG management practices of a general season and only full curl rams is biologically sound.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Oppose	0	9	(Casey/White) - Casey generally opposed to creating new hunts that benefit an individual user group. All hunters may participate in the general hunt using whatever legal methods and means they prefer.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(White/Dubuc) – moved to vote on proposals 113-133 as a group, referencing our discussion of proposal 86
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the		



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	available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of		



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	the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(ref. proposal 86)
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Oppose	0	9	(White/Clemens) – White stated that this would result in lost opportunity during a part of the season where there are good options to select a bear over bait
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		



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142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	9	(White/Clemens) moved to discuss and vote on proposals 145-149 as a group. Discussion noted that these proposals had been discussed by our committee and voted down in the previous meeting cycle, and that they are substantively the same. The reasons these proposals are not supported have to do with a mix of enforcement difficulty, some opposition to the size of the setbacks being proposed, and that dog owners ought to be responsible and in control of their pets. There was also discussion and recognition of unethical trapping being a problem.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
Support	7	2	(Clemens/White) – Discussion of this proposal picked up from the previous re: trapping, with supporting comments citing trapper accountability, similarity to shrimp pot tagging requirements, and that anonymity would be maintained by having a tag ID# as opposed to a person's name and phone number.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		



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152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Clemens/Casey) – discuss proposals 155-158
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Bacon/Clemens) – discuss proposals 160-168
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		



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Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area		
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C		
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Smith) White discussed having many years of experience hunting in this area and stated that he has rarely encountered other hunters, does not believe the amount of hunting a warrant shifting the dates and is opposed to this proposal.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		



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Support	7	2	(Casey/Smith) – noting that the Seward AC votes on this annually, little discussion was given to the proposal, the two dissenting votes were also cast in accordance with past reauthorizations of this hunt.
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits as follows		
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		



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190			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
191			Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C
192			Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C
193			Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt
194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks
201			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
202			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only though December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1
203			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three
204			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks



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205			Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek
206			Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek
207			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side
208			Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8
209			Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8
210			Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household
211			Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31
212			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
213			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
214			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
215			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to "up to" 10% of the available permits



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218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st



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231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
243	Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		



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246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region
250			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
251			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B
253			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
254			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18
255			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
258			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
259			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
260			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
261			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
(Casey/Clemens) moved to authorize Dubuc to attend Board of Fish meeting, and passed by unanimous consent.
Discussion of upcoming Board of Fish meeting in Seward, December 2026, and forming a subcommittee to plan for the meeting. Dubuc, Clemens, McCracken, Hubbard, and Smith volunteered for the subcommittee
- XII. Set next meeting date – no meeting date was formally set.
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjournment: 10:00 PM by the Chair

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Bacon
Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken
Date: 02/09/2026



Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 7th at 11:00am
Zoom

I. Call to Order

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 11:24 am.

II. Roll Call (7 quorum)

First Name	Community	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Jacob Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Renae Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Kelsi Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Wes Jones	Unalakleet	Present
Gary Eckenweller	Unalakleet	Present
Perry Burress	Unalakleet	Unexcused
Morris Nassuk	Koyuk	Present
Randy Takak	Shaktoolik	Excused
Matilda Hardy	Shaktoolik	Unexcused
George Flynn	Stebbins	Unexcused
Dominic Richardson	St. Michael	Present
Johnny Richardson	Undesignated, St. Michael	Present
Shyler Johnson	Alternate, Unalakleet	Excused
Vacant	Stebbins	
Vacant	St. Michael	
Vacant	Koyuk	

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

Sara Henslee, Sam Kirby, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Patrick Landback, Jenefer Bell, Cody Watkins

IV. Guests Present

Elliot Nassuk, Mitchell Wisniewski

V. Approval of Agenda

Morris Nassuk made a motion, seconded by Wes Jones to approve the agenda with the ability to amend as needed. There was no opposition.

VI. Elections:

- a. 2 seats from Koyuk – Morris Nassuk, Elliot Nassuk
- b. 1 seat from Unalakleet – Wes Jones

- c. 1 seat from Shaktoolik – open
- d. 1 seat from St. Michael – Johnny Richardson
- e. 1 seat from Stebbins – Morris Nashoanak
- f. 1 Undesignated seat – Shyler Johnson
- g. 1 Alternate seat – Gage Ivanoff

Jacob Ivanoff nominated Morris Nassuk and Wes Jones to retain their Koyuk and Unalakleet seats, respectively. Renae nominated Johnny Richardson to be reelected in the St Michael seat. Wes Jones nominated Shyler Johnson to the undesignated seat. Morris Nashoanak was recommended and nominated by the tri-organizations for the Stebbins seat. Kelsi Ivanoff nominated Gage Ivanoff for the alternate seat.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve nominations as a block and the election of members. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Johnny Richardson moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve the nomination of Gage Ivanoff to the alternate seat. The question was called. There was no opposition.

VII. Elections: Chair, Vice chair, Secretary

Morris Nassuk moved, seconded by Wes Jones for Jacob Ivanoff, Morris Nassuk, and Renae Ivanoff to retain their seats as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively. The question was called. There was no opposition.

VIII. New Business

- a. Alaska Board of Fisheries – Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish
Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals – 28, 33, 34, 36, 37, and 38.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 28. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Johnny Richardson to support proposal 33, 34, and 37 as a block. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 36. The question was called. Motion failed 3 – 2 – 3.

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to take no action on proposal 29, 30, 31, 32, 35 and 38. The question was called. Motion passed 8 -0.

- b. Alaska Board of Fisheries – Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish
Refer to Table below for the following discussions on the following proposals – 132, 147, and 152.



Wes Jones moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 132, 147, and 152 as a block. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

- c. Alaska Board of Game – Southcentral Region
Refer to Table below for the following discussions on proposal 251.

Renae Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 251. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.

IX. Reports

- a. Chair's report: Overview of the Statewide BOF meeting in March
On behalf of Chair Jacob Ivanoff, Wes Jones gave an update on the Norton Sound crab related proposals submitted before the Board of Fisheries and noted that all proposals failed.
- b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Report
Kevin Clark summarized the Norton Sound-Port Clarence salmon season and commercial crab fisheries. There were questions and discussion on sustainable escapement goals for Shaktoolik River and the sport fishery related project on egg collecting activities occurring in the Unalakleet River drainage.
 - ii. Wildlife Report
Sara Henslee provided an update on the RM841 hunt, reporting 63 moose being harvested in game management unit 22A. She also gave a recap on the moose survey that took place along the Unalakleet River drainage during the spring of 2024, reporting a moose population estimate of 972 noting an average recruitment. This estimate is an increase from the 2021 survey of 767 moose. It was brought to the Department's attention that there was a possibility that local hunters were hunting unknowingly or knowingly hunting in the adjacent game management unit with potential reporting issues.
- c. Jen Bell's Sonar Project on the Unalakleet River
Jennefer Bell gave a summary of ADF&G's objective to continue a long-term salmon monitoring program on the Unalakleet River drainage to establish the necessary information for drainage wide salmon escapement. ADF&G is seeking funds to purchase the necessary equipment to operate a sonar project in supplement of the Unalakleet River Weir as it is no longer operational. She has requested support from the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee to provide a letter of support for outside entity funding.



Renae Ivanoff made a motion, seconded by Wes Jones for the Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee to provide a letter of support for the purchase of necessary equipment to operate a sonar project on the Unalakleet River. The question was called. There was no opposition.

d. Comments for upcoming meetings

- i. Work Session – comment deadline Oct 13, 2025
- ii. AYK – comment deadline Nov 3, 2025
- iii. Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish – comment deadline Feb 3, 2026

X. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk for Jacob Ivanoff to attend the Board of Fisheries meeting occurring in November 18 – 22, 2025. The question was called. There was no opposition.

XII. Set next meeting date

The next meeting date is anticipated April 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Renae Ivanoff

Minutes Approved By: Jacob Ivanoff

Date: 10/22/2025


Renae Ivanoff



Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish November 18-22, 2025, Fairbanks, AK Deadline for comment Nov 3rd			
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28	Lawful gear and gear specifications. Define beach seine gear specifications in effect when Norton Sound Port Clarence subsistence fisheries are closed and immediately reopened with the non-retention of specific salmon species...		
	8	0	There was some concern from a couple committee members that these lawful gear and gear specifications for defining beach seine gear will affect subsistence users that have limited access to gear type resources if this regulation were to pass.
29	Subsistence fishing permit; annual limits for salmon. Establish a seasonal harvest limit of 25 sockeye salmon for the Sinuk River subsistence fishery...		
No Action			
30	Waters closed to subsistence fishing. Increase water closed to subsistence fishing in the Sinuk River...		
No action			
31	Waters closed to subsistence fishing. Expand water closed to subsistence fishing for salmon in the Sinuk River...		
No Action			
32	Fishing season and periods. Repeal the subsistence fishing schedule in the marine water of west of Cape Nome in Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District...		
No action			
33	Limitation of subsistence fishing gear. Prohibit the retention of king salmon when subsistence fishing with beach seine in the Pilgrim River....		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.



Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish November 18-22, 2025, Fairbanks, AK Deadline for comment Nov 3rd			
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34	Subsistence fishing permit; annual limits for salmon. Reduce the subsistence fishing annual limit for the Pilgrim River king salmon...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.
35	Limitations on subsistence fishing gear. Repeal the requirement for hook and line subsistence fishermen to follow sport fishing bag and possession limits in the northern Norton Sound area....		
No action			
36	Subdistricts 5 and 6 of Norton Sound District and the Unalakleet River King Salmon Management Plan. Allow catch and release sport fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage when the subsistence fishery is closed to the retention of kings...		
3 Abstained	2	3	There were two committee members that were in support of allowing catch and release sport fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage, three committee members that abstained, and three committee members that were opposed to protect the long-term sustainability of such a vital resource that is an already depressed state not only in Norton Sound, but the Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim as a whole. There was discussion on the King salmon management plan, effective regulatory date of actions, and clarifying regulatory language.
37	Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northern Area. Close sport fishing for kings salmon in the Pilgrim River....		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.
38	Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. Modify hook size specifications when sport fishing for salmon in the Northwestern Management Area....		
No action			



Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Islands / Bering Sea and Chignik Pacific Cod February 18-24, 2026, Anchorage, AK Deadline for comment Feb 3rd			
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132	South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.
147	Gillnet specifications and operations. Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.
152	Seine specifications and operations. Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.



Southcentral Region: Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15 March 20-25, 2026, Kodiak, AK Deadline for comment March 6 th			
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251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	8	0	Beneficial for resident bear hunters in Unit 22 to reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions as brown bear harvest rates are low and well within the sustainable yield limits and have been exempt in Unit 22 for over 20 years.



Meeting Agenda

**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
February 2, 2026
Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)
 - Bryan Kirby, Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach, Eli Hoffman, Tlm Buechle, Mark Burcar, Todd Kingery, Dave Fish
 - Members Present: Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach, Eli Hoffman, Tlm Buechle, Mark Burcar, Todd Kingery, Dave Fish
 - Members Absent (Excused): Bryan Kirby
 - Members Absent (Unexcused):
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Cory Stantorf, Leila Williams
- IV. Guests Present:
 - a.
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes from 12/8
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. New Business
 - a. BOF Proposals [Link to Statewide](#)
 - i. 162, 170, 171, 172, 173, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183
 - ii. Any others that are brought to the table
 - b. BOG Proposals [Link to Proposal Book](#)
 - i. 73, 74, 175, 176, 195, 196, 197
 - ii. Any others that are brought to the table
- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None
- X. Set next meeting date: None
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjourn



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Regionwide & Multiple Units			
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
	7	0	
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
	7	0	
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
	7	0	
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
	7	0	
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
	0	7	
Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
	7	0	
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
	7	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Harrison

Minutes Approved By: Bryan Kirby

Date: 03/02/2026



Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, March 6th, at 9:30 am
by web/teleconference

I. Call to Order: 9:42am

II. Roll Call:

Present: Janessa Newman (Chair), Charlie Wright (Vice Chair), Millena Jordan, Curtis Sommer,
Kathleen Zuray (alternate, Tanana), Brooke Woods (alternate, Rampart)

Absent: Samantha Zuray (Secretary), Janet Woods, Ray Woods, Thomas Hyslop, Stan Zuray,
Leah Woods (alternate, Manley)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

III. Guest Introductions:

Kyle Campbell, ADFG Board Support

Lindsey Dreese, ADFG Fairbanks Area Assistant Biologist

Jeff Wells, ADFG Fairbanks Area Biologist

Jacqueline Meuhlbauer, TCC TRS Science and Policy Analyst

Gale K. Vick, Fairbanks AC Fisheries Subcommittee Chair

Matt Olson, ADFG Yukon Fall Season Manager

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Millena Jordan motions and Curtis Sommer 2nd a motion to approve the agenda with new business immediately following the approval of meeting minutes.

Janessa calls for unanimous approval of the agenda with changes, motion passes.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Jan 28th - tabled

VI. New Business

a. Continue discussion/actions on Board of Fisheries Proposals for Statewide Finfish Meeting (*comments will be submitted as Record Copy (RC) once meeting begins March 17th*)

b. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals (includes GMU 20 Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations, Props 256, 257, 258) – *comments due March 6th*

Proposal 256 (Unit 20A Antlerless Moose Reauthorization)

Charlie Wright motions and Curtis Sommer 2nd a motion to support BOG proposal 256



Management Rationale (Jeff Wells, ADF&G):

- Proposed harvest of 50 cow moose across 20A (less than 0.5% of population)
- Historical context: Population crashed from 23,000 to 3,000 moose in the 1960s-70s due to overpopulation
- Current population: ~12,000 moose
- Goal: Prevent habitat degradation and future population crashes
- Twinning rates (15% in 20A vs. 60-70% in Yukon Flats) indicate nutritional stress
- Permits distributed across multiple hunt zones (August-November periods)
- 60 collared cows monitored; department can cancel permits if heavy snowpack causes mortality

Opposition Concerns:

- **Charlie:** Minto Flats cow hunts historically led to population collapse; concerned about this year's heavy snow and moose health (tapeworms observed); questioned why cow hunts allowed near villages when cows can't be used for ceremonial potlatch
- **Kathleen:** Traditional practices prohibit harvesting cows (future resources); heavy snowpack will harm both bulls and cows; loss of salmon increases moose dependence
- **Curtis:** Elders teach against shooting mothers; Minto Flats experience shows negative outcomes; need to consider 7 generations ahead
- **Brooke:** Supports potlatch/ceremonial/educational use; concerns about jurisdiction and habitat variability
- **Janessa:** Cited 1997-2019 study showing hunters account for only 33% of mortality (wolves 37%, disease/malnutrition 15%, bears 10%); environmental uncertainty makes additional harvest risky

Clarifications:

- Cows currently allowed for potlatch in 20A and 20B (not 20C)
- Department monitors collared moose through April to assess snow impacts before issuing permits

Brooke Woods called the question. Janessa asked for unanimous opposition. Motion fails with one abstention

Proposals for Units 20B and 20D

20B Discussion:

- Jeff Wells noted only Fairbanks Management Area and Richardson Highway (½ mile) hunts planned
- Purpose: Reduce vehicle collisions and manage urban moose (no predators in Fairbanks/North Pole)
- Overall 20B numbers still down after 2021-22 hard winter

● 20D Discussion:

- Ellie Mason (not present) planning 10 youth antlerless permits and 5 disabled veteran permits (any moose)
- Jeff noted Delta AC worked hard to establish this structure, having historically opposed antlerless hunts



- Brooke supported these small-scale, targeted hunts for youth and disabled hunters
- **Outcome:** No motions or votes taken on 20B or 20D due to loss of quorum (Charlie departed for another meeting at noon).
Additional Context:
 - Fairbanks AC considering proposals to allocate some 20A/20B permits to youth
 - Committee interested in exploring similar targeted permit structures (youth, cultural, potlatch opportunities)

VII. Reports

- a. Committee Member Comments (optional)
- b. ADFG staff reports
 - i. Jeff Wells & Lindsey Dreese
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. Set next meeting date:

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn



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256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	There is strong opposition to the proposed cow moose harvest in 20A, driven by concerns for the unknown significance of environmental uncertainty in a rapidly changing climate (heavy snow fall, rain on snow, increased observation of disease and malnutrition, etc) could harm the already-stressed population. Hunting accounts for only 33% of female moose mortality, according to Department historical data. The remaining 67% is attributed to factors beyond direct management control, including wolves (37%), malnutrition and disease (15%), grizzlies (10%), and accidents (5%). Opponents caution that the Minto Flats moose population's decline demonstrates the dangers of liberal cow harvests combined with environmental instability. They argue that the negative impacts take too long to appear in the data, ultimately leading to a population collapse. Furthermore, concerns were raised about the proposed hunt's potential impact on increased community dependence on moose (due to salmon loss), jurisdictional issues, and restrictions on using cow moose for essential ceremonial purposes near villages.



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			One member abstained from voting because the AC was not able to hear the 20A moose reauthorization presentation in its entirety due to time constraints.

Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman (Chair)

Minutes Approved By: Charlie Wright (Vice Chair)

Date: 3/6/2026



Whittier Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 22nd, 2026
Zoom Only

I. Call to Order: 1806 by David Pinguoch

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
David Pinguoch	X	
Brett Wilbanks	X	
James Norris	X	
Brett Roth	X	
Jody Mason	X	
Gordon Scott	X	
Brad von Wichman	X	
Bruce Bowman	X	
Jon van Hyning		Excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charlotte Westing, Heather Scannell, Martin Schuster, Todd Johnson, Leila Williams, Brittany Blane Roth

IV. Guests Present: Forest Jenkins

V. Approval of Agenda: Jody Mason made a motion to approve the agenda. Bruce Bowman amended the agenda to add Proposals 166,167,168,175,176,177,178,179 and 180 then seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: No real report. David did say we would have elections and any other add on discussions at another meeting.

b. ADF&G:

i. 2025 Non-commercial Shrimp Harvest Report: Brittany Blane Roth gave a report that the 2025 GHF was 48,000 and the actual catch 54,000, so we were over by 12%. Martin Schuster reported that there was a survey in October of 2025, however the numbers have not been released yet.

c. Others



VII. Public Comment: Forest Jenkins talked about his concern for the Proposals pertaining to hatcheries and their effect on the Coastal communities and all sectors of the fishing community, commercial, sport and subsistence.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals 11, 162-165, 169, 170, 181, and 184
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals 70, 74, 76, 77, and 82-84
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	2	6	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2nd the proposal. Opposition: There is a concern that Alaskan residents might only be able to fish under a subsistence license in the future, so the implications of this proposal could interfere in that process and prohibit Alaskans from getting fish. May be more appropriate for the Copper River district and not statewide. One member is opposed to any attempts to restrict transportation services for residents trying to utilize their right to fish. It's cheaper to charter than to maintain a working boat, and it would be safer for individuals, so there is an economic impact in this proposal. There are also concerns that this



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			proposal may have unforeseen consequences on regulations in the future. Support: There is an OR part of this proposal that speaks to utilizing guiding services to participate in the subsistence fishery. This proposal would prohibit guiding services to be used for the activity of subsistence fishing, which members in favor of the proposal agree with.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	8	0	Brett Roth made a motion to support and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion. This proposal aims to protect brown crab and halibut from bottom draggers. Few boats participate in the groundfish fishery out there, but the fishery is lucrative with black cod and halibut plentiful in the area.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Language of this proposal presumes trawl gear will have contact with the bottom and requires monitoring. Department would be forced to come up with protocol to deal with bottom contact.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Monitoring devices for nets are already available and federal legislation (SB3269) is being introduced to require them.



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165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. See comments on proposals 163 and 164.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	8	0	Brett Roth made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal would provide a needed definition for slinky pots used in black cod fishery.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	6	2	David Pinquoch made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. There was much discussion about cutting Pinks and the effect it would have on the local economy. Forest commented that cutting Pink production would affect the hatchery's ability to raise other salmon species, financially. Everyone else was more concerned with the environmental impacts they have noticed in the past 20 years. Brett commented that the hatchery's should concentrate on raising less smolt longer for a better survival rate.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	0	8	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal is very similar to proposal 170 but less specific in language. This proposal is viewed as being too restrictive in what it is asking for.
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production.		
Support	6	1	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion. This proposal would maintain current levels



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			without increasing production, described as a “safety net” to prevent expansion. This proposal would also require the state to conduct research on impacts.
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody 2 nd the motion. The proposal aimed to restrict dip nets from being tied for stabilization when fishing from boats. One member uses a line to hold his dip net while operating his boat.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
No Action			Expressed concern about potential misinterpretation of the language regarding holding rods. There is also confusion about the language regarding hooks. The proposal aims to align statute and codified regulations. Couldn't act on proposal due to lack of clarity.
<i>Definitions</i>			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspect while in possession, as follows.		
1 abstained Oppose	1	6	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support the proposal with an amendment to the language which would state: Until a finfish has been processed or prepared for human consumption, a person may not mutilate or otherwise disfigure it in a manner that would prevent the determination of species or the determination of the length of the fish. Amendment proposed: to limit the regulation to fish where length is a requirement. Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Several argued that there was no good definition of processed or prepared.
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		



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Support	8	0	David Pinguoch made a motion to support this proposal and Bruce Bowman 2 nd the motion. Members thought of this proposal as a housekeeping change.

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70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
Support	7	0	Jim Norris made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Member Brett Roth left the meeting at this point, changing the voting number of members from 8 to 7. The proposal would restrict hunters who take a nanny goat in one area from hunting in any other area of Region 2 for 5 years.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep, to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use as follows:		



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Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal was described as a housekeeping proposal for the department.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the southcentral region as follows:		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. See comments on proposal 71.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jim Norris 2 nd the motion. The proposal would make it illegal across all units to wound a brown bear and not cut your tag. Some members questioned why some areas specifically state wounded bears count as harvested while others don't.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the southcentral region as follows:		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. There was expressed support from members for online education for trappers. One member noted the importance of education given incidents of traps near dog parks.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
1 abstained Oppose	2	4	David Pinguoch made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jim Norris 2 nd the motion. Biologist provided data showing non-residents take very few deer in Unit 6. There was a concern about Kodiak transporters moving to Prince William Sound if Kodiak limits are reduced. A suggestion was made for a two-deer limit, which might be more appropriate than a one-deer limit.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
Support	6	1	David Pinguoch made a motion to support the proposal with an amendment, that nonresident hunters must have a guide/client agreement, and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This was recommended by Charlotte Westing.
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		



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Support	5	2	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Brad Von Wichman 2 nd the motion.
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
Oppose	0	7	Dave Pinquoch made a motion to oppose the proposal and Bruce Bowman 2 nd the motion.
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
Support	5	2	Brad Von Wichman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. One member argued that shortening the fall season would be more effective at protecting female bears.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit as follows:		
Oppose	2	4	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. The proposal would align Unit 6 with Units 1-5 where this regulation already exists. One member shared personal experiences with unsafe shooting from boats. This proposal may be too restrictive and is also poorly written.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: **Please note that the meetings overlap**
- Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish, 03/16/26-03/20/26 (Deadline to submit AC rep by 03/02/26, same as comment deadline)
 - Board of Game Southcentral Region, 03/20/26-03/25/26 (Deadline to submit AC rep by 03/06/26, same as comment deadline)

No representatives were chosen for either meeting.

- XI. Set next meeting date, also determine when to have elections
- Other things to consider: Cook Inlet proposals for next year
 - Call for Proposals out with proposals due by **April 10th, 2026**
 No date was set.
- XII. Other Dave Pinquoch made a motion to nominate Jon Van Hying for ADFG's service award for his 36 years of service. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nomination.
- XIII. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 2120 by David Pinquoch.



XIV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris
Minutes Approved By: Dave Pinquoch
Date: 01/27/2026



**Wrangell Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nolan Center & Via Zoom**

I. Call to Order: Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Absent/Excused, Unexcused, Present
Chris Guggenbickler	Chair	Present
Tom Sims	Vice Chair	Present via Zoom
David Rak	Secretary	Present
Alan Reeves	Member	Absent/Excused
Robert Rooney	Member	Present
Marlin Benedict	Member	Absent/Excused
Jared Gross	Member	Present
Jason Rooney	Member	Present
Dave Brown Sr.	Member	Present
Winston Davies	Member	Present
Brett Stillwaugh	Member	Present
John Yeager	Member	Present
Travis Bangs	Member	Present, arrived late
Scott McAuliffe	Member	Absent/Excused
Ryan Reeve	Member	Present
Mike Ottesen	Alternate	Present
Jordan Bunes	Alternate	Absent/Excused

Members Present: 13

Members Absent (Excused): 4

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present via Zoom:

Sam Kirby, Board Support

Frank Robins, Area Biologist



Carri Anne Mueller, AK BOG
Alisha Seward, AST

- IV. Guests Present: Charlie Hazel, David Powell, Chuck Jenkins, Jim Jenkins, Dani Gross, Tim Hunt, Bruce Smith, Brian Rooney, and Patricia Phillips via Zoom.
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - Board of Game Southeast Proposal
 - Return to Proposals 57 and 58
 - Return to Proposals 64 - 69
 - Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: None
 - b. ADF&G: During discussion
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business:
 - Board of Game Southeast Proposal
 - Return to Proposals 57 and 58
 - Return to Proposals 59 – 69, the Moose proposals
 - Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- X. New Business per agenda:
 - Southeast Federal Advisory Committee
 - Discuss upcoming Federal Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) proposals:

A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the RAC opposing the civil twilight regulation for harvesting big game. The AC opposes the federal proposal for the same reasons it opposes proposal #1 to the AK Southeast Regional Meeting of the BOG, January 23-27, 2026. See the minutes from the Wrangell AC Meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025.
 - Discussion of FS on logging road access for hunting, gathering, and recreation:

A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, expressing interest in maintaining dock facilities and National Forest system road access for hunting, gathering, and recreation activities. The docks at Roosevelt and St. John Harbors on Zarembo island are needed for safe access for hunting and other subsistence activities. Chris Guggenbickler will write the letter.



Board of Game Southcentral Proposals – there are some Regional/Multi Unit proposals that might be interesting to look at (Proposals 73 and 74).

Proposal 73 would define the term: Permanent Dwelling for hunting and fishing.

Proposal 74 would count a wounded bear against the hunter's bag limit, and require them to cut their harvest tag.

Other issues brought up that pertain to pertinent Fisheries and Game issues

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Chris Guggenbickler will attend BOG meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBA
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

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START OF MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/11/25.			
57	Change the season, bag limit, and permit requirement for hunting elk on the Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
SUPPORT	11	1*	The Wrangell AC supports its proposal to allow bull elk on Zarembo Island with at least 3 points on one antler to be harvested between the first Saturday in November and the third Sunday in November annually. Action began and was tabled on 12/8/2025; and discussion was continued as follows: It was pointed out that the recent/current heavy snow includes the winter range on Zarembo. In winter the elk and the deer migrate to the west side of Zarembo (away from the Stikine wind), and both species compete on the same winter range.



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			The larger elk would decimate the elk, hurting the survival of the deer herd. Again, stressing the importance of the the Zarembo deer herd to feed the community of Wrangell. It was again stressed the need to harvest more elk from Zarembo Island, and that increasing the harvest from one to two drawing permits is would not be enough. Another explanation of the ADF&G proposal to increase the number of drawing permits from one to two for bull elk on Zarembo was provided: Two bull elk drawing permits would equate to approximately 10% of the estimated bull elk, and 1% of the estimated total elk herd. This should be sustainable. Some AC members feel the choice between proposals 57 and 58 is between 2 options: Manage for a sustainable herd, or wipe out the elk on Zarembo. *The minority voter feels the elk herd could be managed best using drawing permits, and ADF&G should increase the number of drawing permits to between 7 and 10 permits annually.
58	Open a registration hunt for elk on Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
OPPOSE	0	12	The AC opposes this proposal submitted by a Wrangell resident to allow for the harvest of one elk on Zarembo Island by registration permit between August 1 and November 30 annually. Action began and was tabled on 12/8/2025; and discussion was continued as follows: The AC supports its own proposal 57. Its desire is to increase the harvest of bull elk on Zarembo, but feels proposal 58, allowing the harvest of any elk, would not be sustainable. Some AC members feel the choice between proposals 57 and 58 is between 2 options: Manage for a sustainable herd, or wipe out the elk on Zarembo
59	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3, elk drawing hunt DE318, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
60	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE321, to “up to” 10% of the available 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, Voting Notes
61	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the elk drawing hunt DE323, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
62	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE324, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
63	Adjust the season dates for the DE318 elk hunt in Unit 3, and open a new drawing hunt in September		
OPPOSE	0	12	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes it would not be sustainable to hunt elk with a rifle during the rut in September. The AC does not favor shorting the archery season and add a rifle hunt in September. The AC supports the ADF&G concern for decreasing the herd by increasing the hunt. The elk harvest on Etolin has been declining over the past 15 years, because the herd is declining. Calf production and herd recruitment is a problem.
64	Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3		
SUPPORT	13	0	The AC supports its proposal to eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers. In the past moose antlers were illegally altered by hunters. That problem has decreased. The AC feels that if an antler in velvet is damaged naturally while growing, it should be allowed as a broken antler. Antlers altered by a hunter should be delt with by AST. Natural breaks to antlers would be included as a legal animal. It would be up to AST to prove a broken antler was man made. ADF&G reported that the bull moose harvest on the river with the current antler restriction has been stable for several years. Bull moose harvest on Kuiu and west Kupreanof Islands has been increasing. Generally, the Stikine harvest (1B) has been younger bulls, with older bulls harvested in other areas of Unit 3. The density of hunters for the small area of the Stikine is greater, than other areas that are a larger area. Note: AC Member Travis Bangs joins the meeting increasing the voting members from 12 to 13.



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65	Remove the antler restriction for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3 and replace with a shorter, any bull hunt in October		
OPPOSE	1*	12	The AC opposes this proposal submitted by a Wrangell resident to remove the antler restriction and shorten the season to 2 weeks for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3. The AC feels this proposal would be mute if proposal 65 was adopted by the Board. It is felt that the BOG would not change the regulations on a moose hunt that is doing very well. If it's working the BOG would not change the regulation. There has been record bull moose harvest in the past few years for Units 1B and 3. But some people are fearful to hunt and make a mistake in antler identification/determination. Eliminating the antler restriction would make the hunt easier and less confusing. A typical moose hunting on the Stikine river was described as a few bulls get shot during the first days of the season, followed by 10 to 15 days when very few bulls are seen and harvested. Once the rut starts the hunt become very productive for harvesting bull moose. This proposal would include the most productive days of the rut in the hunting season. With no antler restriction all bull moose would be eligible and legal to harvest. This would result in an unstainable level of harvest and a decline in the moos herd. While an open hunt, with no antler restrictions, would be the only regulations not to vilify legal hunters. A motion to table the proposal, and not vote on it, failed: 2 support and 11 oppose. Emphasis was made to the BOG to pass proposal 64 to eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers. *The minority voters feel an effort is needed to alleviate the hunter vs enforcement conflict, stop moose poaching, and end illegally killed moose abandoned in the field.
66	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 3 to one bear every regulatory year		
SUPPORT	13	0	The AC supports this proposal because they believe there is a need to increase the harvest of brown bears in Unit 3, and decrease the population of bears. With the restriction of harvesting a brown bear every 4 years, hunters pass on bears



Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals

January 23-27, 2026 | Wrangell, AK

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			as they seek a larger bear. With the possibility of harvesting a bear every year, more bears would be harvested because hunters would not pass on a bear knowing they would have to wait 4 years to seek a larger one. It is noted that this harvest would be open to residents only as there is currently no non-resident season for brown bears in Unit 3.
67	Repeal the Petersburg Road System Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
No Action			
68	Repeal the Blind Slough Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
No Action			
69	Extend the grouse hunting season in Unit 3, to close June 15 instead of May 15 end		
No Action			
262	Moose harvested under the horn restriction in 5 AAC 85.045 Units 1(B) and 3 will be Judged for legality by a committee.		
SUPPORT	13	0	The Wrangell AC supports its proposal despite the Board not having authority to determine the process.

END BOARD OF GAME SOUTHEAST PROPOSALS

BEGIN BOARD OF FISHERIES STATEWIDE FINFISH PROPOSALS



Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 17 – 21, 2026 | Anchorage, AK

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
No Action			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
No Action			
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
No Action			
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
No Action			
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
No Action			
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
No Action			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
No Action			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
No Action			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
No Action			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal as it is similar to a past proposal 156 in the Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish from January 28-February 9th, 2025. The AC opposed proposal 156 and feel it is simply an anti-hatchery proposal, not based on science. Hatchery programs are reviewed and approved by the Regional Planning Team (RPT) which is a public process. The reduction to the hatchery fish would harm the economics of many SE Alaska communities. The all users would be negatively impacted, and SRAA would be negatively impacted. Hatchery fish



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			benefit all users. Also see following: A Resolution Of The Wrangell Fish And Game Advisory Committee Opposing Proposal 156 from 12/17/24.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
No Action			
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
No Action			
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
No Action			
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
No Action			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
No Action			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal and proposal 177 because they would increase the opportunity to take fish on a sport charter. It believes the sport charter take of fish should not be increased. If all the members of the charter do not catch their limit, that's just the way it is; that's fishing. There is special emphasis to not increase the charter sport take of king salmon.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal and proposal 176 because they would increase the opportunity to take fish on a sport charter. It believes the sport charter take of fish should not be increased. If all the members of the charter do not catch their limit, that's just the way it is: that's fishing. There is special emphasis to not increase the charter sport take of king salmon.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes the person who sets the hook owns the fish, others cannot help catch the fish.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes that king salmon less than 28 inches are too small to keep. The current local king salmon limit is 28 inches, and that should be maintained.
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes the limit should be greater than 5 fish, and there needs to be accommodation of hatchery fish vs wild stocks in determining the limit.



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181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
No Action			
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
No Action			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
No Action			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
No Action			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No Action			
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
No Action			

Resolution #001 included below concerning Proposal 170(156).

The Wrangell AC SUPPORTS Resolution 001, all members are in favor.

Comments, Discussion: The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes past Proposal 156 and the current Proposal 170, and urges the Board to reject proposal 170 to prevent detrimental impacts on Southeast Alaska’s hatchery programs, coastal communities, and fishery-dependent livelihoods.

WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 001

A RESOLUTION OF THE WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPPOSING PROPOSAL 156 TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 9, 2025, ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING

WHEREAS, The Alaska Boards of Fish and Game established regional Advisory Committees to serve as local subject matter experts for their respective regions; it is both



appropriate and essential that the Boards prioritize these committees' expertise and rely on their informed recommendations when making decisions; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska's salmon hatchery programs have successfully operated for almost 50 years, supplementing wild salmon harvests and supporting commercial, sport, subsistence, personal use, and cultural fisheries, which are vital to the economic and social fabric of local communities; and

WHEREAS, these hatchery programs, operated by the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA), Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. (DIPAC), and Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), play a critical role in supporting approximately 4,200 jobs, \$219 million in labor income, and \$576 million in annual economic output, benefitting over 14,000 Alaskans who depend on hatchery salmon for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 156 seeks to reduce hatchery production of pink and chum salmon by 25%, posing a significant risk to the hatchery-supported ecosystem in Southeast Alaska and threatening the stability of salmon resources relied upon by commercial, sport, and subsistence harvesters, as well as local communities for food security, cultural traditions, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in hatchery production would jeopardize food security and access to salmon for subsistence, personal use, and sport fisheries, directly impacting the cultural practices, heritage, and economic stability of communities across the region; and

WHEREAS, the current scientific data on the impact of hatchery fish on wild salmon populations remains inconclusive and does not justify the significant cuts proposed in Proposal 156; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's hatchery system operates as a nonprofit model, funded through cost recovery and enhancement taxes, and adheres to stringent public permitting and scientific standards to ensure wild salmon populations are protected while benefiting all user groups; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 156 introduces unnecessary regulatory oversight that would conflict with the proven balance between hatchery and wild stock management achieved under existing frameworks, complicating long-term planning and financial stability for hatchery operators; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska hatchery programs represent a long-standing partnership between private nonprofits and the state, providing significant economic, cultural, and social benefits while maintaining sustainable practices that protect wild salmon stocks;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT:

Section 1. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes Proposal 156, scheduled for consideration at the January 28 - February 9, 2025, Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting, and urges the Board to reject this proposal to prevent detrimental impacts on Southeast Alaska's hatchery programs, coastal communities, and fishery-dependent livelihoods.

Section 2. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee reaffirms its support for SSRAA, DIPAC, and NSRAA, recognizing their essential contributions to sustaining salmon resources critical for local economies, cultural practices, and the continued availability of salmon for all user groups.

Section 3. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee calls upon the Alaska Board of Fisheries to prioritize science-based, objective assessments for hatchery management and collaborate with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, hatchery operators, and local stakeholders to ensure management decisions reflect the economic, cultural, and ecological value of Southeast Alaska's hatchery programs.

XV. **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None

Adjournment: 9:10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak

Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler

Date: 01/07/2026