



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 4th, 2025
William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Excused
2	Martin	Weiser	Excused
3	Willow	Hetrick	Excused
4	Bryce	Eckroth	Present
5	Neil	DeWitt	Excused
6	Matt	Moore	Present
7	Ernie	Weiss	Present
8	Nicole	Schmitt	Excused
9	Kneeland	Taylor	Present
10	JR	Gates	Present
11	Michelle	Bittner	Present
12	Ed (Harold)	Horton	Not Present
13	Scott	Crowther	Present
14	Tom	Vania	Excused
15	Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

IV. Guests Present: Grace Kirkey and Rob Johnston

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Ernie Weiss; seconded by Bryce Eckroth, Agenda approved.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025 meeting by J.R. Gates; seconded by Ernie Weiss. Minutes approved.



VII. Reports:

- a. Chair's report, no chair's report.
- b. ADF&G, none.
- c. Others, none.

VIII. Public Comment, none.

IX. Old Business, none.

X. New Business

1. Recap of January BOG meeting in Wasilla

Matt Moore provided recap of BOG meeting in Wasilla. He stated that the AAC tries our best to support proposals of other AC's. We don't amend proposals because other AC's would not have access to the amendments. We always support more hunting opportunities and consider biological factors when we make our decisions. Matt summarized his testimony on specific proposals before the BOG.

2. Prepare/finalize comments for Statewide BOG Proposals 85-192

AAC members finalized comments for all Statewide BOG Proposals 85-192.

3. Nominate AC Member to testify for the AC at the Statewide BOF meeting which will take place March 11-16, 2025

Motion to nominate Ernie Weiss to represent AAC, seconded, Ernie will testify for the AAC.

4. Nominate AC member to testify for the AC at the Statewide BOG meeting which will take place March 21-28, 2025

Motion to nominate Nicole Schmitt to represent AAC, seconded, Nicole will testify for the AAC at the Statewide BOG meeting.

5. Call for proposals for BOG for 2025/2026 cycle are due May 1, 2025 for SE and Southcentral Regions (units 1-5, 6-8, 14C and 15). AC Member Kneeland Taylor had 2 proposals for the AC to discuss. One proposal was to prohibit bear baiting in "the remainder of" GMU 14C. Problem with bear baiting near where people live conflicts with rules requiring people to be careful with their garbage and bears are habituated



to humans. Second proposal is to require identification tags on traps and snares in GMUs 7, 14C, and 15. This is exactly what the wildlife troopers are recommending in their comments. Proposal 131 at the Statewide Meeting is a similar proposal. The ADF&G comments stated that they would like to see this started in one place rather than requiring identification tags on snares and traps statewide. Chair Matt Moore suggests individual proposals presented to the AC for endorsement would be considered after discussion and vote by the AC as a whole at the next scheduled meeting.

Kneeland asked the AAC how he could make his proposals better and more likely to be adopted. Bryce Eckroth stated he wouldn't support the bear baiting proposal because it's too broad. He suggested limiting it to the areas in which Kneeland is concerned about. If concerned about Hunter Creek, then limit the area to areas around Hunter Creek and east of Lake George. The AAC will consider endorsing the two proposals presented after discussion and a vote by the AAC at the next scheduled meeting on April 8, 2025.

- 6. Schedule next AC Election for April 8, 2025
- 7. Move to adjourn, seconded, adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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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>			



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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Oppose	0	6	2 abstain. No needs versus additional bag limits.
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
Support	8	0	Population is in decline. Support the need for more information regarding current population.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Opposed	1	9	Opposed because of safety considerations.
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issues by the Department of Fish and Game		
Support	7	3	Support because the Department <i>may</i> issue not <i>shall</i> and that's enough. The number of animals harvested will be low. Opposed because believe it is premature as the herd grows.
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
Opposed	0	10	Supportive of education but not supported of mandated education.
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	10	0	More education is a good thing regarding recognition of billy versus nanny. Other questions: Does this address a problem that really exists, will the education make a difference?
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	10	0	More education is better for the hunters.
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
Support	8	0	2 abstain. Support for reasons stated.
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
No Action	--	--	Took no action.
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
Oppose	0	10	Did not like proposal.
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		



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Oppose	0	10	Did not like proposal.
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
Oppose	0	9	1 abstain. Did not like proposal.
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
Opposed	3	7	Support for reasons stated. This was written in the favor of the guides Those opposed felt it was difficult to enforce unless someone admitted to harassment of game and/or hunters.
98	Unlawful methods of taking big game; exception		
No action	--	--	See proposal 97.
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
Oppose	0	10	Unenforceable. Provides distance from sheep Allows resident hunters the chance to find sheep, see sheep, and make a plan to pursue them.
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
Support	9	1	Support for reasons stated. The Department's note states that "proposed amendments to 5 AAC 85.055, including changing hunts to drawing permit hunts and changing seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep, are outside the scope of the Statewide Regulations meeting."
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Support	7	3	Support so it will become effective in case the Department needs to implement intensive management of any predator species to prevent the further decline of sheep and because a Department biologist spoke at a meeting several years ago stating that it was difficult to tell whether wolves or golden eagles were predated more lambs, ewes and rams and that the wolves should be eliminated.



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			<p>Oppose because, based on the publicly available ADF&G studies and reports, this proposal is premature, the precipitous decline of Dall Sheep appears to be more related to other factors including longer winters, deeper snow, more frequent and longer icing and thawing events, and excessive harvests, and because this proposal would create more complexity in the hunting of sheep with the potential for unintended consequences. Also note that this proposal appears to have several typos with AS 16.05.258(e)-(g) mentioned 5 times and that statute does not have a subsection (g) so we assume the Department intended to write AS 16.05.255(e)-(g).</p> <p>One member opposes intensive management for Dall sheep because AS 16.05.255(k)(3) authorizes intensive management only for ungulates which are important for providing a high level of harvest for human consumptive use, which that member believes is not true for Dall sheep in Alaska.</p> <p>Additionally, this proposal appears to violate AS 16.05.255(f)(1)(A) because even the Staff Comments state that scientific research does not indicate that the reason for the decline in Dall Sheep is predation. As a result, conducting predator control to increase the number of Dall Sheep would be ineffective, based on scientific information. Ignoring rather than utilizing the analysis of the Board of Game's experts constitutes an abuse of discretion sufficient to invalidate this proposal in court.</p>
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Oppose	0	10	<p>At the outset, and this is applicable to Proposals 102-118, we believe the Board needs to implement a statewide solution (not just limited to GMU 19C) to address the precipitous decline of Dall Sheep rather than taking no action as Dall Sheep are declining and then completely restricting any sheep hunting whatsoever. There is a general consensus</p>



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			<p>that the Board should take action in the following order: (1) limit nonresident hunting; (2) prohibit nonresidents from hunting; (3) limit resident hunting by imposing bag limits; (4) prohibit resident hunting.</p> <p>Support because want to reopen 19C to hunting. Oppose because, instead of just closing areas, there should be bag limits. If you close one area, hunters will just go to other areas. In addition, there should be just a certain number of hunting permits for Dall Sheep on an area by area and a subunit by subunit basis to conserve Dall Sheep. Finally, restriction of nonresident to one ram every four regulatory years is meaningless because the vast majority of nonresidents just come up to sheep hunt one time. One subcommittee member opposes Proposal 102 because of his view that in 19C the total number of harvest permits issued to all hunters should be limited to a specific number based on the Department's estimates of harvestable surplus. That subcommittee member does not agree that limiting non-resident hunting alone is sufficient to conserve the remaining sheep in Unit 19C, and believes that the step by step approach of restricting the three categories of hunters expressed by the majority will inevitably lead to further declines in the number of sheep in Unit 19C.</p>
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	10	<p>We agree with this proposals statement that “[t]he Board should be receiving proposals from the public, not creating its own proposals that it then passes. This action essentially supersedes the rights of the public and appears to be a conflict of interest since the board can hardly be biased as to its very own proposal.”</p> <p>Oppose because this proposal completely rescinds the closure of Unit 19C. We have conservation concerns and</p>



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			concerns about too much competition between resident and nonresident hunters.
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose for similar reasons as Proposal 102. The one ram every four regulatory years won't change nonresident sheep hunting because nonresident hunters will go to other areas to hunt and the vast majority of nonresident hunters only come up to hunt Dall Sheep in Alaska one time.
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose for similar reasons stated in Proposals 102 and 104 except this proposal just opens up nonresident hunting without any restrictions.
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose for similar reasons stated in Proposals 102 and 104. The one ram every four regulatory years for nonresident hunters is meaningless because the vast majority of nonresident hunters only come up to Alaska to hunt Dall Sheep once.
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	Agree with statement that "[t]he practice of board-generated or board amended proposals is not clearly permitted in Alaska Statute or regulations. Oppose because this Proposal would completely rescind the seasons and bag limits for Unit 19C.
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Support	10	0	Support because this proposal limits the number of permits issued to nonresidents to 10 or 25% of the harvestable surplus so nonresidents can hunt full curl rams rather instead of reopening 19C to unlimited nonresidents. In addition, this is more consistent with our belief that the Board should adopt a statewide proposal that limits hunting Dall Sheep in the following order (1) limit nonresident hunting; (2) prohibit nonresident hunting; (3) limit resident hunting; and (4)



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			<p>prohibit nonresident hunting. If we let nonresidents back into Denali National Preserve then we create hunting opportunities for residents and some nonresidents, we are spreading out people who are going to hunt for Dall Sheep anyways, and we are supporting people who are commercial guides for nonresident hunters to keep them in business. However, the Board needs to address the “second degree of kindred” issue so that all permits to hunt Dall Sheep in a particular area don’t go to nonresident hunters who will be guided by their “second degree of kindred.”</p> <p>One member disagrees with the step by step approach expressed by the majority, That member’s views are summarized in regard to Proposal 102.</p>
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Oppose because we don’t need a proposal which makes it more difficult to take Dall Sheep because there’s a harvestable surplus in Unit 19C and don’t like this proposal because there’s unlimited reentry for nonresidents using bow and arrow. Would support a draw for permits and limiting how many guides in the future.</p>
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	4	6	<p>We all reiterate that the Board needs to address the conservation of Dall Sheep on a statewide, consistent basis rather than just in Unit 19C and just on unit by unit basis. As stated before, the Board should adopt a statewide proposal that limits hunting Dall Sheep in the following order (1) limit nonresident hunting; (2) prohibit nonresident hunting; (3) limit resident hunting; and (4) prohibit nonresident hunting. Support because this proposal would conserve Dall Sheep by only allowing resident hunters to take Dall Sheep in Unit 19C every two years. Oppose because this proposal would limit the number of people in Unit 19C but would not limit the</p>



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			number of Dall Sheep that would be taken by different people. One member disagrees with the step by step approach expressed by the majority, That member's views are summarized in regard to Proposal 102.
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
Oppose	2	8	This proposal eliminates full curl management that rewards hunters who harvest older sheep. We think this is a creative idea but would cause confusion and be difficult to implement. Support because like the idea of setting a bag limit for resident hunters in 19C. Oppose because proposal would cause confusion and be difficult to implement. In addition, it's a creative proposal but not applicable right now.
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 111.
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	9	We believe the Board needs to implement a statewide solution (not just limited to GMU 19C) to address the precipitous decline of Dall Sheep rather than taking no action as Dall Sheep are declining and then completely restricting hunting. There is a general consensus that the Board should take action in the following order: (1) limit nonresident hunting; (2) prohibit nonresidents from hunting; (3) limit resident hunting by imposing bag limits; (4) prohibit resident hunting. Appreciate that residents get more time to hunt than nonresidents. Permits in 19C should be limited and permits should be limited to nonresident hunters before resident hunters. One subcommittee member opposes Proposal 102 because of his view that in 19C the total



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			number of harvest permits issued to all hunters should be limited to a specific number based on the Department's estimates of harvestable surplus. That subcommittee member does not agree that the step by step approach expressed by the majority is sufficient to halt the decline in Unit 19C and elsewhere in the State. 1 abstain.
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	2	7	Support because archery hunting is not as successful as rifle hunting and would still provide opportunity for people to have access to the resource. Opposed because restricts and entire user group. Guides are going to use this to ensure their customers get sheep. It will severely limit resident hunting opportunity.
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed because it seems like a very tailored hunt to a small number of individuals.
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	See proposal #115.
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
No Action	--	--	See Proposal 192.
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
No Action	--	--	See Proposal 192.
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
No action	--	--	
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		



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Oppose	0	10	Opposed because are unsure of the consequences on rural users in Seldovia, Port Graham, or Nanwalek. 1 abstention due to lack of knowledge.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
Oppose	2	8	Support because proxy hunting in general. Opposed because think that the hunt is already restricted enough and hard to draw and allowing proxy would dilute the chances more than they already are.
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed because it is not ethical to pay someone to proxy hunt. This provides a back-end way of trophy hunting and leaves room for a lot of abuse.
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Support	8	2	Oppose because it would liberalize the definition and allow bear baiting to be closer to unoccupied structures. Support for reasons stated.
125	Define “developed recreation facility” and “permanent dwelling” for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
Support	9	1	Support bringing more clarity to the regulations. Opposed because would allow bear baiting next to established ski trails throughout Alaska. Do like the concept but do not like the final outcome this proposal would bring. One member who supports the concept of defining the terms “developed recreational facility and permanent dwelling would specify that the definition of “developed recreational facility” includes privately maintained developed recreational facilities. Proposal 125 appears to apply only to state maintained recreational facilities, while most developed Nordic Ski areas with groomed trails, warming huts, and parking lots are privately maintained.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		



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Oppose	0	10	Opposed because does not allow for fair chase. Consider limiting the proposal to certain species.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	10	See proposal #126. Do like the arguments presented in this proposal better than 126, however. Again, consider limiting the proposal to certain species.
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	10	See proposal #126 & #127.
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Support	8	2	Oppose because it is too restrictive to all big game species in Alaska and should be considered via species. 223 is an extremely popular round and would have massive impacts throughout users in Alaska. Support for reasons stated.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Support	8	2	Support for reasons stated. Oppose because the caliber could leave extremely weak bullets. It's not just the caliber that matters. There are a lot more variables.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
Support	9	1	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because could become overly burdensome to trappers and didn't think that the information stated should be released at all.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
Oppose	4	6	Support for reasons stated. Suggest ADF&G conduct a population study of wolverines in all units. Opposed because limits opportunity for a limited number of people who may use snowmachines to hunt wolverines in rural Alaska.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		



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Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because restricts opportunity for residents and the fee is restrictive.
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because believe it should be the same chance every single year.
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. 2 abstentions due to lack of knowledge.
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
Oppose	0	9	Support for reasons stated. Support because believe transporting animals in pieces and evidence of sex doesn't have applicability. Opposed because this is not a perfect proposal because people are unethical and dishonest. 1 abstain.
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed because it is extreme and are not sure it is addressing a problem that exists. 1 abstention due to lack of knowledge.
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because would open up a world of trouble with illegal hunting if big game is monetized.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	10	See proposal #142.



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144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
Support	0	10	Support for reasons stated.
145	Add Eurasian Eagle to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed because would like the possession to be permitted.
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed because these animals are still able to kill songbirds and chickens and should not be allowed.
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because do not agree to remove the authority from the Board of Game.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. The Department approves IM plans and then when they are not used, they become inactive and then can be reactivated. The argument is that instead of the BOG having authority it would be delegating statutory duties to the Commissioner and no public notice is required. The point is that public notice needs to be given when a plan is moved from inactive to active status.
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	7	3	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because there is evidence that the brown bear population may be declining.
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Support	8	2	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because there is evidence that the brown bear population may be declining.
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Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because there is evidence that the brown bear population may be declining. 1 abstention due to lack of knowledge.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
Support	8	2	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because are worried that the number of moose is not high enough to account for road kills and hunter harvest success.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
Support	9	1	Support for reasons stated. Opposed (not to JBER) but Anchorage Management Area because believe it conflicts with Municipal Code. Area Biologist Cory Stantorf indicated that antlerless hunts in the Anchorage Management Area would be conducted only in Chugach State Park and the majority of the AC approved on this basis.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Supported the proposal as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	Supported the proposal as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	10	0	Supported the proposal as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	10	0	Supported the proposal as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.



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159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	10	0	Supported the proposal as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed, based on current significantly lower moose population.
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	10	0	Support the proposal with reservations as antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management but there has been a significant downward trend in the moose population of 40% in recent years.
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Support	10	0	Supported with serious reservations due to population trends. Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	10	0	Supported as moose population is high and access is primarily float hunting. Other access is very difficult.
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	10	0	Supported for winter access reason. . Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
Support	10	0	Support with no conservation concerns. Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for population management.
166			
No Action	--	--	Took no action
167			
Opposed	0	10	Bad idea. Hunting licenses provide much needed data, and they are easy to obtain.
168			



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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
Opposed	0	10	Bad idea. Hunting licenses provide much needed data, and they are easy to obtain.
188	Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows		
No action	--	--	--
189	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
190	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows		
Support	9	1	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because Guide Concessions were not discussed in the 19C working group meeting. We support a draw rather a concession for GMU 19C.
191	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
192 (ACR#9)	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows		
Support	9	0	Everyone agreed that nonresident hunting should be shut down in GMU 19C. If you follow full curl, then no sustainability issue with only residents hunting. Kept it wide open for residents. In the years since shutdown to nonresidents, harvest has gone down to 5-10 sheep per year. Residents are not the problem with conservation of sheep. Would rather have this proposal and have both residents and nonresidents hunt in GMU 19C. The idea of this proposal was to limit nonresidents and to allow residents to continue to hunt in GMU 19C.



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			Proposal 192 wants a very low draw number for nonresidents. One member wants to support the guides and not putting them out of business for another year. Proposal 192 puts the guides back in business with a very low number of nonresident draw permits.



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Approved Minutes
October 22, 2024
ADFG Bethel Office

I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Sam Hancock, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Sam Hancock, Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle, Mike Glore, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance, Kara Domnick, Jeremy Brink (Teleconference)

Members Absent (Excused): Alissa Rodgers

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Patrick Jones, John Landsiedel, Savannah Hollingworth, Tim Bimbenic

Invocation – Moment of Silence

Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG Regional Coordinator

- Elections
- Kara Domnick and Dave Humphrey won the membership election and will hold seats set to expire June 30 of 2027. Justin Essian, Kara Domnick, Dave Humphrey, Tad Lindley, Robert Hoffman were nominated for membership.
- Officer elections – Sam will lead this meeting regardless of outcome, but future meetings and planning will be handled by the newly elected chair.
- Chair and Vice-chair election were combined since the Vice Chair must be ready to assume the same responsibilities as chair. Seth Madole, Sam Hancock, Travis Burks, Mike Glore, and Kara Domnick were nominated. Seth Madole and Kara Domnick declined the nomination. Mike Glore won the most votes for chair with Sam Hancock as the runner-up and will serve as Vice chair.
- Secretary elections – Dave Humphrey was the only nomination and won with 8 votes

Fish and Game Staff Present: Patrick Jones, John Landsiedel, Savannah Hollingworth, Tim Bimbenic



IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VI. Reports

a. ADF&G

- i. Wildlife – John Landsiedel reported on predator control program outcomes and Mulchatna caribou herd health.
- ii. Wildlife – Patrick Jones reported on moose populations in Zone 1, Zone 2, Goodnews, and Kanektok rivers.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Robert Hoffman raised concern over Zone 1 moose hunt being only eight days, when there are reports of moose abundance in Zone 1. He suggests a longer Zone 1 season, with additional reasoning that the winter Yukon moose hunt is only accessible to those with financial resources for snowmachines, gas, etc.
- b. Mark Leary asked about moving the Zone 2 boundary in relation to Whitefish lake. Patrick Jones said this boundary line has a long history, but could be possible to adjust if all parties agreed.
- c. Brian Lefferts – wants to our community to capitalize on the moose abundance on the Yukon. He has submitted proposals that will be discussed at next meeting. Of concern are topics related to funding for structural interventions for food securities, proposals for stipends, figuring out how to bring Yukon moose down to Kuskokwim villages, and working with legislatures. This needs more discussion, and he has been invited to the office to discuss this more.



VIII. New Business

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Proposals			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description (Motioned to bring forward, Second)		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
2	(Jon, Seth) Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
Support	9	1	Reasoning: This is a Bethel AC proposal and we still support it. There are 19 Game units with no closed season for bears. Sometimes, due to environmental reasons such as flooding bait sites cannot be reached. By having 2 baiting season it will allow for more flexibility and help residents take bear over bait.
3	Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17		
Support	9	1	Some members were for this proposal since it could give hunters an advantage when hunting bears, but others mentioned that the it would not benefit many in this area because of the lack of cell coverage. There was also some concern about areas that do not allow electronics, or they are not used. Opposition – Unit 18 not listed, but would not support. Gives advantage to only those who can afford and disadvantage for those who cannot
24	(Jon, Seth) Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17		
Support	10		Historically higher abundance of hares. Population has declined. Pat gave recommendation of going to permits only before closing. Sam says moratorium is one of the few tools we have to help.
29	(Jon, Seth) Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd		
Oppose		10	Pat explained that herd size and behavior is dynamic. Smaller groups don't move as much as larger groups. If herd does recover, expectation is that small herds will interact more again. Alternative could be to create zones.
30	(Jon, Seth) Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19		
Support	10		
33	(Jon, Seth) Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17		
Support	9		Lucinda abstain – not our unit
34	(Jon, Seth) Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support	9		Lucinda abstain – not our unit
35	(Jon, Seth) Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February		
Oppose		10	Jon – wolverine – not hurting #s. Never seen lactating female in March. Pat – Has no biological reason. Majority of caught males and one year or less. Mostly catching dispersing males. He has



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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
			handled many and only seen 2 and they were later in March. Wolverines breed in July.

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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
86	(Jon, Seth)		Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks
Oppose		10	Reasoning: Aaron – no. Population has actually grown, but populations are low and with influenza, hit or miss. Seth – doesn't think we are killing enough to be affecting at all.
87	(Jon, Seth)		Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl
Oppose		10	Not practical for harvest in our unit.
88	(Jon, Seth)		Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game
Oppose		10	Reasoning: Jon- thinks it's too soon. Pat – talked about different populations. Too premature. Sam – doesn't even think there is a hunt..
89	(Jon, Seth)		Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred
Oppose		10	We oppose this, kills self guided moose hunts, makes moose hunting more prohibitive. This goes against our goals of increasing moose harvest with the current moose population. Some members thought an education course, or an orientation, could be considered. AK State Trooper, Walter, states that wanton waste and failure to salvage is much less in our region than it use to be.



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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
101	(Jon, Seth) Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Support	10		
122	(Jon, Seth) Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
Oppose		10	We did not support proxy hunts for draw permits.
123	Tabled		(Jon, Seth) Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
124	(Jon, Seth) Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Support	8	2	Discussions centered around improving access to bear baiting, versus attracting bears to fish camps/cabins. Fish camps are already a bear attractant at times. Opening bear bait close to fish camps could help eliminate nuisance bears. Opposition does not want to attract bears to fish camps/cabins when areas are not in use.
125	(Jon, Seth) Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	8	2	Same as above
126	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
No Action			We agreed taht proposal 127 is a better wording of this proposal.
127	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Support	10		Similar to 126 but with dates that make it more practical (November 1st to March 31).
128	(Jon, Seth) Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
No Action			Mike suggested table – No motion to bring forward.
129	(Jon, Seth) Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose		10	Similar to what we wrote, but larger caliber, and not specific to each animal. For example, Sitka deer are classified as big game, but do not require the same caliber as moose.



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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
130	(Jon, Seth)		Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose
Support	10		Walter mentions this could be impossible to enforce.
131	(Jon, Seth)		Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares
Oppose		10	Concerns over someone moving a person's trap to somewhere illegal and then report it.
132	(Jon, Seth)		Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine
Oppose		10	Very rare in our region – a person that has moved to our community and has lived here less than a year is what has happened in the past. This encourages new teachers and medical providers to have an option.
133	(Jon, Seth)		Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine
Oppose		10	Same as above
135	(Jon, Seth)		Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents
Oppose		10	We don't see a need to impose a blanket policy for so many hunts. Individual boards handle this for each hunt.
136	(Jon, Seth)		Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt
Oppose		10	We do not see a need for this.
138	(Jon, Seth)		Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox
Support	10		Clear reasoning.
139	(Jon, Seth)		Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals
Support	10		Discussed at length previously.
141	(Jon, Seth)		Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form
Support	10		Utilizing technology most people have, helps figure out whose meat it is
144	(Jon, Seth)		Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies
146	(Jon, Seth)		Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
Oppose		10	Cats are #1 killer of small birds, do not want them out there.



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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
147	(Jon, Seth) Delegate authority to manage “the clean list” from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
Oppose		10	Authority should be with more than one person on this issue.
151	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	10		Increases opportunities for harvest
157	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	10		No discussion.

Proposed Outside the Board of Game’s Authority			
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
167	(Jon, Seth) If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license		
		10	Out of our authority. We have a low income license for \$5.00, and has documentation, creates a paper trail.
168	(Jon, Seth) If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license for small game		
		10	Out of our authority, see above.
173	(Jon, Seth) Only resident guides can guide nonresident hunters for guide required animals		
		10	Out of our authority, Not practical, many guides are nonresidents, this would take legislative action, no member felt that this was necessary.

IX. Set next meeting date - – November 4th, 6:30 PM. 143, 185, plus Lefferts proposals (178-182)

Adjourn - 10:00 PM



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: David Humphrey, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Bethel AC – by unanimous vote
Date: 11/4/2024

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- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Mike Glore, Chair

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Mike Glore, Sam Hancock, David Humphrey (Teleconference),
Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance, Kara Domnick,

Members Absent (Excused): Alissa Rodgers, Jeremy Brink

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Invocation- Moment of Silence
- 3) Approval of Agenda motion and second
- 4) Approval of previous meeting minutes: 10/22/2024
 - a) Motion to approve and seconded (Jon, Seth)
- 5) Reports - None
- 6) Public Comment - No comments
- 7) ComPass Core Presentation for Proposals
 - a) Michelle DeWitt, Joe and Carrie Atchak, Robin Masterman presented their five proposals. The overarching goal of her group's proposals are to establish community structural interventions to address food insecurities. This would be accomplished by piloting a culturally-relevant protein food box program for those that are food insecure. In order to achieve this, proxy hunting rules are targeted for change to utilize the abundance of moose currently on the lower Yukon. Major proposed changes include: establish a "community safety net organization" that could receive proxy tags, expanding proxy hunting to have more specific populations targetted, allow organizations to qualify for proxy tags or allow an organization to be a proxy tag recipient, and proxy hunting for reimbursement. There was hesitancy expressed by the AC for these proposals due to the implications on commercializing hunting and that the proposals lack specificity. Discussions on what systems are in place for receiving moose. The exact number of moose needed wasn't clear, and Michelle thinks that they could see exponential requests the more the program would go. Discussions were had about what has done to increase moose donations at a community level prior to regulatory changes, and what can be done to increase moose donations. Several members of the AC offered constructive feedback for proposals, suggestions on how to increase donations, and other solutions to challenges associated with receiving moose meat donations. Overall, the AC does not support the proposals as presented today, but does recognize the problems presented by Michelle and her team. There were numerous

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conversations regarding suggestions on how to increase donations before implementing statutory changes.

Alaska Board of Game Proposals – <i>Outside the Board of Game’s Authority (ComPASS Core)</i>	
<i>*These proposals were discussed as a group and not individually.</i>	
178	Taking of Game by Proxy: We request that the board consider assigning proxy tags to community safety net organizations
179	Taking of Game by Proxy: We recommend expanding the definition of proxy to allow any individual Alaskan who is eligible for a moose harvest tag that do not plan to fill to transfer that tag as a proxy tag to a Community Safety Net Program as defined below
180	Taking of Game by Proxy: Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of reimbursement for hunting expenses as follows:
181	Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses as follows.
182	Taking of game by proxy: Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses, and allow the organizations to employ specialists to serve as proxy hunters as follows.

8) New Business

Agenda Item 10, New Business: (a) Proposals

32	(Proposed: Jon, Second: Seth) Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17		
Support as amended	All		<p>This proposal would allow for take during fishing season. Bears taken by DLP during the summer do not have good hides, but there are parts people could keep such as skulls or claws. Some members felt that these bears would be killed anyway with DLP rules, and the proposal would not increase their take, but some were worried about a free-for-all. One member said he would be interested in hearing population numbers and other data about the bears before approving.</p> <p>Amend to June 30 to match Unit 18 . (Sam, Travis)</p>
72	(Jon, Seth) Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16		
Support	All		Both Harvest Ticket and sealing requirements are redundant.

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76	(Jon, Seth) Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne		
Support	All		No closed season and 2 bears p/year. Regulations can be adjusted as needed if populations get low.
137	(Jon, Seth). Change the drawing hunt permit process		
Oppose		All	Bethel AC supports random draw.
140	(Jon, Seth) Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
Oppose	1	8	Opposition - Evidence of sex can taint meat. Majority support evidence of sex requirement.
143	(Jon, Seth) Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	1	8	Encourages hunting for trophies / money, too similar to market hunting. Travis supports - should be able to sell trophies without permit
150	(Jon, Seth) Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	9	0	
185	(Jon, Seth) Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system <i>Note: Tier II scoring is based on statutory requirements in Alaska Statute 16.05.258.</i> <i>Proposal is outside of the Board of Game's Authority</i>		
	7	2	Landowners that recreate in a Tier II area are not awarded points. This is prohibitive to those that spend significant time in Tier II areas, but do not reside there permanently. Opposition - Lucinda - tags should go to residents of Tier II Dave - could have a broader impact than intended, concerns of broader scope of proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: David Humphrey, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

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1) Call to Order 6:35

a) **Chair:** Mike Glore

2) Roll Call - Sam Hancock, Alissa Rodgers, Lucinda Alexie, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Michael Glore, Cole Nance, Kara Dominick, David Humphrey

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

3) Welcome

4) Invocation- Moment of Silence

5) Introductions: Fish & Game Staff; Other Agency Staff; Public John Chythlook, Pat Jones, Sam Decker, Walter Blajeski, Aaron Moses

6) Appointment of Alternates

- a) Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG, summary of regulations and the role of Alternates on the AC
- b) Nominations - Discussion of possible nominations, Justin Essian declined nomination
- c) Appointment - No alternates appointed today

7) Approval of Agenda – Sam, Seth

8) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: November 4th, 2024 Sam, Seth

9) Reports

- a) ADF&G
 - i) Fisheries – Sam Decker, ADFG – gave a 2024 Season summary. Discussion regarding outlook of salmon numbers for upcoming years, tactics for addressing Aniak river king numbers.

10) Public Comment- Keep to 3 minutes

a) Alissa – reports on harvesting caribou. Four taken behind Kwethluk.

11) New Business

- a) Discussion of potential fisheries proposals
 - i) Proposal Deadline: April 11, 2025
 - Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik Areas Finfish
 - Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish
 - Bristol Bay Area Finfish
 - Statewide Provisions for Finfish

Alissa suggests putting in a proposal to address fishing time and bycatch in Bristol Bay for seasons ABDF. She states F hits hardest for Kusko stock.

b) Proposals

Proposal	Support	Opposition
#123- Page 148, Sam, Travis		All, except Alissa abstains
<i>Reasoning:</i> The goal for this proposal is to take advantage of the moose abundance on the lower Yukon. In the past, ONC provided tribal members with money and items to be used for moose hunting in exchange for moose meat. Discussions centered around the core argument that giving people		

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money to hunt is commercial hunting, not subsistence. The AC majority vote was to not alter the language around proxy hunting. Statewide regulation change is not the best way to address this issue.

12) Select Board Meetings to Attend and Representative to Send-Unanimous

- a) **Board of Game: Central Southwest Region –Travis, Mike, Alissa possibly.**
 - i) **January 10-17, 2025**
- b) **Board of Game**
 - i) **March 21-28, 2025 – Alissa Rogers offers**
- c) **Meeting Prep - Not discussed**

13) Next Meeting - Not determined

Adjourn

**Central AC Meeting
February 22, 2025
Central Museum**



Call to order at 1:49 p.m. by Joe McWilliams, Chair.

Roll Call

- AC members present: Joe McWilliams, Christi McWilliams, Sarah Behr, Olee Arnold, Dean Willis (alternate), Sally Navarre (alternate), Jacob Hendrickson.
- Members of the public present: Jim Cutting, Jessie McNeil.
- Members Absent (Excused): John Hendrickson
- Members Absent (Unexcused): N/A
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

Approval of Agenda: Approved by all present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by AC members.

Discussion on upcoming 40 Mile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition Meeting to be attended by Sarah Behr. Review of discussion points provided by ADF&G.

- For 2025-2026 season: Sooner is better for EOs. Youth hunt ok as is. Hunt dates - August 10 to September 30 is ok. Dislike October hunting due to meat condition. Winter hunt preference is to start in December. Harvest allocations to zones are all ok as is. AC in favor of using targeted hunts to minimize over harvest and meet winter quotas.
- For new management plan: AC discussed goals and objectives of new plan. Members indicated that sustainability should be included and acknowledgement that caribou populations fluctuate naturally.

Non resident harvest was discussed. There was general agreement with the example provided in the ADF&G handout (0-400 suspend non resident harvest, 400-1000 allow non resident harvest in zone 2, >1000 non resident harvest ok in all zones).

All AC members agreed there shouldn't be cow hunting for the foreseeable future. Also discussed erring on the side of caution if there is no current photo census. Members were in favor of limited draw hunts early in the season to reduce hunter crowding and improve hunt conditions. All agreed that caribou hunting should not be allowed simultaneously with moose season.

Discussion on relevant statewide proposals. Comments due by March 7, 2025.

- Proposal 2: Support. 7 in favor, 0 opposed. All AC members and alternates present support this proposal. The change would help grow moose/caribou populations. We acknowledge that the change could negatively impact those who enjoy wildlife viewing.



- See comments on proposal #s 120 and 134 below.

All present agreed that we do not want to submit any fisheries proposals at this time.

Next meeting: TBD.

Meeting adjourned: 2:56 p.m.



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January 10-17, 2025 | Wasilla, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
2	Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal		
SUPPORT	7	0	All AC members and alternates present support this proposal. The change would help grow moose/caribou populations. We acknowledge that the change could negatively impact those who enjoy wildlife viewing.

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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
120	Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D		
SUPPORT	7	0	All AC members and alternates present support this proposal. The change would clarify the boundary for all hunters. The change would also be advantageous for hunters that aren't using a GPS. We don't think this change would negatively impact any user groups.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
SUPPORT	7	0	All AC members and alternates present support this proposal. This change would increase food security for Alaskans. We do acknowledge that this change could negatively impact out of state hunters and people owning or employed by an outfitter.

Minutes Recorded By: Christi McWilliams
Minutes Approved By: Joe McWilliams
Date: 3/6/25

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Proposal#85

Changes the definitions for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services. Motion to adopt by Susan Walter, seconded by David Carl, Roll call vote. **Oppose** unanimously.

Proposal #86

Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks.

This could be a problem for people in the region. This proposal would add additional paperwork to fill out and some people don't have internet; some don't even have a post office and need to go to another village for postal service. There are already 2 sets of rules in our region; state and federal that are run out of different places; some things in Bethel and some in Dillingham.

Janet Bavilla makes a motion to adopt, by Stanely Tom. Motion failed. **Opposed** unanimously.

Proposal#87

Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl.

David Carl questioned how they can hunt without a boat. Janet Bavilla mentioned how the strong currents here make it hard to anchor. Throwing the anchor doesn't do anything. Stanley Tom said it is swamp in his area.

Susie Walter said that with climate change access to the land is different, no longer. Some only have access by boat. Newtok, Nunapitchuk. Only safe way is through a boat.

Motion to adopt by David Carl, seconded by Janice Bavillia, Motion fails. **Opposed** unanimously.

Proposal#88

Add Wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by DFG.

Janet Bavilla spoke about how her parents rarely ate big game because there was none by the village, but she grew up on caribou and then moose. She stated she would like to leave a cultural permit option open so that if they ever migrate down. The others agreed. Stan Atchak said he would like to support because of the cultural component.

Susie Walter made a motion to support. Motion passes. **Support** unanimously.

Proposal#89

Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientations course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family members with in the second degree of kindred.

Stanely Tom motion to accept, seconded Janet Bavillia. Motion to pass, motion carried. **Support** unanimously.

Susie Walter made a motion to break for the evening @ 4:50p, motion carried.

Meeting reconvene at 9:00 am by Chairman David Carl.

Stan Atchak made the roll call presents. 7 attending and 7 not here.



Proposal#123

Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters.

Motion to adopt by Janet Bavillia, seconded by Susie Walters. Janet and Jackie are in favor of amending this proposal to not include money, so that money cannot change hands for proxies. One concern is that some village corporations may pay their proxy hunters, but not all can and people may expect them to. Jackie said that it would benefit hunters who would like to hunt for others but are unable to, but others may take advantage.

Amend to only allow compensation through gas, ammo, food, etc. but NOT money.

Question called by David Carl. All in favor of the motion to support it. **Support as Amended.** Unanimous.

Proposal#126

Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward looking infrared taking furbearers statewide. Some think that it would not have much effect in the area because it is expensive equipment and fur trapping doesn't make much money. Some worry that it would be hard to tell human from animal.

Motioned by David Carl to take No Action, seconded by Susie Walters, motion passed. **NO ACTION**

Proposal#127

Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forwarding-looking infrared for taking furbearers statewide. Motion passes on the proposal. **Support** unanimously.

Proposal#129

Established a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridge for taking big game.

Susie called the .223 "the main tool of the hunter" but acknowledged that a bigger gun would be needed for bigger game. Janet said that she felt that it's "trickier" out here and that the .223 is the common gun people would use for caribou and only bring a couple bullets. Most said that they thought shot placement was more important and that a bigger shot or an badly placed shot ruins the meat.

Tom Kusiak., made a motion to accept it, seconded by Stanley Tom.

Roll call motion failed. **Oppose** unanimously.

Proposal#130

Established a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridge for taking moose.

Janet said that she agreed with the bullet size, but not the gun type. Many were concerned with the cost of a new gun and the availability of ammo. "People use what they have." People often bring their kids hunting and the kids use smaller rifles. One person said he was taught not to high-powered rifles on animals.

Motion to adopt by Stanley Tom, seconded by Susie Walter.

Question called by Stanley Tom, motion failed. **Oppose** unanimously.

Proposal#131

Require identification tags be attached to trap and snares. Motion to adopt by Janice Bavillia, seconded by Stanley Tom.



Stan Atchak stated that when he trapped we say the other traps with a number on it. They were invasive to our place. This would help with trappers who trap too close to town. There was questions if fish traps were included, like blackfish.

Stanley Tom makes an **amendment** to include the rule would only apply for traps on top of the land, not under water. Seconded by Tom Kusiak, motion passed. **Support with amendment.** Unanimous.

Proposal#132

Prohibit nonresidents from using snow machines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverines. David Carl said that these are dangerous animals to approach without a way to flee. Tommy added that they will not run away when they are hungry. Some members wondered how they would get to where the animals are. Wolves are fast runners; even with a snow machine it is hard to keep up with a wolf. If we apply this to non-residents then even though we do not want them to chase, it could benefit hunters that want to pay to hunt wolves.

Susie Walters make a motion to accept it, seconded by Janet Bavillia.

Question called by Stanley Tom, motion passes. **Support** unanimously.

Lunch called at 12:00pm, reconvened at 1:39 pm.

Jackie Cleveland called the meeting to order.

Proposal#138

Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox.

Make a motion to adopt 138 by Susie Walter, seconded by David Carl.

Question called, motion carries. **Support** unanimously.

Proposal#151

Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26a.

Makes a motion to adopt by Stanley Tom, seconded by Susie WALTERS. Question called. Motion passed.

Support unanimously.

Proposa1#157

Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose in Unit 18. Tom Kusiak make a motion to adopt, motion carries.

Support unanimously.

I. Select representative for board meeting.

Jackie Cleveland nominated Janet Bavillia, and for alternate Stanley Tom for Board of Game Central and Southwest Meeting. Motion carried.

Jackie Cleveland for Board of Game Statewide meeting March 21-28, 2024, alternate David Carl. Motion passed.

II. Set next meeting date. May 02, 2024. 10:00 am-12:00pm for teleconference, Motion passed.

III. Make a our fishing report of our villages. Silence for Stanley Anthony...

Make a tribal government write a letter for the one about the new member for the CBSA member.



Jackie – would like to request at the next meeting we have council reports with summary of your community and how subsistence went in the villages. By doing this it could help us with voting and knowing what people are dealing with.

Tommy suggested that members get TCs to write letters of support for the resolution for increased funding that the JB passed last season.

Our per-diem need to be talk about at our next meeting since it is too low for us to attend.

Let our tribal councils write a letter of support for our low per-diems.

Jackie Cleveland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susie Walters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @3:05pm.

****These minutes are partial and a draft to reflect the positions of the Central Bering Sea AC on issues that will be deliberated on at the Statewide Board of Game meeting.**



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th, Beginning at 1:00 PM, 2025

In Person at the Aniak Traditional Council Youth Center, Community Hall Rd., Aniak, AK

Draft Agenda

By Phone: 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 824 8776 1074 **Participant ID:** 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82487761074?pwd=hyUIA6Tsl2KRbqcB8NlnEXIcz3KVmP.1>

Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support Staff, will lead Aniak Designated Seat elections.

Nick Kameroff and Allen Simeon were nominated by Nick Kameroff. No other nominations were received.

Call to order: *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

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

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Vacant	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
Present	X						
By Teleconference			X	X	X		
Absent		X					X
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Michael Savage	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u> Vacant	<u>Alternate</u> Vacant
Present							
By Teleconference				X			
Absent	X				X		

III. Roll Call

- a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5; with 9 members. Quorum met with 5.

IV. Teleconference Scheduling and Email Issues

Savannah, Teresa, Denny, Doris, Patty and Nick discussed scheduling a teleconference for the following Friday. They encountered issues with email distribution, with some members not receiving the meeting details. They managed to get five members present, which achieved the minimum for quorum. The conversation ended with the hope of getting more members for the next meeting.

V. Welcome and Introductions: *Chair, Nick Kameroff*

- a. ADFG: John Chythlook, Sam Decker, Mike Ebinger, Josh Pierce
- b. Other Agency Staff: None
- c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves - None

VI. Approval of Agenda: Teresa made a motion, 2nd Patty

VII. Officer Elections – Postponed until we have better participation.

VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 19th, 2023 – Savannah read the minutes. Approved unanimously

IX. Reports

- a. Chair’s report



- b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports – Sam Decker gave a report on the 2024 salmon season in the Kuskokwim and a summary of the results of aerial surveys and other projects conducted on the Kuskokwim.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Mike Ebenger and Josh Pierce gave reports on Bison, Musk Ox, and moose. There was a brief conversation about a proposal idea from an AC member who was not present.
- X. Public Comment - none
- XI. Old Business
 - a. The bullet item on the agenda was not correct. The boundary discussion was meant to be the boundary between 18 and 19, not 19A and 19B. Discussion of Boundary between GMU’s 18 and 19. Josh Pierce and Savannah Hollingworth said that a proposal could be made and submitted for the next Board of Game Statewide meeting, since boundary issues are addressed during the statewide cycle. They did give guidance on preparation for the proposal prior to the deadline of May of 2026.
- XII. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Statewide Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals			
March 21-28, 2025 Anchorage, AK			
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89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred. – Denny, Teresa		
Unanimous			We are most concerned with the care of the meat by hunters in the field. Will address further in a future meeting.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
			Denny states that you have depth perception when using these devices and is not sure if he likes it. Teresa says she does not agree with the whole proposal. But since it is already legal here, we did not discuss this further.



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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
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska – Teresa, Patty		
Support	Unanimous		
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A – Patty, Teresa		
Support	Unanimous		
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
Support	Unanimous		

XIII. Set next meeting date – February 21, 10 AM teleconference.
 Savannah led a discussion about the next meetings agenda. She suggested that the committee members review the orange booklet, which starts on page 97, and identify any proposals they want to bring up that would be addressed at the Board of Game statewide meeting. She also mentioned that the deadline for submitting proposals to the Board of Fisheries is April 10th. Savannah offered to help the committee members write proposals and suggested inviting ADFG Fisheries biologists and/or Rachel Vanderscoot and other experts to the meeting. The committee agreed to meet again on Friday at 10 AM to discuss further.

- XIV. Other
- XV. Adjourn

Adjournment: 3:40 PM

Minutes Approved By: Chair, Nicholas Kameroff
Date: 3/7/2025



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st, Beginning at 10:00 AM, 2025

Draft Minutes

By Phone: 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 884 9215 1520 **Participant ID:** 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88492151520?pwd=sSjgSNjijZPIQsKxcPVKKT8I2NRST7.1>

Call to order: *Chair, Nick Kameroff* : 10:17

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

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u>	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
Present	X	X	X		X		
By Teleconference							
Absent				X			X
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Michael Savage	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Present	X			X	X		
By Teleconference							
Absent							
Abs/Excused							

- III. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5; with 9 members
- IV. Welcome and Introductions: *Chair, Nick Kameroff*
 - a. ADFG: John Chythlook, Josh Pierce and Mike Ebringer,
 - b. Other Agency Staff: none
 - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves – no one spoke up.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Teresa, Denny. Unanimous
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/14/2025, if ready. Minutes had not yet been prepared
- VII. Reports
 - Chair’s report – meeting to address what was not finished in last meeting and to vote on representation for Statewide
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Statewide Proposals (see chart on next page)



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88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game. Chad, Denny.		
Support	Unanimous		The bison were reintroduced for future use and agree with the use for cultural purposes.
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred. Denny, Teresa		
Support	Unanimous		We would especially like to see classes for meat care; some sport hunters do not take care of meat. Amendment to drop 2 nd degree of kindred include care of meat and to extend to all of Unit 19? Or Statewide? AC agrees. And -Amended Just to require meat care orientation class for all non-residents statewide. Denny, Chad.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
Comment			No hard stance. Did not discuss for long. It is hard for us to do this already; non-residents would have a harder time.

XI. Other

a. Proposal idea for Aniak River –

- i. Allen Simeon presented his idea for a proposal regarding Aniak River. He spoke about how it was once a primary area for moose hunting but currently very few run up and down the Aniak because of guiding (fishing). He said he saw guides bringing up lots of fuel every week and that there are a lots of jet engines running all the time. He talked about how bears contribute to the ecosystem by bringing fish onto shores, fertilizing plants. He claimed that is being ruined by jet units scaring away animals. Mr. Simeon proposes ending guiding on August 25th to give it back to the people to go moose hunting. Josh Pierce outlines two possible ways to address the issue. A proposal could be developed for Board of Fisheries or Board of Game. If you wanted to submit a proposal to Board of Fish the deadline is coming soon. The Board of Game deadline for our region will be May, 2026. One example of how the issue has been addressed is the Holitna 40



hp restriction for all big game hunters. Mr. Pierce said you might want to try to submit proposals to both boards. Although some of the AC members agreed that there is an issue with traffic on the Aniak River during hunting season they did not agree to sponsor the proposal. Some concerns is that is would limit traffic to locals and economic activity in the area for both guides and locals. Ludi, a member of the public and a guide who operates in the area, offered to share data he had been collecting on the river regarding traffic and hunting on the river. He asserts that he only operates boats between 9 and 5 unless there is an emergency and that the moose hunting season accounts for 20% of his business. A motion was made to support the proposal idea, but there was no 2nd and the motion died.

- b. Nick presents his idea to draft a letter to NPFMC and/or other agencies regarding trawlers. He agreed to draft the letter.
 - c. Nick led the discussion in planning for GMU Boundary change request between 18 and 19 for the next Board of Game Statewide cycle. It was suggested that the AC work with Josh Pierce to draw up a map and begin discussions with the other ACs in the area.
 - d. Other proposal ideas?
 - i. Teresa asked about tier II permits. Who do people contact for those permits? She thinks the are allowed 1 or 2 per household?
 - ii. Josh said that just 1 permit per household is allowed. He continued that if multiple permits are issued in the household, he asked that people contact him and he said he would talk to the family.
- XII. Decide attendance and Select representative(s) for Board of Game Statewide meeting
- a. Statewide Regulations – March 21-28, 2025
On-time comments due: 3/7/2025
Location: Anchorage - Anchorage Egan Civic & Convention Center
 - b. Chad John is selected with Teresa as an alternate and if neither of them can go then the chair will.
 - c. Denny makes the motion and the AC approves unanimously.
- XIII. Adjourn

Minutes Approved By: Nicholas Kameroff

Date: 3/7/2025



**Central Peninsula Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 18th
Ninilchik School Library**

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

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	David	Martin	Chair	
2	John	McCombs	Vice Chair	
3	Steve	Vanek, Jr	Secretary	
4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		
5				
6	Teague	Vanek		
7	Dave	Blossom		
8	Madeline	Thompson		
9	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		
10	Gary	Deiman		
11	Gary	Jackinsky		
12	Torvald	Hanson	ALT	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment



IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- b. Board of Game Statewide Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - i. Call of Proposals for Board of Game Southcentral 2026 (no date released yet, but generally late April or early May 2025 estimated deadline)

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

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
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<i>Dungeness</i>			
263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery		
264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery		
265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay		
<i>Tanner</i>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
268	12	0	We oppose letting charter vessels harvest Tanner crabs. This is mainly a local Alaskan fishery in a relatively small area.
<i>Razor Clam</i>			
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		



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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
	0	12	This is an unnecessary burden on the people for what we perceive as providing no new information for the management of clams. It would just create more unnecessary bureaucracy.
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
	11	1	Support. Supporters agreed with the proposal issue. Our AC, that is from the Ninilchik area, has for decades, because of the enormous number of clambers, tried to get the razor clam bag limit to 15 so they wouldn't be overharvested. We didn't succeed and the clamming has been closed for seven years or so. The opposed doesn't want it opened because doesn't agree with the way they survey.
271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit		
	No action		See # 270
<i>Crab</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
273	Modify the start of winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		
274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms		
275	Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits		
276	Amend longline king pot storage depth from 75 to 100 fathoms or less		
277	Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery		
278	Establish pot limit for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery		
279	Amend vessel gear sharing and transfer provisions in the rationalized Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery west of 174°W longitude		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
280			Amend contracting agent performance standards
281			Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications
282			Amend escape mechanism requirements for Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
283			Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear
284			Allow catcher vessels to operate as tenders during the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
285			Repeal and replace the South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy
286			Repeal South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy and replace with size, sex, and season management
287			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy
288			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District snow crab harvest strategy
289			Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
290			Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20
291			Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W long. to directed Tanner crab fishing
292			Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J



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293	Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
294	Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
295	Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J		
296	Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements		
297	Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J		
298	Amend the State-Water Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement		
299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
	12	0	Passed unanimous. The author of this proposal was present and presented his reasoning and the issue for submitting this proposal. It is not a conservation issue. If sports fishery is open then commercial fishery should also be opened. Leave the split at 40% commercial and 60% sport. Should have a 50 / 50 % split for commercial and sport. Should be a set quota. The commercial fishery has long established markets and need to supply the annually. Many people enjoy buying shrimp from the



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			commercial fishery who want to eat them but don't or can't go fish for them.
304			Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
305			Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear
306			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements
307			Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
308			Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery
309			Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery
310			Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation
311			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders
312			Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>
313			Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>
314			Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon
315			Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT



ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula AC

DATE: 2/18/25 PAGE OF

Board of Fish Comments for Statewide finfish

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
312	8	4		Those in favor agree with the proposal that after a season testing it that this proposal would make it worth while while to some and not impact the kings or any other salmon species. Those opposed said all gillnets should be allowed because they were not a factor because only caught 42 large kings last time they are allow to fish. All where in favor of allowing gillnets.
313	6	6		Those in support said it would be a chance to catch some fish instead of just being closed for no biological reasons. All members supported the beach to be opened for set netting by all East side beach fishermen. Count all kings & the king escapement goal would be achieved. Those opposed said most East side beach fishermen would be excluded because of being offshore fishermen and rocky or trash sites not able to be seined. Many thought it is illegal and that gillnets where the only legal gear. The E. side beach closure is punitive and is not about kings, but to flood the rivers with sockeye for the inriver fisheries at the expense of the commercial fisheries. Punitive Allocation.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 7, 2025

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
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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
0	12	No conservation concerns. Unnecessary. We agree with the Department. Would just place an unnecessary burden. No biological reason.	
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
0	12	Same justifications as for Proposal #85	
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
0	12	Already have rules not to harass or herd waterfowl. No biological reason. Would place an unnecessary burden on hunters.	
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issues by the Department of Fish and Game		
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
1	11	Shouldn't add the other area. Leave as it is now.	
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
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97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
	0	12	Leave as is. Not necessary to expand time of no spot. Also we unanimously opposed proposal #98 0 yes 12 no for the same reasons.
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, bow and arrow only		
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		



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112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
	0	12	Unnecessary! The Department already has methods to manage areas within 15C. This would make it the 3 rd smallest area in the State for no valid reason. This would eliminate our AC and others from having primary jurisdiction on proposals for the new area. People across the Peninsula use this area extensively and must retain their primary input.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		



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123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
	0	12	Oppose: Shouldn't be for pay. Proxies are for sharing. This would create even more proxy abuse and misuse.
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting		
	0	12	Will create confusion. Leave as is.
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
	1	11	Leave as is.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	9	3	Yes votes agreed with the department and the proposer. Would be useful especially for calling wolves and coyotes. The no votes didn't want to hunt with night vision goggles because not fair chase and for safety issues.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
	3	8	One abstained and had no comment. Those in oppose said shouldn't be Statewide because it doesn't apply to every area. Those in favor said need to have the proper size gun to take down the game and not wound them.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
	11	1	Agreed that for taking of moose need a minimum caliber rifle.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
	2	10	Unnecessary burden on trappers. Leave as is.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
	4	8	Those opposed said leave as is. Those in favor didn't want nonresidents to be allowed to use snowmachines as the proposal states.
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
	0	11	One abstained and no comment. Leave as is currently
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		



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	11	1	This would give residents a better chance of drawing a permit. The opposed didn't think was fair to the guides that would be negatively affected. Plus less revenue to the State.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
	0	12	Leave as is. It is no problem leaving a testicle on the hind quarter and is a quick verification of the sex. Quicker than DNA verification. We believe there would be more violations if this would pass..
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
	0	11	One member had to leave the meeting; The intent is good but as written could lead to fraud and loopholes
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	0	11	Leave as is.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	0	11	Leave as is
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
	4	7	Those in favor agree with the proposer. Those opposed thought 60 days was not adequate and that the current six months was. Most mounts take a year or two to get completed even when half the money has been put as a down payment.
145	Add Eurasian Eagle to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		



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146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
	0	11	The listing to the clean list should be scrutinized by the Board and ACs and public not just the Commissioner and ADF&G. That is the checks and balances required by the public. We don't want invasive species to get a toehold and change our ecosystems forever.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
	0	11	Leave as is. It is working fine.
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
151	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout the Interior and Northeast Alaska		
152	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brow bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
	9	3	This is a confined and limited area that moose don't move out of. This proposal helps to manage the moose population accordingly to the carrying capacity. The no votes didn't want a cow hunt in this area and one is opposed to any cow hunts.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	11	1	We support this hunt. Many of the people in our area utilize this hunt for getting their winter meat. There are no predators on Kalgin island and without hunting the moose population would quickly exceed the carrying



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			capacity and moose would die from starvation. The no vote is opposed to shooting cows in any hunt.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
	0	12	We opposed this hunt for various reasons. Some members would and have been in favor of this cow hunt when it was just confined to the Homer bench but are definitely not in favor of it with the large expanded area. We believe from our own observations that the cow counts are not accurate and are way off on the high side. Because of the mild winter in 2024/2025 it would be a good time to not have a cow hunt and let the increased moose re-habitat some of the areas that are lacking moose. There is moose browse in some areas that is scarcely utilized. Some members were opposed to cow hunts on the Peninsula but supported the Kalgin Island hunt. One opposed any cow hunts.
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		



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187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
188	Award DI403 and DI\$04 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows		
189	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows		
190	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows		
191	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows		
192	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows		

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek

Minutes Approved By: David Martin

Date: 02/18/25



Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
Monday, March 3rd, 2025
Cooper Landing Community Hall and Zoom

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

II. Roll Call

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

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Cory Stantorf, Chris Bottom, Jason Herreman, Kristy Tibbles, Kyle Campbell, Sam Kirby, Leila Williams, Art Nelson



- I. Guests Present: Mike Amos, Donna Anderson, Katie Baker, Andrew Chadwick, Mark Glassmaker, Stephen Irvine, Rhonda Lynn, Patrick McBride, Charlotte Osowiecki, Heather Pearson, Chris Perry, Cecilia Quinn, Frank Quinn, Mike Welemin, Monte Roberts, David Nees, Amy Brodersen, Marja Beltrami, Sue Stephenson, Gerald Neis, Gary Mitchell, Sandra Holsten, Ian McDonald, Bob McDonald, John Almanrode, Kathryn Lessard, Rick Odgers, Laurie Radzinski, Josi Lewis, Aaron Dolphin-Chavie, Charyle James, Steve Rosen, Ed Schmitt, Michelle Donahue, Shayla Swain, Barbara Holt, Christine Nees, Zach Seeland, Jacob Pelham, Carl Coulliette, Jeff Groenke

- IV. Approval of Agenda
Approved-unanimous

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Approved-unanimous

- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report - None
 - b. ADF&G - None
 - c. Others - none

- VII. Public Comment - None

- VIII. Old Business -None

- IX. New Business
 - a. Elections for 4 expiring seats:
 - i. Jeremy Lewis
 - ii. Billy Coulliete
 - iii. Todd Donahue
 - iv. Tom Lessard
 - b. Elections for 1 vacant seat and 2 alternates
 - c. Board of Game statewide proposals, including new proposals 187-192
 - i. Newly elected alternate Ed Holsten did not stay for meeting
 - ii. JJ Brown left meeting to return to work after voting on proposal 128 (only 14 votes for proposal 129 on)
 - d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed



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	TNA	TNA	Already in regulations
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
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89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
		15	
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
	TNA	TNA	See proposal 91
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
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	15		



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	10	5	
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
	TNA		
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
	TNA		
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
	13		2- abstain- thinks ADFG should manage the sheep populations
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
	TNA		
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
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	TNA		
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101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
	13	1	Abstain- new to AC lack of info



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102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
	15	TNA	Take no action on 102-118. We would like to note that we don't support any proposals that allocates an advantage to any user group.
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
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	TNA		
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
	TNA		
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
	1	14	Lorraine supports because different eco regions, and data collection would be easier for ADFG for future management purposes. Opposing members believe changing boundaries should be done by Fish and game.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
	14		
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
		14	
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
	15		Amend proposals with appropriate legal language according to the department of law
125	Define “developed recreation facility” and “permanent dwelling” for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
	15		Same amendment as 124
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	15		126-127-128 - were voted on as a sweeping vote.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	15		See 126



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128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
	15		See 126, 127
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
		14	Covers all big game animals including wolf and wolverine
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
	4	10	Oppose-because it takes away the oppotumity to shoot moose when foraging, and not comftorable supporting. Support- The minimum caliber would be good for more humane kills with a larger caliber, support because it;s Bethels AC recomendation
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
	1	13	Support-based on helping ADFG- Opposed- communication is better tags won't help dogs not get caught in a trap, and it's not the dog owners right to know whos traps they are.and people doing illigal trapping won't tag traps anyway.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
		14	
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
		13	abstain-Lorraine Reginal preferences.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
		14	Sweeping proposal for 134-135
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
		14	



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	TNA		
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
	TNA		See 139
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
	14		
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	1	13	Support-Tom if its your animal you should be able to do what you want with it.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	1	13	see 142
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
		14	



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	TNA		
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	TNA		
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
	TNA		
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
	TNA		
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		



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	15		
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
	15		
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	15		
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
	15		
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
	TNA		157-165- Outside our area
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
	TNA		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
	TNA		
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
	TNA		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
	TNA		
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
	TNA		



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	TNA		
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
	TNA		
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
	TNA		
187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
	TNA		Due to voting on proposals already voted on Prosals 126,127,128
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- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting- Josh Hayes for BOF and Jason Lesmeister for BOG
- XII. Set next meeting date-
Will set at later date-
- XIII. Other-
None
- XIV. Adjourn- 3:57 pm
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Lesmeister
 Minutes Approved By: Josh Hayes
 Date: 03/05/2025



**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
Glennallen High School Library**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair] Chuck McMahan at 5:38pm

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Chuck	McMahan	Chair	Gakona/Gulkana	P
2	Wade	Simpson	Vice Chair	Copper Center	P
3	Mercedes Starr	Knighten	Secretary	Glennallen	A
4	Mike	Willard		Chitina	P
5	Vacant			Copper Center	
6	Nicholas	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	P
7	Karen	Linnell		Glennallen	P
8	Sarah	Gallt		Kenny Lake	P
9	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	P
10	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	P
11	Robert	Cyr		Tazlina	P
12	James	Horrell		Tazlina	P
13	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	A
14	Greg	Parish		Undesignated	P

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidie Hatcher

IV. Guests Present: Justin Z

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

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



- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - a. Current Board of Game Statewide Proposals
 - b. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
			No Opinion
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
			no Opinion
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
	0	11	Many Boats are blinds, Wade motion, Mike Seconded
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issues by the Department of Fish and Game,		
	7	4	New to the introduction process, 2015 first reintroduction and April 2024 for Minto Flats. Culturally needed. Karen motion, Nick Seconded
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred, Robert motioned, Jim H seconded		
	0	11	Would align with Sheep and Goat, would require guides to attend, Robert motioned and Jim H seconded
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
	11	0	Jim H 1, Mike 2 move to adopt both 90 & 91
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
	11	0	
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
	11	0	Should all be online, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded



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93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
	0	11	Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram,		
	0	11	
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
	0	11	Should be harvesting 8+year old rams only, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram see		
	0	11	Should be harvesting 8+year old rams only
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
	1	8	2 abstain, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
	1	10	No statewide; Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
	1	10	No statewide, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
	0	11	Workload how would we know how many tags to put out? Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
	11	0	Need to move on it now does not mean IM would happen but it would start the process. Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Skip to 118			
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		



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106			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
107			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
108			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
109			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, bow and arrow only
110			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
111			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams
112			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams
113			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
114			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
116			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
118			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19



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skip			
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	People putting in for others knowing that they won't be able .
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	Should be an honor to
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting		
	0	11	Leave the same as this leaves some discretion to the officer whether the place is a fish camp or an outhouse.
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
			See 124
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
			See 128 we preferred 128
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
			See 128 we preferred 128
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
	5	6	With trapping license and during trapping season. No biological concern for furbearers. Prefer this language
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
	Skip		
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
	Skip		
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		



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	0	11	
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	Should not say harassment is only from nonresidents. ADF&G Nuetral
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	This is a regular way of harvesting these animals in areas of long distance.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	There are already quotas in place for areas, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
	0	11	There are already quotas in place for areas, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
	1	10	No Biological reason, odds are already poor.
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
	0	11	Too Vague, too many pieces, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
	11	0	House cleaning to align with no tag needed
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
	0	11	DNA costs a lot. , Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
	11	0	Makes it easier, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	4	7	Permit may not be a bad idea as long as some ADF&G departments are making it more difficult to obtain. Need more clarity on how to procure a permit. Mike Motioned and Robert Seconded
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		



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144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
As amended	11	0	People can pay 5 dollars every 6 months or making an arrangement, don't like how it is written. Change to Obtain or apply, change 60 to 90
145	Add Eurasian Eagle to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game, Karen Motioned and Robert Seconded		
	0	11	This would bypass public comment. It would also streamline the ability to permit animals on the clean list.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	11	
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
skip			
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	11	0	Reactivate it
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
	11	0	Reactivate it
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Skip to 187			
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		



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156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
Skip from 152			
187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows, Mike Motioned and Wade Seconded		
	0	10	No seasons Fair chase too board one abstain
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Robert Cyr
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn Jim H motioned and Robert Cyr Seconded

Adjournment: 9:11 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Mercedes Knighten

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 3/7/2025



Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 30th, 2025
CDFU Building and Zoom

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

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
John	Renner	X	
Dennis	Zadra	X	
Chelsea	Haisman	X	
Brad	Sapp		X
Jamie	Foode	X	
Ardy	Hanson	X	
Harrison	Cain		X
Matthew	Myszka	X	
Brett	Bradford		X
Rita	Spann		X
Kyle	King	X	
Garrett	Collins	X	
Makena	O'Toole		X
Robert	Mattson		X
Mike	Collins	X	
Shawn	Gilman		X
Dave Tral	Glaser Lonsie	X	X

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List of User Groups Present: Milo Burcham, Chris Hottinger, Marc Cloward, Jake West, Andrew Sanders

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charlotte Westing, Leila Williams (Board Support)

IV. Guests Present: Milo Burcham, Chris Hottinger, Marc Cloward
Jake West, Andrew Sanders

V. Approval of Agenda Chelsea & Garrett 2NP

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G



c. Others

VIII. Public Comment *Mild with Black Bear concerns in PWS. Suggests giving support for F&G to close season when numbers are hit.*

IX. Old Business *ACR talk to repeal Board of Fish decision on prop (Vote 9-0) in favor*

X. New Business *Deadline is Aug 29th*

a. Elections for 5 seats and 2 alternates

i. Seats up for re-election:

1. Brad Sapp
2. Bret Bradford
3. Harrison Cain
4. Matthew Myszka
5. Rita Spann

ii. Alternates up for re-election:

1. Dave Glasen
2. Trae Lohse

b. Board of Game proposals and antlerless moose reauthorization

c. Board of Game call for proposals for 2026 Southcentral region

i. Black-tailed deer proposals?

d. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

Proposal 152

*Chelsea motion to Adopt 2nd
Vote 13-0 in favor*

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- XII. Set next meeting date *Feb 6th 2025 @ 6 pm*
Apr 1st 2025 @ 6 pm
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn



Meeting summary for PWS/Copper River AC Meeting (01/31/2025)

Quick recap

The committee discussed various wildlife management and hunting regulation topics, including the potential decline in deer numbers, the increasing trend of black bear harvest, and the management of mountain goat populations. They also discussed the potential for a large fish harvest in the Copper River and the need for a collaborative meeting with the community before the fishing season. Lastly, they discussed the appointment of new members and alternates, the reauthorization of the annual smooth season in Unit 6 C, and the upcoming meetings and deadlines for statewide finfish and shellfish proposals.

Next steps

- All committee members to review statewide proposals and shrimp proposals before the February 6th meeting.
- Kyle to send meeting minutes, officer election form, advisory committee election sign-in sheet, and new member forms to Leila.
- Leila to update the web page with new member information and email PDFs of proposal books to committee members.
- Trey to draft an Agenda Change Request (ACR) for returning management discretion to Jeremy before August 29th.
- Dennis and Garrett to review the 19C sheep hunting proposals from Leila.
- Committee members to discuss potential proposals on goats, black bears, and blacktail deer with the community before the April 1st meeting.
- Committee to consider supporting proposals for increased Alaska resident sheep hunting opportunities at the April 1st meeting.
- Kyle and Garrett to share secretary duties for future meetings.
- Leila to notice the February 6th and April 1st meetings, both at 6 PM.
- Committee members to consider attending the Board of Fish meeting for Prince William Sound shrimp in March.



Summary

Committee Agenda and Game Staff Reports

In the meeting, the committee discussed the agenda and made a motion to approve it, with an addition to include an ACR under new business. They also discussed the approval of previous meeting minutes, which were still in progress. The chair, who was about to step down, gave a report on the recent Board of Fish meeting, expressing disappointment at the outcome. The committee also discussed the game staff reports and the possibility of showing charts to help understand the numbers. The conversation ended with the chair expressing a desire to continue the discussion on the game issues.

Deer, Moose, and Mountain Goat Management

Charlotte discussed the current state of deer and moose populations, noting a potential decline in deer numbers due to the early and persistent snow in 2022. She also mentioned the possibility of deer transplantation to Soldovia, which could cost around \$2 million. Charlotte also shared her concerns about the accuracy of moose horn checks in the Northern Sound, which could impact the population. She also discussed the challenges of managing mountain goat populations, particularly in areas with high non-resident hunting pressure. Charlotte mentioned a cooperative study with the Forest Service to monitor the impact of heli-skiing on mountain goats. She expects proposals related to these issues to be put forward in the coming months.

Black Bear Harvest and Population Concerns

Charlotte discussed the increasing trend of black bear harvest in Prince William Sound, which has been rising year after year. She expressed concern about the sustainability of this trend, particularly the high proportion of female bears being harvested, which could lead to a decline in the population. Charlotte also mentioned the potential for a proposal to change the registration hunt system, as she felt that the current system was not effective in managing the bear population. Additionally, she discussed the brown bear population on Montague Island, noting that the quota had never been reached and expressing uncertainty about the island's current bear population due to past environmental changes.

Wildlife Management and Hunting Regulations

The meeting discussed various topics related to wildlife management and hunting regulations. The speaker proposed eliminating the registration permit, which was met with



some support. There was also a discussion about the management of black bear populations, with concerns raised about the high harvest rates and the lack of population estimates. The speaker also mentioned ongoing conversations about a potential bear transplant project, but expressed concerns about the lack of a clear plan and budget. The conversation ended with a reminder about the upcoming proposal deadlines for the Board of Game and the Board of Fish.

Copper River Fish Harvest and Management

The committee discussed the potential for a large fish prediction in the Copper River, which could have negative effects on the river's ecosystem. They considered drafting an Advisory Committee Report (ACR) to propose management changes to mitigate these effects. The committee agreed to draft the ACR before August 29th, with the understanding that they would need to provide new information to support their proposal. They also discussed the importance of community involvement in the process and the need for a collaborative meeting with the community before the fishing season. The committee decided to move forward with drafting the ACR, with the understanding that they would need to have a meeting with a quorum to vote on it.

New Members and Officers Appointed

The committee discussed the appointment of new members and alternates. Brad Sapp was appointed as an alternate, and the committee members were Chris Hottinger, Marc Cloward, Brett Bradford, Dave Glasen, Trae Lohse, Jacob West, and Milo Burcham. The committee also discussed the election of officers, with Trae Lohse nominated as chair and Kyle as secretary. The committee agreed to share the secretary role between Kyle and another member. The committee also discussed the possibility of sending representatives to a statewide board meeting in March to discuss the Prince William Sound shrimp.

Antlerless Moose Hunt and Appointments

The meeting involved discussions about the reauthorization of the annual smooth season in Unit 6 C, specifically the antlerless moose hunt. The proposal was approved unanimously, with the understanding that it would be an annual process. The meeting also involved discussions about the appointment of Brad Sapp as an alternate. The committee also discussed the importance of community engagement and the potential for game proposals. A meeting was scheduled for after the deal in March to discuss game proposals further.



Statewide Finfish and Shellfish Proposals

In the meeting, the team discussed the upcoming meetings and deadlines for statewide finfish and shellfish proposals. They agreed to hold a meeting on February 6th at 6 PM to discuss the proposals, with a follow-up meeting on April 1st at 6 PM. The team also discussed the need for more opportunities for Alaska residents in sheep hunting, and the possibility of supporting proposals related to this issue. Additionally, they discussed the need for a new scanning process for sending documents, with Leila offering to receive mailed documents. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle King & AI
Minutes Approved By: Trae Cohse
Date: 01-30-2025

Approved by Trae Cohse
for Kyle King
01/30/2025



Call to Order: 6:18pm

Roll Call:

Members present: 8

14 total Members & 1 alternate

Number needed for a quorum: 8

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x		June 2026
Mike Douville	Vice Chair	Longline	x		June 2025
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x		June 2026
Mike Sheets		Trapping		x	June 2026
Dave Creighton		Charter		x	June 2027
Ray Douville		Shellfish		x	June 2027
Braden Harding		Charter	x (online)		June 2025
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet		x	June 2025
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound	x (online)		June 2027
Derek Anderson				x	June 2027
Julie Yates				x	June 2027
Sandra Marker			x		June 2025
Clinton Cook		Subsistence	x		June 2026
Madison Stumpf		Charter		x	June 2026
Kirk Agnitsch		Alternate	x		June 2025

ADFG Staff present: Kristy Tibbles (ADFG board support-online), Deanna Perry (RAC), Mark Williamson (ADFG Unit 2 asst. biologist), Ross Dorendorf (ADFG Unit 2 biologist), Craig Schwanke (ADFG sport biologist), Dave Loring (Board of Game)

Guests present:

Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.26.2025.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from Nov. 20 & Dec. 2



Reports:

Public: None

Chair: BOF update

ADFG: None

Kurt: HB 93/BOF

Old Business: HB93/BOF

New Business: Statewide Hunting Proposals

Prop 90/91: Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting

Discussion: This is already required in SE AK and educating hunters statewide via an online quiz is a good deal and will result in fewer nannies being harvested.

Vote: Pass 8-0

Prop 92: Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course

Discussion: See comments above

Vote: Pass 8-0

Prop 126/127/128: Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide

Discussion: *This will be a poaching nightmare in SE AK relating to our deer.* We are OK allowing this prop up north where they have less daylight and harsher Wx but *allowing this in SE will be a bad deal b/c of the potential for illegal activity.* Enforcement in SE is already very difficult b/c so much hunting takes place on the water by boat, which is very hard to enforce, not to mention the 1000+ miles of logging road on PoW. The legal take of wolves on PoW with a rifle is already very low b/c we live in a rainforest and using night vision likely won't change this much and the potential for illegal activity in SE is not worth it.

Vote: Pass 8-0 with the amendment to restrict these props to mainland AK only, blocking these props from all of SE AK b/c of poaching concerns with our deer.

Prop 130: Establish a minimum standard of center fire rifle cartridges for taking big game

Discussion: *Our group had a robust discussion on this issue and decided to amend the prop. to: A minimum caliber of .243 when hunting bison, brown/grizzly bear, elk, moose, mountain goat, muskox.* This will mirror the regulation in place for bow hunters that need to shoot a stronger bow when hunting these animals. **The minority voted against b/c his daughters can shoot a moose in SE with a .22 Creedmoor the has low recoil, plus bullet placement is more important than bullet size.**

Vote: Pass 7-1 as amended; A minimum caliber of .243 when hunting bison, brown/grizzly bear, elk, moose, mountain goat & muskox.

Prop 131: Require ID tags to be attached to traps & snares as follows

Discussion: Many of our islands best trappers still have their gear marked from prior years and are not opposed to this prop. Dog owners need to do a better job of controlling their dogs during trapping season and unethical trappers placing traps near high use trails need to do a better job and move their traps further away.

No Action



Prop 136: Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime and only allow applicants to apply once per hunt

Discussion: The group discussed the pros and cons to this issue and do not like this exact method. We also agreed there is a better way to do it. What if you finally drew the tag but couldn't hunt due to extenuating circumstances like a medical or family emergency.

Vote: Fail 0-7

Prop 141: Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper

Discussion: *This a commonsense, solid prop should be passed.*

Vote: Pass 7-0

Prop 146: Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild

Discussion: Feral cats cannot be rehabilitated without years of care but *the main reason we are opposed to this is the harm these cats cause our birds.*

Vote: Fail 0-7

Mountain Lions: Three Mountain Lions have been killed in SE AK, Two have been killed on Wrangell Island. We should allow folks to harvest them if the state doesn't want them. This could be one of our upcoming proposals.

Kurt Whitehead was unanimously selected to represent the Craig AC @ the Statewide Board of Game Mtg. Mar. 21-28, 2025 by calling into the meeting.

Federal RAC proposals are due April 4, 2025

Ketchikan is now considered a rural community and has the ability to harvest on PoW under subsistence regs. There is a way to challenge Ketchikan's rural designation. There was no deference given to the SE RAK who voted against KTN becoming rural. This is very unusual and not OK.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:26pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan

Date: Mar. 4, 2025



Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
Delta Junction City Hall and by web/teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 6:35 by chairperson Tisha Kennell

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Tisha Kennell (Chair)
Jacob White (Vice Chair)
Neal Kelly
Jesse Cummings
Vern Aiton
Alan Waldo
Robert Matthews
Earl McNabb
Tony Williams
Paul Dudgeon (alternate)

Members Absent:
Jeff Lipscomb
Kurt Schmidt
Mike Bender (alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:
Brandy Baker
Ellie Mason

- IV. Introduce Guests Present:
Don Quarberg
Leila Williams
Andy Bassich
Brooke McDavid

- V. Approval of Agenda
Motion: Paul Dudgeon
Second: Robert Matthews

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2025
Motion as amended: Robert Matthews Second: Tisha Kennel
- edit that the leech project has been completed



VII. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Tisha inquired about predator control in 40 mile country. It has been delayed, however will keep up with progress. Waiting for approvals and such and hopefully starting soon.

b. ADFG staff reports

Brandy Baker – Federal subsistence board met in Anchorage Feb 4-7th and rescinded the federal closure on the Delta River. The accompanying proposal passed and opened subsistence fishing to rurally qualified residents. Regulations were placed to only allow rod and reel. ADF&G is seeking clarification on the modification to mirror state sport fish bag and possession limits.

Ellie Mason – Update on predator control and sounds like Tok is working through paperwork. Drawing permit results come out next Friday and positions are still on standby for the local office. Nothing new for bison hunt, some bison have moved through Delta River and moved back to range. Still on standby by for spring field work and hoping to do short yearling weights. Hoping to start Feb 25 but there is a delay getting the drug to use for work. Not looking good on funding for wolf surveys but if yearling weights don't workout there may be money for wolf control. Follow up on predator control for Delta is that a lot of things need to be fleshed out, what species, who's flying, permits, if the AC wants to do that we should keep in touch with Ellie and get the groundwork done. Waiting for the finished feasibility study from Tok and then we can see that. Ellie can go species by species and give a presentation for 20D.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition Meeting Feb 27th-28th

i. Recap of planning meeting – Robert Matthews

- Feb 27 and 28 meeting at Pikes 0830-1700 both days
- Robert will be attending
- Jeff Gross has told key talking points
- Working group will not make it into 25-26 book it will be the following
- Emergency orders will be discussed
- Open to the public
- Biologists from Dawson city will be there
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- b. Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council letter requesting formation of Dall Sheep Management Coalition
 - Gauging interest in the formation of coalition
 - Try to bring user groups together for long-term sheep harvest objectives and management
 - Nothing formal yet just gauging interest
 - Eastern Rec Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20
 - Motion by Robert Matthews to show that Delta AC supports the formation of the Dall Sheep coalition
 - o This motion was specifically to show that the Delta AC will support the formation of the Dall Sheep Coalition, not to designate a representative

Motion: Robert Matthews

Second: Tisha Kennell

All in Favor

- c. Recommendations on Board of Game Statewide Proposals - comments due March 7th, 2025 ** SEE ACTIONS ON PROPOSALS ON PAGES 4-**
- d. Select Representative for Statewide Board of Game meeting in Anchorage March 21-28 (can provide AC testimony remotely if need be)
 - i. Tisha will be attending virtually
- e. Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 Call for Proposals includes Tanana River and Statewide - proposals due April 10th, 2025
- f. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed
Brandy Presentation on sport fish in Area
 - We can make proposals for any fisheries in the drainages in the area
 - Brandy presented on the different fisheries in our area, specific regulations for those areas, and options that the AC has to make changes if we wish

XI. Set next meeting date: March 19th, 2025

Adjourn: 9:26



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
OPPOSE	0	9	Wait until we have harvestable amount before they can be taken indiscriminately. Motion by Paul Dudgeon second by Earl McNabb
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
OPPOSE	0	8	All but one opposed, one abstension. The AC decided to no longer discuss this proposal Motion by Tisha Kennell Second by Neal Kelly
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
OPPOSE	0	9	There is no need for further regulations for sheep. Motion by Robert Matthews Supported by Tisha Kennell
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
OPPOSE	0	9	There is no need for further regulations for sheep identification. Motion by Earl McNabb to lump with 96 second by Alan Waldo
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
TNA			See comments on proposal 95
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	9	The AC disagrees with this proposal. Motion by Jacob White Second by Paul Dudgeon
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
OPPOSE	0	7	2 abstentions – They would like to see this voted on with no amendments to the writing. Motion by Jacob White Second by Neal Kelly



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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
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	9	0	Motion by Paul Dudgeon Second by Alan Waldo
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
OPPOSE	0	9	Support by Earl McNabb Second by Paul Dudgeon
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
OPPOSE	0	8	Robert Matthews abstain because of his position in a different committee in relation to the person who put the proposal in. Motion by Earl McNabb Second by Paul Dudgeon
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
SUPPORT	9	0	We prefer the language of 128 rather than 126 or 127. Motion by Earl to Second by Tisha Kennell
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion by Earl McNabb to lump 129 and 130 Second by Tisha Kennell
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion by Jacon White second by Alan Waldo
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	This automatically allocated 10% of hunts to nonresident which we do not want. Motion by Tisha Kennell Second by Paul Dudgeon
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion by Jacob White Second by Tisha Kennell
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion by Paul Dudgeon Second by Earl McNabb
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	9	0	Motion by Neal Kelly Second by Paul Dudgeon



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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
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	9	0	Motion by Jacob White second by Paul Dudgeon
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	8	1	Motion by Tisha Kennell Second by Paul Dudgeon
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	6	3	Motion by Paul Dudgeon Second by Tisha Kennell

Minutes Recorded By: Neal Kelly
 Minutes Approved By: Tisha Kennell
 Date: 3/10/2025



**Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 4:30 pm
Eagle Community School 168 3rd Ave, Eagle, AK
and by web/teleconference**

- I. **Call to Order:** 4:35 pm
- II. **Members Present:** Andy Bassich (chair), Don Woodruff (vice chair), Denise Becker (Secretary), Steve Robbins, Karma Ulvi,
Members Absent: Ruby Becker, Jackie Helmer, Chalia Selman, Ben Juneby,

Committee Member Update: Lance Kozma and Beth Jeffers appointed as alternates
- III. **Number needed for Quorum on AC:** 7
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Jeff Gross, Krystal Lapp, Marie Jamison, David Lorring
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** none
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** motion: Don W. 2nd Karma U. Approve unanimous
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** February 25, 2025 motion: Steve R. 2nd Don W. Approve unanimous
- VIII. **Reports**
 - Chair:
 - Other:
- IX. **Public Comment** None
- X. **Old Business**
 - a. Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition Meeting (Feb 27-28 in Fairbanks)
Summary of meeting and subsequent **Revised Harvest Management Plan** provided by Jeff Gross as follows.

The meeting focused on revising the 40 Mile caribou herd Harvest Management Plan. Jeff presented the current status of the herd, which has declined from 80,000 in 2017 to around 29,000 now. The group agreed on a 2% herd harvest with bulls only, resulting in an annual quota of about 540 caribou. Key changes include moving the fall State hunt opening date to August 20th and potentially



allowing the bull-cow ratio to drop as low as 25 bulls per 100 cows. Several proposals for the Board of Game were discussed, including redefining zone boundaries, eliminating proxy hunting, and implementing restrictions on non-resident hunters.

b. Resolution to request the ADFG & Board of Fish classify Yukon River Fall Chum as a stock of conservation concern-presented by Chair

c. Resolution to request the ADFG & Board of Fish classify Yukon River Chinook salmon as a stock of conservation concern-presented by Chair

Alaska Board of Fish Resolutions

Eagle presented two draft resolutions to the Alaska Board of Fish. The first, concerning Yukon River Fall Chum, seeks classification as a stock of conservation concern due to low numbers, potential endangerment, and the role of climate change, fisheries, and hatchery production in salmon decline. The second, focusing on Yukon River Chinook, also aims for a conservation classification due to declining returns, poor food security, and the ongoing impacts of climate change, fisheries, and hatchery production. The resolutions were proposed at the Eagle AC meeting on February 25, 2025. The attendees were encouraged to provide additional suggestions to be incorporated into the drafts.

d. Proposal to close the use of 4-inch mesh gear and larger on the entire Yukon River during Fall Chum salmon runs for 2 years-presented by chair

Yukon River Mesh Gear Proposal

Eagle presented a draft for consideration, aiming for completion by the end of the week. The proposal involves closing 4-inch mesh gear on the entire Yukon River for two years to protect fall chum, as they are at an all-time low. The restrictions would be relaxed as the fall chum move out at the end of their run.

- XI. **New Business**
 - a. Board of Game Statewide Proposals. Eagle AC reviewed and voted on 24 proposals, see attached.
- XII. **Select representative(s) for BOG meeting:**
Motion to select Chair as AC representative to attend meeting March 21-28 in Anchorage(remote AC testimony is an option) Karma U. 2nd Steve R. Motion support unanimous
- XIII. Next meeting date for Eagle AC to be determined

**Motion to adjourn Karma U. 2nd Steve R.. Motion support pass unanimous
End meeting 6:51 pm**



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88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
Support	7	0	
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
Support	7	0	
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
Support	7	0	* Clarification of education cycle is needed. Annually or one time?
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
Support	5	2	
97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
Support	7	0	*Eagle AC supports conservation of Dall Sheep
98	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
Support	7	0	
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
Oppose	0	7	
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	7	
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Oppose	1	6	Clarification of proposal needed with dwelling vs domicile definitions and implications clearly written. Concerns raised about potential misuse of the rule for hunting bear.



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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
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC supports Fair Chase Ethics
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC supports Fair Chase Ethics
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC supports Fair Chase Ethics
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose	0	7	*Amend to .243 caliber as minimum for all large game
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Support	7	0	
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
Support	7	0	*Eagle AC supports Fair Chase Ethics
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
Support	6	1	*Eagle AC supports Fair Chase Ethics
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC has concerns for illegal activity
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC has concerns for illegal activity
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	7	*Eagle AC has concerns for illegal activity
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
Oppose	0	7	
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
Oppose	0	7	



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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
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	7	0	
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Oppose	2	5	*Eagle AC generally opposed to cow harvest. Minority: supports cow harvest in IM area 20E

Minutes Recorded By: Denise Becker

Minutes Approved By: Andy Bassich

Date: 3/7/25



East POW AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Agenda March 1, 2025-Thorne Bay @ 10a

Call to Order: 10:03 am

Roll Call:

Members present: 10

15 Members total

Number needed for quorum: 8

East POW AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Amy Jennings	Chair	Thorne Bay	x		June 2025
Kim Redmond		Thorne Bay	x		June 2026
William Pattison	Vice Chair	Whale Pass	x (online)		June 2027
Matt Beck		Whale Pass	x		June 2026
John Ryan		Hollis	x		June 2027
Lew Hiatt		Hollis	x		June 2026
Doug Rhodes		Coffman Cove		x	June 2027
Sara Yockey		Coffman Cove		x	June 2027
Della Colburn		Kasaan		x	June 2025
Eric Hamar		Kasaan		x	June 2028
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary		x		June 2025
Dave Egelston			x		June 2025
Dave Roberts				x	June 2025
Glen Holt			x		June 2026
Auggie Dunne			x		June 2026

ADFG Staff Present: Craig Schwanke (sport fish biologist), Savanna Hollingsworth (ADFG board support-online), Mark Williamson (ADFG Unit 2-asst. biologist-online)

Guests present: Josiah McKoy, Patrick Dodd, Jim Baichtal (Board of Game)

Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Mar. 1

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Chair approves minutes and it doesn't need to be voted on



Reports:

Chair: None

ADFG: Craig Schwanke SE Board of Fish report: King Salmon, Yelloweye Rockfish, Pelagic Rockfish Mgt, etc.

Kurt: HB 93-Seasonal Resident Bill is the old HB 201 which increases the requirement to purchase a resident hunting, sport-fishing or trapping license to mirror the PFD requirements.

Public: None

Old Business: Craig Schwanke SE Board of Fish report. King Salmon, Yelloweye Rockfish, Pelagic Rockfish Mgt, lobbying for an ADFG creel survey rep here in Thorne Bay during the summer fishing season, etc.

New Business: HB 93 & Statewide Big Game Proposals

Prop 85: Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services as follows:

- 1) "migratory bird hunting guide" means a person who provides migratory bird hunting guide services;
- 2) "migratory bird hunting guide services" means to assist **or transport**, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, a migratory bird hunter to take or attempt to take migratory birds by accompanying, **transporting**, or personally directing the hunting in migratory bird hunting activities;
- 3) "person" includes a business entity **or affiliated services such as a water taxi, air taxi, fishing charter outfitters; combo hunting/fishing boats; or lodges; when serving small game hunters to, from, or in the field: their equipment; or migratory birds harvested.**

Discussion: A migratory bird hunting guide license is issued by the state to individuals that register with the state for a small fee. **There are currently no requirements for a migratory bird hunting guide license in AK and section 3) of this prop will create a huge loophole. We are very confused why the proposer wants this b/c it is already so easy to get a migratory bird hunting guide and be legal.** Opening it up to fishing charters, etc. doesn't make sense to us. The majority would support this if it was just section 1) & 2) but the minority don't support any of it.

Prop 85 was moved/seconded to amend Prop 85 which will strike section 3)

Vote on amendment passed 6-4 (No-Kurt, Glen, Will, Matt)

Vote as amended: Pass; 6-4 (No-Kurt, Glen, Will, Matt)

Prop 86: Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks

Discussion: The feds already require this info so we took no action.

No Action

Prop 87: Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl

Discussion: The state is opposed and already has a regulation on the books to prohibit driving, herding or chasing migratory birds into hunters. This would also prohibit boats from dispatching crippled birds and result in higher wounding losses and wanton waste.

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 88: Permit to take game and use game for cultural purposes

Discussion: This prop seeks to add wood bison under a permit for cultural purposes. **There is a lot of illegal guiding and assorted illegal activities with these cultural permits plus the wood bison was recently released/established and we feel it is too early to add them to the list but we took no action since this prop is not in our area.**

No Action

Prop 89: Require non-res moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred

No Action



Prop 90/91: Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting

Discussion: This is already required in SE AK and educating hunters via an online quiz is a good deal and will result in fewer nannies being harvested.

Vote: Pass 10-0

Prop 92: Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course

Discussion: See comments above

Vote: Pass 10-0

Prop 123: Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters

Discussion: *Paying someone else to hunt and bring meat to others is glorified market hunting. Proxy hunting is already full of illegal/unethical activity so incentivizing proxy hunting is a bad idea.*

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 124: Change the wording “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile”

Discussion: *This would create a big loophole especially in SE AK b/c this will allow hunters to establish a bear bait station right next to any Forest Service cabin* which would be a huge issue for the following occupants of the cabin as well as bears destroying cabins. Permanent dwellings are structures anchored to the ground that can be occupied at any time so if a bait station is set up next to one of these dwellings and the following day/week/month other folks stay in the dwelling, now they have to deal with hungry, habituated bears. This is a bad deal for AK.

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 125: Define “developed recreation facility” and “permanent dwelling” for bear baiting

Discussion: See comments above

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 126/127/128: Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide

Discussion: *This will be a poaching nightmare in SE AK relating to our deer.* We are OK allowing this prop up north where they have less daylight and harsher Wx but *allowing this in SE will be a deer poachers best friend.* Enforcement in SE is already very difficult b/c so much hunting takes place on the water by boat which is incredibly hard to enforce not to mention the 1000+ miles of logging road on PoW.

Pass 10-0 with the amendment to restrict these props to mainland AK only, blocking these props from all of SE AK b/c of poaching concerns with our deer.

Prop 129/130: Establish a minimum standard of center fire rifle cartridges for taking big game

Discussion: *Our group was fairly split on these props but we decided to take no action b/c we would infringe on the hunting rights of ethical hunters that like to use smaller calibers for taking big game.* Solid arguments were presented by many who advocated for both sides of the issue with caliber restrictions and/or bullet weight restrictions.

No Action

Prop 131: Require ID tags to be attached to traps & snares as follows

Discussion: Many of our islands best trappers still have their gear marked from prior years and are not opposed to this prop. **If it helps enforcement, we support it**, but it does allow folks to target the trapper who's gear is tagged. **If passed, we ask enforcement to be reasonable regarding citations.** For example, if AST finds the majority of the trappers gear is marked but cites them for a few unmarked traps then it can be validly argued as harassment. AK Trappers Assoc. has been opposed to this prop in the past for this exact reason so if passed, **we ask AST to use good judgment when citing trappers.** The minority is opposed b/c of the burden placed on trappers. Dog owners



need to do a better job of controlling their dogs during trapping season and unethical trapper high use trails need to do a better job and move their traps further away.

Vote: Pass 9-1 (No-Glen)

Prop 135: Allocate 10% of the big game permits to non-res

Discussion: Many drawing permit areas in AK do not have more than 10 tags so these areas would have to be removed b/c you can't issue a permit to less than 1 non-res hunter. **The financial losses to AK and its people would be huge and severe if this passed. This is too complex, very impactful, limiting and a very bad prop.**

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 136: Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime and only allow applicants to apply once per hunt

Discussion: The group discussed many pros and cons to this issue and all agree there is an issue but we didn't like this exact method. We also agreed there is a better way to do it, although none of us offered a solid solution. **We hope the board considers a different form of management to these issues. Lucky folks that draw multiple tags and are successful while others consistently draw tag soup leaves a bad taste in our mouths.** Something should be done to improve the situation, we like the issue this is addressing, we disliked the mechanics of it.

Vote: Fail 0-10 with the above recommendations

Prop 139/140: Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for horned big game animals

Discussion: **All horned animals have horns, so the current requirement of evidence of sex is necessary for enforcement** and the proposers argument of packing extra weight of the testicles is confounding.

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 141: Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper

Discussion: **This a commonsense, solid prop that should be passed.**

Vote: Pass 10-0

Prop 142/143: Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit

Discussion: **This will incentivize proxy hunting and will be a form of market hunting.** More and more of our resources are going into drawing permits and this will open a big loophole; market hunting.

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 146: Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild

Discussion: Feral cats cannot be rehabilitated without years of care but **the main reason we are opposed to this is the harm these cats do to our birds.**

Vote: Fail 0-10

Prop 148: Control of predation by wolves

Discussion: We had lots of discussion **about the poor health of our deer herd and the management on POW** but we are opposed to this prop for many reasons.

Vote: Fail 0-10



House Bill 93

East Prince of Wales Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Thorne Bay, Alaska
March 1, 2025

Dear Legislators of the 34th Alaska Legislature,

The East POW AC supports House Bill 93 sponsored by Representatives Himschoot and Hannan, which will change the residency requirements for hunting, trapping and sport fishing privileges to align with the requirements to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend (AS 43.23).

Passage of HB 93 will benefit all Alaskans by:

1. Limiting the amount of time and reasons one can be absent from the state and still qualify for a resident license;
2. Making residency requirements easier to enforce; and
3. Protecting subsistence resources for year-round Alaska residents.

The statute changes proposed in HB 93 will ensure that Alaskans who qualify for a resident hunting, trapping or sport fishing license are in fact year-round residents of Alaska who deserve the increased bag limits that are a privilege of state residents.

We urge the 34th Legislature to pass HB 93 into Alaska law.

Respectfully,

The East Prince of Wales Fish & Game Advisory Committee

We support the above letter of support with Vote: Pass 10-0

New Board of Game Props and RAC Props:

April 4, 2025 is the deadline for submitting proposals to the RAC but the SE RAC meets March 18 so having our props submitted prior to March 18 is ideal.

We discussed in detail for almost 2 more hours how PoW's deer herd is still suffering and the group unanimously voted in support of the following proposals other than #10 which was a 9-1 vote.

- 1) Close the federal doe hunting submitted to the RAC
- 2) Close the January deer hunting season to the RAC. If passed the season will be July 24-Dec. 31
- 3) Two buck bag limit to the state BOG changing reg 5AAC.85.030
- 4) Three buck bag limit to the state BOG changing reg 5AAC.85.030
- 5) Wolf trapping season starting Dec. 1 to both the state & RAC.
- 6) Wolf trapping season starting Dec. 15 to both the state & RAC.
- 7) Wolf trapping season starting Jan. 1 to both the state & RAC.
- 8) Minimum wolf trapping season of 45 days
- 9) Minimum wolf trapping season of 60 days
- 10) GMU 2 wolf harvest is confidential

Glen Holt was unanimously voted to represent the East PoW AC at the Statewide Board of Game meeting in ANC on March 21-28, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:28pm
Next meeting: TBD later this fall/winter





MINUTES

Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at 6:00 pm JP Jones Community Center

	<u>CHAIR</u> Jeff Lucas	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Austin Smith	John Haddix	Gale Vick	Virgil Umpenhour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	X	x	x	x	x		x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused						x		
	Levi Lewellyn	Warren Giuchici	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	Lance Nelson	James Paine	
Present	x				X	x	x	
Absent			X	x				
Abs/Excused		X						
Alternates	Bill Larry (Alternate)	John Siegfried (Alternate)						
Present								
Absent	x	X						
Abs/Excused								

- I. **Call to Order:** at 18:04
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeff Lucas (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Austin Smith (secretary), Gale Vick, , John Wisniewski, Levi Lewellyn, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine
Alternates: Bill Larry, John Siegfried
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jeff Wells, Dan Valentine (AWT), David Runfola, Deena Jallen, Klaus
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:** David Lorring, Al Barette, Matthew Cox, Eric Anslinger, Aaron Evans, Don Woodruff, Brooke McDavid, Andy Maserick, Lisa Gabriel, Brian Gabriel, Krystal Lapp (TCC), Matt Olson, Andy Bassich, Andy M,
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by unanimous consent.
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** January 8th minutes approved by unanimous consent
- VII. **Reports**
Chair’s report: Nothing noted.
ADFG staff reports: Jeff wells, notes that he is still acting as the area biologist for unit 20. Brad Wendling flew a few of his sheep collars in late January in 20A. They look really good, and the ridges are blown off pretty well. The Brooks Range has had a few mortalities. Yearling moose are going to be weighed in at Minto, aiming for around 30. Also, the Fairbanks area will be looking



at white mountain's caribou.

Mark asked if Brad had any more data on the sheep collared data in the Brooks. Jeff reported there were a few mortalities, it had been deep snow up there.

Others

VIII. Public Comment: Eric Anslinger with AOC, wanted to brief the committee about the Alaska long trail. He states he met with the commissioner on the long trail and he will post an Op-ED in opposition to it. He states that BLM has put out a public comment regarding it. He reports that the trail interests a lot of RS277s and if the trail comes to fruition, it will become a scenic trail and will harm motorized access. He asks that the AC draft a letter in support of opposition of the long trail. Mr. Anslinger thinks it would be foolheartedly to give up areas. Mike Tinker adds that this would also negatively affect trappers if it is managed by BLM. He states that the laundry house gang did a personal survey and states that no one would really use this kind of trail.

IX. Old Business: None reported.

X. New Business: None Reported

A. Forty mile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition Meeting Feb 27th-28th: Mike Tinker- a new harvest plan is in the works. He states unfortunately the new management strategy will affect the harvest plan. He talked with the local region III staff and the group is getting together on the 27th-28th of this month. Some of the topics will include the herd growth size, how to deal with smaller harvest quotas, and how to deal with hunting seasons and bag limits. Other issues like proxy hunting and subsistence hunting will come up. The meeting will be at Pikes.

B. EIRAC Letter requesting formation of Eastern Interior Dall Sheep Management Coalition: Don Woodruff states that the eastern interior has had poor sheep numbers recently and states that the eastern RAC will submit a proposal that will be like the special action request that closed 25C. Andy Bassich states that since sheep are in trouble across the state a lot of people think we should try to mirror the 40-mile caribou coalition and believe it would be a good initiative with Sheep management. He states that thinking forward and having long term sustainability is paramount. Mark Richards asks Don Woodruff if they are going to put in a proposal to extend the sheep closure and Don Woodruff states that yes and this proposal will be in for 2026 to 2028 cycle which will effectively extend the closure. Mark Richards states that he is concerned that this will lead to more federal closures for nonqualified federal users. Al Barrette wonders that in the last 10 years has any federally qualified users harvested a sheep in the white mountains. Brooke McDavid states that the idea is there is a concern for sheep and that federally qualified users might not be the heaviest users, but the idea is to have a conversation with all of the stakeholders to ensure that the sheep population is taken care of. Clarification was made that the coalition has NOT yet been established. Mark Richards makes a motion to support the Fairbanks AC involvement in a new sheep coalition. John Haddix seconds the motion. Lance nelson states that he is in opposition of another coalition. Mike Tinker states that the conservation issues that needed to be taken have been taken but there is no issue that we need to be involved with at this time. Gabriel Davis brought up the 19C working group and that there wasn't much to come of it, and he does not support another coalition group. Al Barrette states that the data doesn't support hunting efforts to detract from the sheep population. Eric Anslinger states that user groups split people into fake categories and that approving any working group takes away from the state. Andy Bassich



points out that if the AC supports the 40-mile caribou coalition, then how can they not support one in regard to sheep. Mark Richards states that it is like comparing apples to oranges and brings up how unproductive the 19C sheep working group was. He states that everyone is concerned about sheep, but he cannot support another coalition. Mike Tinker doesn't want to commit to the department to anything. Mark Richards asked if this coalition isn't formed what other avenues would you like to see? Andy Bassich states it is important to start thinking long term.

Mark Richards makes motion to withdraw his previous motion since there doesn't seem to be support for the formation of a new sheep coalition. John Haddix approves and seconds. Motion is now off the table. Mark Richards makes another motion that the AC support the formation of a new sheep coalition that the Eastern Interior RAC is asking for. Seconded by Mike T. Question is called on the motion to support formation of a new Sheep coalition with the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council. Motion fails 1-10.

However, if this new sheep coalition is formed, the AC supports being involved.

- C. Game & Trapping Subcommittee:** Mark Richards states that the game/trap subcommittee met on January 29th and that there are six proposals the subcommittee wants to bring up to the full AC. If anyone else wants to bring up any other proposals that the game/trap subcommittee voted on, now is the time to do it.

- D. Proposal 88-** Mark Richards notes that the department A&Rs are not out yet and reads a note from Tom Seaton, regarding proposal 88 to create a cultural and educational permit for the taking of wood bison. Because of the 10J rule wood bison can be harvested through sustainable hunting practices. Wood bison would be harvested under state regulations and ANILCA doesn't apply to that species and the FSB could not manage that species. In the case of wood bison, the department could issue a permit. Tom Seaton's note encourages the Fairbanks AC to support this proposal. Mike Tinker states that this is a non-immediate proposal until there is a harvestable surplus and that we are cycles away from that. He is not in favor of doing this currently. The Fairbanks AC spoke at length on the merits of what the framework would be like. The consensus is there is a lack of framework and that there is no foreseeable harvestable surplus soon. The other side of the conversation supported it to at least have this supported as a framework.
Mark R. makes motion to support proposal 88, seconded by Mike T. The motion fails 4-7.

Proposal 92- (Mandate an online training with legal sheep) The Fairbanks AC game/trap subcommittee talked at length about the merits of mandating this. The opposition highlights that it is onerous and it should be made available but not a requirement. The supporting highlights are that it can't hurt, and that training/education is not a bad thing. Al Barette states that in the areas where there is required/mandated training there is no discernable difference between sublegal harvest. Mark R. makes motion to support proposal 92, seconded by John Haddix. Motion fails by a vote of 3-8

Proposal 101- (Add sheep to the IM list) The rationale to support this is to support proposals that would help with predator management to benefit sheep. Jeff Lucas asks for unanimous



consent to support proposal 101, Proposal 101 is supported with unanimous consent.

Proposal 142 & 143- (Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit) There was some concern about poaching trophy animals. Mike Tinker states this is an archaic assumption, and he does not have any concerns about supporting this proposal. Trooper Valentine adds that there is a lot issues with estate sales and he personally does not see a problem. The Fairbanks AC comes to the consensus that this is a non-issue. Also making the animal into a trophy is costly. Chair Lucas makes motion to support proposals 142 & 143 and it was seconded by Mark R. The proposal passed 10 -1, with the lone no vote concerned that it could lead to poaching.

Proposal 145 (put Eagle-Owls on the clean list). Mark R starts out by reporting that Bennet Wong gave a testimony to the game/trap subcommittee on his proposal 145 to allow Eagle-Owls on the clean list and that the subcommittee unanimously supported his proposal at the Jan. 29 meeting, but since then he received a note from the president of the Alaska Falconers Association (AFA) explaining that AFA would be strongly opposing the proposal because Eagle-owls can be purchased by anyone, one does not have to have a falconry license to own or hunt one, that they can breed with other types of owls, survive the Alaska winter, and there is danger of them becoming an invasive species.

Mark R. wants the full AC to re-vote on proposal 145 because at the game/trap meeting the subcommittee did not have this information from the AFA Mike Tinker makes a motion to support proposal 145 and is seconded by Mark Richards. The motion fails with an 0-11 vote.

Proposal 191 (define the beginning and terminus of the Nine-mile trail) was brought before the full AC as we were waiting to see what the Upper-Tanana/Tok AC had to say, but the AC decided to take no action on the proposal: **The** Fairbanks AC TNA this proposal

Mike Tinker makes motion that the full AC approve the Statewide proposal recommendations made by the Game/Trap subcommittee, seconded by Mark R. Passed by unanimous consent.

- E. Fisheries Subcommittee Updates:** Gale Vick shows a timeline of board of fish actions and states the proposals are due on the 10TH of March and are broken down into four regions. Please see the attached draft on the timeline for Fairbanks subcommittee schedule. Gale states that board of fish seats are coming up and states that Charlie wright is going to put his name in and encourages the Fairbanks AC to support that nomination. There is another possible candidate out of Bristol Bay. Mark Richards asked who the commercial seats were on the BOF. Tom Carpenter and Gerad Godfrey are the commercial seats. Al Barette- The board of fish didn't recognize any science from outside of the department and the department's comments on hatchery is that there is no concerns to putting more pinks into the ocean. Gale makes a point to state that none of the science provided to the board of fish is pseudo-science and it is all peer-reviewed. The conversation shifted to how it is paramount to have a statewide discussion on the effects of hatchery salmon on wild stock.
- F. Recap of Southeast Region Board of Fisheries meeting-** Proposal 56 failed 2/5.
- G. Recap of January 22nd Joint Interior Region AC Fisheries**
- H. 2025-2026 Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals – due April 10th**



- I. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business as needed:** Brian Gabriel and Lisa Gabriel - Proposal 313- This started out as ACR 8. States that there has been low king abundance and in 2023 there was no set gill netting. Mr. Gabriel states they caught (and released) 13 King salmon during their fishing period and only one of those fish were over 34". The overview of this proposal would allow for the use of one set beach seine net as an alternative gear type for holders of a SO4H commercial set gillnet CFEC permit; for use with shore based setnet infrastructure. Mr. Gabriel explained his rationale on this proposal and states he wants to be as transparent as possible to ensure they are not killing any King Salmon. The transition would be easy from gillnets and states one example only cost one fisherman about 1,200 dollars. He thinks around 60 at the very most would make the change over, but a more realistic number is around 40. Al Barrette asks if the size of large king salmon has reduced over time. Mr. Gabriel states that the components of kings in the entire run over 36" used to be over 70-80% and now it is lower. The projection this year is for around 8700 Kings and states they have over projected in the last few years. Al Barrette states this is how it started on the Yukon and the 9-inch mesh caught the adult spawning female, King Salmon.

XI. Set next meeting date: (March 12, 2025)

XII. Other Nothing noted.

XIII. Adjourn:



Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Full AC Votes on Statewide Proposals

(Note: all but 6 proposals were unanimous decisions so there is no vote count on those proposals)

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
OPPOSE			Concerned about water taxis not being able to take sea duck hunters unless they are a licensed transporter
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
OPPOSE			Oppose as written. Should be a regional issue
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE			Too encompassing. It is already illegal to shoot waterfowl from a moving powered boat
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
OPPOSE	4	7	Those opposed felt this put the cart before the horse, no harvestable surplus of wood bison for a long time so no need, those in favor felt it helped get buy-in from some on the wood bison project in Minto flats
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
OPPOSE			Not in the board's authority to require all nonresident moose hunters to hire a guide, oppose as written
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
SUPPORT			We are not sure why this isn't already a statewide requirement. Even in areas where nannies can be taken, it's important to distinguish gender and learn more about goats
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
TNA			TNA based on proposal 90
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
OPPOSE	3	8	Those in support felt that education is never a bad thing, may help to reduce sub-legal take, those opposed felt it was



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			onerous for experienced sheep hunters and should be voluntary, not required
93			Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent
SUPPORT			CITES information is recorded either way and we see no reason why non-permanent sealing should not be allowed
94			Change the definition for “full-curl” ram
OPPOSE			We are afraid this would remove the “broomed” definition and reduce opportunity
95			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
OPPOSE			We know that some rams never reach full curl. Removing the age requirement would reduce opportunity to take mature rams 8+ years old that are not full curl
96			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
TNA			See comments on proposal 95
97			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 98
98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
SUPPORT			Any aircraft restrictions should encompass all sheep hunting seasons, included late fall seasons
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 98
100			Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit
TNA			Dept A&Rs not out yet to help with a decision
101			Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use
SUPPORT			Department proposal that we fully support. Will help benefit declining sheep populations via intensive management efforts. The committee was not sure if this requires legislative action or if the board has authority to change
102			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108



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103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal108
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal108
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal108
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal108
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal108
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			Nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C and elsewhere should be limited via draw-only permits. The up-to # of permits in this proposal may be too low, can be set higher and then the Department can determine the # of permits to issue, or adopt a percentage of the harvestable surplus to determine the # of permits issued.
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE			We don't support unnecessary restrictions that take away opportunity from those who hunt with a rifle
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE			We don't believe this is necessary
111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
OPPOSE			Stick with Full-curl management
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 111
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE			Even though we oppose this proposal, we want to thank the author for coming up with a compromise solution to some of the issues in Unit 19C.
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		



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OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 109
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
TNA			The winter subsistence hunt is already open
116			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
TNA			See comments on proposal 115
117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 190
118			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 108
119			Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D
TNA			
120			Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D
SUPPORT			Support based on AWT comments
121			Divide Unit 15C into two subunits
TNA			
122			Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue to align statewide
123			Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
OPPOSE			Compensation to proxy hunters would be easily abused and doesn't align with the intent of proxy hunting for someone. It isn't something one does for money, rather to help those who are unable to still hunt
124			Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting
SUPPORT			This would allowed increased opportunity for baiting in areas where vacant cabins exist, or other dwellings that are not being used any longer
125			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7
SUPPORT			Helps define what is a recreational facility
126			Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 127



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127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks AC proposal to align the Fairbanks AC proposal the board passed at the last Region III meeting to be allowed statewide for furbearers.
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
SUPPORT			Support to coincide with the trapping seasons
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
OPPOSE			Places undue burden on private persons who may not own a weapon equal to or above what is recommended.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 129
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
OPPOSE			We oppose trap and snare identification as it would be a cost and burden to trappers and could lead to malicious intent
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
OPPOSE			There is no reason to change existing regulation on use of snowmachines to approach and pursue
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
TNA			
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
TNA			
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
OPPOSE			There are areas where muskox are abundant and we see no reason to limit permits to once in a lifetime. This would lead to an unnecessary loss of opportunity
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
TNA			TNA



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138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
SUPPORT			Department proposal. We see no reason to require a locking tag for subsistence muskox hunt.
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
SUPPORT			Evidence of sex requirement is tedious, and for these horned animals we don't believe it is necessary for enforcement
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 139. Regarding caribou hunts, since both male and female caribou have antlers, may want to consider if this would be applicable to bull-only caribou hunts
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
SUPPORT			Allows a secondary means to provide transfer of possession information
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
SUPPORT	10	1	Those in support said that while it was currently illegal to sell antlers or horns attached to skull, taxidermists can reattached or otherwise make into a trophy, we already allow estate sale of trophies, there is just no need to make sale of trophies illegal. The one no vote felt this may lead to poaching.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 142
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
SUPPORT			Relief of burden to taxidermists. Onerous regulation currently
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
OPPOSE	0	11	After hearing from the Alaska Falconers Association that they strongly opposed this proposal as written, we reconsidered our support for this proposal at the game/trap subcommittee meeting and decided to unanimously oppose it over concerns that non-falconers could possess these birds and that they could potentially be released into the wild. We do support the ability of falconers to be compensated for the work they



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			do with ADFG in promoting copper bullets and other educational presentations given to the public
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
OPPOSE			The last thing we need is sterilized cats on the landscape eating more songbirds
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
OPPOSE			We don't want the Governor and by proxy, his or her ADFG Commissioner, to determine what is or isn't on the clean list or what animals can be transplanted in Alaska. That authority should remain with the Board of Game
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
OPPOSE			A proven system is already in place and there is no need to change it
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
TNA			
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT			
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
TNA			Outside our area
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			Outside our area
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		



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TNA			Outside our area
157			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
TNA			Outside our area
158			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
TNA			Outside our area
159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
SUPPORT			
160			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
SUPPORT			
161			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
SUPPORT			
162			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
SUPPORT			
163			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
TNA			Outside our area
164			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
TNA			Outside our area
165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
TNA			Outside our area
*166 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Add an exception to 5 AAC 92.080(1). From "by shooting from, on, or across a highway;" to "by shooting from, on, or across a highway except where a highway is seasonally closed to normal traffic because of discontinued maintenance or on low speed, very low traffic roads/trails with no planned maintenance."
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*167 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*168 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license for small game.
TNA			Not within the board's authority



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*169 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Insert in the Hunting Regulations an illustration of how to determine an antlerless bull from a cow in the winter.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*170 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Allow transfer of draw tag from pregnant mother to child under 15.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*171 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Require all domestic animals on lands designated Refuge's, Critical Habitat Area's, Range's and Parks must be physically restrained by a tether of no more than six feet.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*172 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Remove the prohibition of nonresident aliens to hunt as second degree of kindred.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*173 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Only resident guides can guide nonresident hunters for guide required animals.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*174 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Suspend aerial intensive management on brown bears.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*175 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Amend 5 AAC 92.019. Taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies as follows: 1) The taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies is independent of local antlerless moose reauthorizations and is only required to adhere to sustained yield principles. (e) The taking of big game for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony shall take place outside of the individual designated hunter or hunters' regular hunting seasons and bag limits. A person shall not be withheld from participating in normal hunting seasons and bag limits, because they participated in a successful hunt for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*176 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Establish new regulation regarding Traditional Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch Ceremony.



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TNA			Not within the board's authority
*177 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Implement state guide concession program on all state lands.		
TNA			While this is not within the board's authority, we firmly agree that any Guide Concession Program should be implemented statewide, to avoid displacement of guides into areas without a concession program that would lead to the same problems of conflicts, crowding that come with unlimited guides
*178 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Assign proxy tags to community safety net organizations.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*179 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Expand the definition of proxy to allow any individual Alaskan who is eligible for a moose harvest tag that they do not plan to fill to transfer that tag as a proxy tag to a Community Safety Net Program.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*180 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of reimbursement for hunting expenses.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*181 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*182 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses, and allow the organizations to employ specialists to serve as proxy hunters.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*183 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Increase the nonresident Dall sheep tag fee to \$1,700 and increase the Nonresident Alien Dall sheep tag fee to \$2,200.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*184 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Implement a 4-zone management approach for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority



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*185 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Modify Teir II scoring to include land ownership in the Tier II hunting area.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*186 *Outside of BOG's Authority	Change definition of Bufflehead, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Common Goldeneye from dabbling ducks to sea ducks.		
TNA			Not within the board's authority
188 Accepted ACR	Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters.		
SUPPORT			These permit holders should be made whole
189 Accepted ACR	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply.		
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 188
190 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program.		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 108. There is no need to shut down resident sheep hunting in Unit 19C or to put resident sheep hunters on draw permits.
191 Accepted ACR	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area.		
TNA			The AC decided to take no action on this proposal as it is more of a local issue for the Upper Tanana AC
192 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 108

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards & Austin Smith

Minutes Approved By: Jeff Lucas

Date: 3/7/25



Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH)
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
by web/teleconference

I. Call to Order: 7:03 PM

II. Members Present:

Anvik:	Ken Chase (chair)
Grayling:	Rich Freireich
Shageluk:	Chevie Roach, Roger Hamilton Jr.
Holy Cross:	Kathy Chase (secretary),
Undesignated:	Bruce Werba

Members Absent:

Anvik:	Jake Yoder
Grayling:	Shirley Clark
Holy Cross:	Carolyn Burkett

III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

IV. Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:

Kyle Campbell, Luke Rogers, Josh Pierce, Mike Ebinger, Trooper Sam Thorvilson.
Robert Walker, James Walker, Ron Kruger, Ronald Wulf, Malinda Chase, Rebecca Wulf,
Justin Esmailka, Diloola Erickson, Lisa John,

V. Approval of Agenda Motion by Kathy Chase, second by Rich Friereich

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/23/2024, Motion by Kathy Chase, second by Chevie Roach

Kyle Campbell gave a update on the elections for new members, no current vacancies.

Josh Pierce gave a brief report on the moose survey. No numbers as of yet.

Luke Rogers gave his report on the wood bison. Saw quite a few calfs, about 80 or so. He mentioned that he has a plane now and would like to provide education and outreach. There is an increase in the bison population.

ADFG Staff commented that the Dept. opposes Proposal 119. Ken Chase gave a brief explanation of that proposal. Some comments from Justin Esmailka. He said that the Unit 21 D is not being patrolled properly. Lots of vandalism to cabins that belong to the people of Kaltag. Too many hunters are hunting in this area from out of town. Justin suggested to limit the amount of hunters in a boat. Lisa John mentioned that there are too many White hunters coming into Shageluk to hunt. A motion was made by Bruce Werba to bring Proposal 119 to a vote, Kathy Chase seconded the motion. Motion tied 3-3, so the motion failed. For the record: Ken, Kathy and Bruce voted yes. Chevie, Roger and Rich voted no. Motion failed.

Proposal 164 was addressed, after discussion the proposal was voted on and passed unanimously.

Proposal 130 was brought up and voted on. Passed by the GASH AC unanimously.



Reps for the upcoming Board of Game, Ken Chase and his alternate is Rich Freireich.

Discussion on the upcoming meeting, Kyle Campbell will keep in touch.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

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119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
OPPOSE	3	3	Ken Chase gave a brief explanation of the proposal. Some comments from Justin Esmailka. He said that the Unit 21 D is not being patrolled properly. Lots of vandalism to cabins that belong to the people of Kaltag. Too many hunters are hunting in this area from out of town. Justin suggested to limit the amount of hunters in a boat. Lisa John mentioned that there are too many White hunters coming into Shageluk to hunt. A motion was made by Bruce Werba to bring Proposal 119 to a vote, Kathy Chase seconded the motion. Motion tied 3-3, so the motion failed. For the record: Ken, Kathy and Bruce voted yes. Chevie, Roger and Rich voted no. Motion failed.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
SUPPORT	6	0	
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	6	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase
 Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase
 Date: 3/7/25



Homer ADFG Advisory Committee
Jan 14, 2025
KBNERR

- I. Call to Order: at 1801 by Chair, Morgan Jones

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Dave Lyon, Cory DeCook, Tom Young, Matt Haakala, Dan Anderson, George Matz, Cory Loos, Morgan Jones, Josh Wickboldt, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone

Members Absent (Excused): Wes Humbyrd, Bob Nathanson, Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Andy Fetterhoff, Dan Miotke
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Chris Bottom, Jason Herreman, Mike Booz, Thomas McDonough, Martin Shuster, Sara Faris, Alissa Cole, Holly Dickson.

- IV. Guests Present: Jim Herbert, Sid Wolford, Lauren Wolford

- V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G: Jason Herreman handed out the annual wildlife harvest numbers printout. He went over the season's data and answered questions with help provided by AB Chris Bottom. It is noted that wildlife is doing pretty well, moose numbers are good (low confidence in the comp counts due to weather), no concerns with black bear, brown bear will be open this spring after harvest cap reset, average fur counts.
 - c. AC Member Doug Malone sought input from the group for 2 BOG proposals he is working on for next cycle, one to add opportunity to the Kenai lynx trapping season and one to shift the season dates forward for the Kalgin Island moose hunt. Drafts were distributed last month via email. Some good thoughts, concerns, and edits were received. He will continue drafting.

- VIII. Public Comment



- IX. Old Business: Motion to reconsider made on BOF Prop 264. Motion failed.
- X. New Business: We took up a few BOG proposals, details below.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: Second Tuesday will be Feb 10,2025
- XIII. Adjournment at 2004

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
TNA			Discussed but decided not to take a vote.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	11	Not realistically practical, Enforcement nightmare
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Oppose	3	5	3 Abstained, citing not enough familiarity with the issue. Most voting members have seen the ADFG goat video and agree it is very good information. Those in support thought this should be mandated. Those opposed felt that since there is no concern with the population, and nannys are legal animal that a mandatory course, quiz, and (another) card to carry is unwarranted at this time.
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		



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TNA			Discussed but not voted upon. There seems to be no real reason for this.

Adjournment: 2004

Minutes Recorded By: Douglas Malone
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



Homer Advisory Committee
2-11-25
KBNERR

- I. Call to Order: at 1808 by Acting Chair Tom Hagberg

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Cory Loos, Thomas Hagberg, Matt Hakala, Bob Nathanson, George Matz, Dan Anderson, Dave Lyon, Doug Malone

Members Absent (Excused): Morgan Jones, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Andy Fetterhoff, Dan Miotke, Tom Young, Cory DeCook, Josh Wickboldt
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Homer Water and Soil Conservation, KPFA

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

- IV. Guests Present: Kyra Wagner, Mike B(illegible), William Roth, Eric Nyce

- V. Approval of Agenda:

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for 1/14 meeting approved. Minutes for 12-10 approved. Minutes have not been sent to Board Support in a timely fashion this season. Discussed proposal for secretary to send minutes to Board Support after 1 week's time from draft circulation (for members to suggest edits). Members unanimous in consent. This will be the protocol going forward.

- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G: Nick Fowler was present to answer questions about proposals under discussion.
 - c. Others

- VIII. Public Comment: Kyra Wagner from Homer Water and Soil Conservation was here to report that "contracted machines are chewing up vegetation in Beaver Flats to improve moose food" She also asked about re-introducing beaver to the anchor river. We gave her a brief review of this Cmte's past discussion and proposals on this topic and suggested she review past proposals and write one for next cycle.

- IX. Old Business



- X. New Business: **BOF Proposal 313 (ACR 8): Homer AC vote was in support 5-1 with 2 abstentions** citing lack of familiarity with the issue . Eric Nyce was here to provide the KPFA (Kenai Peninsula Fishermens Association) viewpoint on this issue of Beach Seines as an added gear type in UCI. He cited less overall net in the water compared to setnets, only being able to fish the flood tide, and being easy to release Chinook from the seine net. They are trying to get back to historical 50-50ish allocation between drifters and setnetters, which has become difficult in recent years with the setnet closures to protect returning Kenai River Chinook. He stressed that they are willing to work with the Board of Fish on this issue. AC Opposition to allowing beach seines included adding yet another gear type when it appears the fishery cant be well- managed as it exists; and concerning Chinook, the same Chinook will be caught and released many times on their journey up the near-shore by the next seiner, further stressing the fish.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: ATV subcommittee meeting 2-18-25 at 1800 at KBNERR; next full AC meeting 3-11-25 at KBNERR at 1800
- XIII. Other

Adjourn 2022

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101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels 119of human consumptive use		
Oppose	2	6	Those in favor consider sheep a food animal and support using what tools we have to help the declining sheep populations; we cannot control the weather but this is one thing we can do, as proposed by ADFG and both Sheep Working Groups. The opposition fell largely along the feeling that any Intensive Management is a bad idea, for all animals.



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111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
Oppose	0	8	The AC was unanimous on the issue of age penalty. A legal ram is hard enough to determine in the field by full curl or broomed definition, and most will say impossible to accurately count horn rings on the hoof.. In fact, many hunters will say that their harvested (full curl) ram gets several age determinations by various biologists, enforcement personnel, and other hunters. Assessing a penalty for something that is dubious in the sealing room is wrong.
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
Oppose	0	8	The AC was unanimous on the issue of age penalty, same sentiment as Proposal 111. A legal ram is hard enough to determine in the field by full curl or broomed definition, and most will say impossible to accurately count horn rings on the hoof.. In fact, many hunters will say that their harvested (full curl) ram gets several age determinations by various biologists, enforcement personnel, and other hunters. Assessing a penalty for something that is dubious in the sealing room is wrong.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
Oppose	0	7	Opposed with one abstention, citing lack of full understanding. Bison draw permits are arguably the most sought after permits for Alaskans, with a very small chance of drawing. The AC feels that allowing proxy hunters in this very limited hunt is wrong. If it were allowed, the draw pool would grow even more, further dividing the current fraction of a percent chance of drawing.
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this idea is outlandish.
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Support	8	0	This issue has come up in the past and there are numerous complaints about being charged in violation when they were told it was OK by another officer. The land is full of abandoned cabins, trapper cabins , decrepit camps, cabins, trailers, etc. Clarification of this in the regulation is sorely needed to keep with the spirit of the law (not baiting next to somebodys real full-time home/ domicile)
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	8	0	This issue has come up in the past and there are numerous complaints about being charged in violation when they were told it was OK by



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			another officer. The land is full of abandoned cabins, trapper cabins , decrepit camps, cabins, trailers, etc. Clarification of this in the regulation is sorely needed to keep with the spirit of the law (not baiting next to somebodys real full-time home/ domicile)
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big Game		
Oppose	0	5	3 abstained, citing lack of familiarity with the issue. While we agree that there is waste resulting from poorly chosen bullets and calibers (most available ammunition for the popular 5.56/.223 is either FMJ military or fragmenting varmint bullets), the problem is lack of common sense and education. This is covered in Hunter Education. This proposal would open a very large Pandora’s box with the plethora of cartridges and bullet types available on the current market. The best rule would be bullet type and energy retained at say 100 yards, but this would be an enforcement nightmare and exclude handloaders. The standard would have to be different per the big game animal...what works for blacktail deer is surely light for moose, bear, or bison and vice versa.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Oppose	0	5	3 abstained. Taken up and discussed with # 129. While we agree that there is waste resulting from poorly chosen bullets and calibers (most available ammunition for the popular 5.56/.223 is either FMJ military or fragmenting varmint bullets), the problem is lack of common sense and education. This is covered in Hunter Education. This proposal would open a very large Pandora’s box with the plethora of cartridges and bullet types available on the current market. The best rule would be bullet type and energy retained at say 100 yards for moose but this would be an enforcement nightmare and exclude handloaders.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
Support Amended	8	0	The AC was unanimous in support of the sentiment of this proposal. Moose permits should reflect a heavy priority to Alaska Residents. However there was some disagreement with the wording in the first line (allocate 90%....) An amendment was offered (and passed 8-0) to replace the language in the first line with “ IN MOOSE DRAWINGS STATEWIDE, A MAXIMUM OF 10% MAY BE ISSUED TO NONRESIDENTS” The amended proposal passed with unanimous support. It is further noted that carving up the same hunt area into 3 separate draws for different user groups (res, must- be-guided NR, and



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			NR) as exists in the upper Nowitna is noted as a clandestine way to get around this, and does not comport with the spirit of this proposal.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
Support Amended	8	0	Residents should have a 90% priority for all big game permits. We support the sentiment of this proposal. An amendment was offered (and passed 8-0) to change the wording in the first line to “ A MAXIMUM OF 10% of the big game permits MAY BE ISSUED to nonresidents as follows:” The amended proposal passed with unanimous support.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	8	0	The Kalgin any- moose hunt is used by many local residents, and the moose population there is twice what the department suggests for a maximum. We were advised by ADFG that the Kalgin herd is limited by browse and have no (4- legged) predators.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	5	3	We were advised by ADFG that there are no concerns for habitat nor population nor composition of the moose herd in Unit 15c. Those in support feel that this hunt is appropriate for the populations of both humans and moose, and it has been on the books for nearly 30 years with an average take of 25-35 cows. Those opposed do not understand why killing cows makes more moose, or moose sense in general because any lone cow has a couple babies in her belly, not to mention future breedings. A better solution for adding opportunity and moose in freezers would be to issue more any- bull permits. Opposition also felt that since DM549 was moved to the later time slot, meat quality is a concern (reportedly tough) as the cows are a month pregnant.

Adjournment: at 2022

Minutes Recorded By: D.Malone

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 2-12-25



Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
Thursday, December 12th, 2024
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by Will Lee

II. Roll Call

II.

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Dick	Dykema			X
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
Karl	Dagel			X
Lisa	Gariel	X		
Greg	Harrington			X
Greg	Springer			X
Monte	Roberts			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Ron	Petty	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Scott	Daletas			X
Todd	Smith	X		

Members Present:

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick & Chris for game.



Harvest update. Moose looking good. Most came from 15c. 15b seeing more calves. Seeing legal 3 yo bulls out in the burn. 50 Caribou. 10 Sheep. 115 Goats. on Peninsula. Black bear harvest pretty average but high. 53 Wolves which is a lot.

- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Yes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

Southwest Proposal 3 (Game Cams)
Motion Todd Second Dire Question Todd

Oppose 0-9-0 Seems that it would give significant advantage to hunters in our area and is not necessary. Worried about unintended consequences. Success is good and bears are doing well.

Southwest Proposal 6 (Caribou Season 9D)
Motion Dire Second Ron Question Todd

Oppose 1-8-0
No shortage of caribou there per ADFG. No biological reason to shorten season.
Supporter felt that the point about taking care of meat in August was a valid concern.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
January or February

XIII. Other



Adjourn

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
94	Change the definition for “full-curl” ram		
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
96	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		



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97			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
100			Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit
101			Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use
102			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
103			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
104			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
105			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
106			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
107			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
108			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
109			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
110			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years



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111			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams
112			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams
113			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
114			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
116			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
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121			Divide Unit 15C into two subunits Motion Todd Second Dire Question Dire Seems to make a lot of reg changes necessary but does not give the department any new tools they don't have already.
Oppose	0	9	0
122			Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide Motion Todd Second Dire Question Todd Causes more people to apply for an already hard to get hunt



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Oppose	0	8	1 abstention. "Torn"
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting Motion Lise Second Dire Question Dire Believe original intent was to prevent issues around where people live and currently language does that successfully.		
Oppose	0	8	1 "plausible but doesn't quite solve the issue"
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7 No action based on action taken on 124		
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
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131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares Motion Joe Second Ron Question Dire		



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	Would be a significant cost to the state. Some sort of trapper education would be helpful to increase safety.		
Oppose	0	9	0
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows Motion Joe Second Jerry Question Todd Seems like a slippery slope. Would affect guiding business. Current moose drawing opportunity seems fairly balanced and available for residents.		
Opposed	0	9	0
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents Motion Joe Second Lisa Question Joe Would be tough to implement on registration hunts. Economies or areas like Kodiak could unduly suffer, and it would be hard to implement local changes for best interest of the population.		
Opposed	0	9	0
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt Motion Joe Second Ron Question Todd We are happy with the system as it is. We are also frustrated that we cannot draw that tag but them the brakes.		
Opposed	0	9	0
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process Motion Joe Second Dire Question Dire Seems complicated. We like the draw process as is.		



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			Questions as to why ADFG wants this power taken from board after legislature already declined to allow it. Questions over how much vetting would be done on changes since it would eliminate the public from the process.
Oppose	0	9	0
148			Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game
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Support	8	0	0
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159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
160			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
161			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
162			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
163			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
164			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12/12/2024

Ketchikan Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Ketchikan ADF&G Conference Room

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86080858452?pwd=JTJ9dIMDXNzKkgZr54fmlYW4RIMDNv.1>

Call in Number: 1 (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 860 8085 8452

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AC18
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I. **Call to Order: 5pm**

II. **Roll Call**

Name	Seat	Present or Absent	Excused?
Beau Dale	Chair	Present	
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Present	
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present	
Keenan Sanderson		Absent	
Clay Bezenek		Absent	
Robert Jahnke		Present	
Ben Atwood		Present	
Marvin McCloud		Present	
Jeremiah Sullivan		Absent	
Sean Roberts		Absent	
Brian Ringeisen		Present	
Devin Dalin		Present	
Andrew Pung		Absent	
Annie McTurner	Alternate	Absent	
John Scobic	Alternate	Present	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. **Department of Fish and Game Staff Present: Justin Breese, Kristy Tibbles**

IV. **Guests Present: Sourjen?**

V. **Approval of Agenda: Move to approve, Scobic. 2nd, Jahnke. Approved unanimously**

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

I. **Reports:**

a. Chair's/AC report: BoF Debrief

There is a need for Regional Boards. It was evident that the Board is made up of representatives outside of SEAK that aren't as informed as they could be regarding our region.

The proposal to allow residents to retain yelloweye was approved as was the proposal to allow nonresidents to retain DSR with an amendment to include yelloweye during certain times of the year.

The proposal to increase the bag limit on black cod was approved. The proposal to prevent



commercial shrimping and crabbing south of town in Thorne Bay, Carroll Inlet and George Inlet was opposed.

The KSMP (Prop 109/RC140)was amended/approved with in season management in the sport fishery with a 77%/23% split between troll and sport. The goal is to have 65% of the harvest by July 1st.

b. ADF&G:

c. Others

John Scoblic discussed the need to be timelier with the submittal of meeting minutes and voting records. This would potentially prevent future instances where there is confusion during Board meetings and deliberations.

II. **Public Comment**

III. **Old Business**

- Board of Fisheries – Southeast and Yakutat Meeting debrief

IV. **New Business**

- Discussion about Reinstating Guiding Principles
- Board of Game – Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

Proposal 85

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Franulovich

Discussion:

This is an attempt to address a local problem with statewide implications. Attempt to make it more difficult and adds complexity. There are already laws in place. You must be licensed and registered already.

Call the Question, Franulovich 2nd Jahnke

0 – Support, 8 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 86

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Atwood

Discussion:

There is not currently an app. You currently need to buy a state/federal stamp. Information is provided through the Feds.



Call the Question, McCloud 2nd Ringeisen

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 87

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Dale

Discussion:

This is already illegal to chase after ducks and shoot them. The boat is required to be still and motor shut off.

Call the Question, Franulovich 2nd Scoblic

0 – Support, 8 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 90

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd McCloud

Discussion:

We already have this locally, it isn't statewide. This would create uniformity and is housekeeping

Call the Question, Franulovich 2nd Jahnke

9 – Support, 0 – Opposed, Supported Unanimously

Proposal 91

No Action based on Proposal 90

Proposal 122

Move to Adopt, Atwood 2nd Dale

Discussion:

Bison are introduced. It's a trophy hunt, not so much a meat hunt. Potential way to game the system.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd McCloud

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 123

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd, Dale

Discussion:

What kind of compensation are we looking for? This is tough, it's a goodwill/charity, shouldn't look to receive compensation.

Call the Question, Franulovich 2nd Jahnke



0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 124

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Atwood

Discussion:

This would open more areas for bear baiting. Some people have stopped baiting because it was hard to find areas. Some support because some cabins are abandoned, not so much an issue in SEAK. Potential conflicts if bear baits are allowed within dwellings/structures. Bears get habituated and could visit nearby cabins after the bait season.

Call the Question, Atwood 2nd Jahnke

4 – Support, 5 – Opposed, Opposed

Proposal 126

Move to Adopt, McCloud 2nd Scoblic

Discussion:

This is already allowed in areas with limited daylight. I don't believe this is an issue in SEAK. Could be beneficial up north where people are going after wolf/coyote, increase predator control. Could be an enforcement issue in SEAK during deer season. How do you distinguish whether a person is hunting deer vs. furbearers. Most don't believe this should be expanded statewide.

Call the Question: Franulovich 2nd Jahnke

1 – Support, 8 – Opposed, Opposed

Proposal 127/128

No Action based on vote on Proposal 126

Proposal 129

Move to Adopt, McCloud 2nd Atwood

Discussion:

This is for all big game and would affect all big game hunters. We don't support.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd Jahnke

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 130

Move to Adopt, Atwood 2nd McCloud

Discussion:

Seems like this is a regional issue in Bethel. If adopted this would affect statewide regulations. Discussions



around proper caliber for hunting moose and what people in certain communities have access to.

Call the Question, Atwood 2nd McCloud

2 – Support, 5- Opposed, 2 – Abstain, Opposed 2 to 7,

Franulovich/Scoblic abstained due to a lack of knowledge on the subject/proposal.

Proposal 131

Move to Adopt, Jahnke 2nd Scoblic

Discussion:

If a trapper’s gear is stolen and set illegally you could be in trouble. This has happened to some trappers. Identification tag requirements were rescinded because of this. Generally, there is a strong opposition on the AC to this proposal. Would enforcement/ADFG side with a trapper whose traps were illegally relocated, or would they investigate? Some concern about where a proposal like this might lead. One member felt it wasn’t an issue to require trappers to label traps, doesn’t believe it’s a large monetary cost. It would allow enforcement/residents to identify trappers who are illegally trapping or have an animal in a trap to be recovered.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd Atwood

1 – Support, 8 – Opposed, Opposed

Proposal 135

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Dale

Discussion:

Is this for all tags or just draw tags. How does this help or hurt us? Would like to see a cap on nonresident tags. This proposal could increase the number of tags for nonresidents, we don’t support this. Some discussion about amending the proposal. Is this an issue for SEAK? This could impact some draw tag opportunities. We don’t like the guarantee of tags for nonresidents. The luck of the draw is the luck of the draw.

Call the Question, Dale 2nd Jahnke

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 136

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Allen

Discussion:

Could support if it was for nonresidents only. Can’t support because of the 2nd stipulation in this proposal. Some feel like these hunts are already once in a lifetime hunt. Support for our system because it is a lottery. Why stop at Musk Oxen and Bison, why not other difficult tags to draw like sheep etc.

Call the Question, Atwood 2nd McCloud



0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 137

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Allen

Discussion:

We oppose a point system. This proposal is attempting to throw a bunch of stuff at the wall and see what sticks. Previous deliberations and discussions with Ross Dorendorf indicated that some states have gone to point systems have regretted it.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd Dale

0 – Support, 9 – Oppose, Oppose Unanimously

Proposal 139

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd McCloud

Discussion:

It is difficult to understand what the proposer is looking for. Are they talking about deer? Is it for antlered or horned animals or both? We like how it is now.

Move to Take No Action, Allen 2nd Jahnke

9 – Support, 0 – Opposed, Supported Unanimously

Proposal 141

Move to Adopt, McCloud 2nd Atwood

Discussion:

You can take a picture/video to declare transfer of possession?! Dalin, talked with the troopers who didn't necessarily have an issue with this proposal. Digital is easier and potentially cleaner. We'd like to see this on the current ADFG app.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd McCloud

9 – Support, 0 – Oppose, Supported Unanimously

Proposal 142

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Dale

Discussion:

We don't want to encourage bad behavior. We sympathize with the proposer and those who get stuck with unclaimed taxidermy that they must recoup money on. There is already a process for this, and we are worried about unintended consequences.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd Atwood



0 – Support, 9 – Oppose, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 143

Move to Take No Action, Scoblic 2nd Atwood

9 – Support, 0 – Oppose, Unanimous Take No Action based on Proposal 142

Proposal 144

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Jahnke

Discussion:

This shortens the time period to get the permit to recoup money on abandoned taxidermy, we support.

Call the Question, Scoblic 2nd Jahnke

8 – Support, 1 – Opposed, Supported

Proposal 146

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd McCloud

Discussion:

Cats are an effective predator. We don't support the release of cats into the wild. We haven't supported proposals of this nature in the past and won't do so now.

Call the Question, McCloud 2nd Jahnke

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 147

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Jahnke

Discussion:

This is an ADFG proposal. This would delegate authority to the Commissioner, taking it from a Board of 7 to an individual. This would allow for additions or subtractions to be considered out of cycle and more timely?. This would take the public out of the process. The AC is unsure of how to proceed with this proposal.

Move to take No Action, Atwood 2nd Jahnke

9 – Support, 0 – Opposed, Supported Unanimously

Proposal 148

Move to Adopt, Scoblic 2nd Franulovich

Discussion:

How does this affect us. We are in a predator control area, however, there isn't an active control program



being implemented. Why would we want the Commissioner to have sideboards. Some confusion on the AC about the intent and consequences if approved. Mistrusting of how and who submitted this and their inability to bring it before the AC they are a member of.

Call the Question, Atwood 2nd McCloud

0 – Support, 9 – Opposed, Opposed Unanimously



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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>			
85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Oppose	0	8	There are already laws in place. This proposal looks to make it more difficult to participate and adds complexity. This is a statewide proposal to address a local issue.
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
Oppose	0	9	Similar comments to Proposal 85.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	8	
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	8	0	This is already required in SEAK. We support education for goat hunters.
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
No Action			See action on Proposal 90
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
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97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		



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98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
100			Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit
101			Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels 119of human consumptive use
102			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
103			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
104			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
105			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
106			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
107			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
108			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
109			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
110			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
111			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams



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112			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams
113			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
114			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
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117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
118			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
119			Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D
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121			Divide Unit 15C into two subunits
122			Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide
Oppose	0	8	Bison are an introduced species and these are trophy hunts more than meat hunts. This is an attempt to game the system.
123			Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
Oppose	0	8	Proxy hunting is about goodwill and charity, those hunting should look to receive compensation.
124			Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting
Oppose	4	5	
125			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7



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126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	1	8	There is not a need for this in SEAK. Difficult to enforce.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
No Action			See Action on Proposal 126
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
No Action			See Action on Proposal 126
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose	0	9	
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Oppose	2	5	2 Abstained, didn't know enough to vote. This seems like regional issue. Don't believe people should be shooting moose with .223, though plenty of people shoot elk with .243.
131	Require identification tags to be attached to traps and snares		
Oppose	1	8	Concerned about the time and cost associated with tagging each trap/snare. Concerned that people could move traps that didn't belong to them and get the trap owner in trouble. One member (a trapper) didn't feel the cost and time would be significant and would appreciate being able to know who traps belonged to.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
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134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
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Oppose	0	9	Concerned that this proposal isn't specific enough. Does this include all tags or just some. Would like to see a cap on nonresident permits. Concerned this would pertain to permits that nonresidents don't apply for and thus would limit opportunity for resident hunters.
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		



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Oppose	0	9	Could support if once in a lifetime applied to nonresidents only. Can't support limiting ability to apply to only once.
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose a point system and have spoken to proposals like these in the past. We support the current system we have as we believe it is fair and provides everyone with an opportunity.
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
No Action	9	0	We couldn't quite determine what the proposer was looking for.
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
Support	9	0	AC member talked with enforcement officer and they had no issue if this proposal was adopted. Digital is easier and cleaner.
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	9	Don't want to incentivize bad actors. There is already a process in place. Worried about unintended consequences.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
No Action	9	0	See Action on Proposal 142
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
Support	8	1	Support shortening the time to file for a permit to recoup money from abandoned taxidermy.
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
No Action	9	0	Not sure about this proposal. See meeting minute discussion
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
Oppose	0	9	



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155			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
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164			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
187			Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators.
188			Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters.
189			Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply.
190			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program.
191			Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area
192			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.

- V. Set next meeting date: February 27th, 2025 @5pm
- VI. Choose Representative for Board of Game: Statewide Regulations Meeting
 - a. Statewide Regulations – March 21-28, 2025



b. Location: Anchorage - Anchorage Egan Civic & Convention Center

VII. Other

VIII. Adjournment : Dale/Atwood @ 7:04pm

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Allen

Minutes Approved By: Ketchikan AC

Date: 2/27/25



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
February 28, 2025
Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

Call to Order: 1:02 pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair

Roll Call

Members Present:

Alexus Kwachka	Paul Chervenak
Andrew Finke	Tollef Monson
*Oliver Holm	Rolan Ruoss
Rebecca Skinner	Julie Kavanaugh
*Duncan Fields	Kevin Adkins
Coral Chernoff (Alt)	*Anitra Winkler (Alt)
Bradon Bartleson (PL Alt)	
*left partway through the meeting	

Absent (Excused): Tyler Schmeil, Ron Kavanaugh, Patrick O’Donnell, Theresa Peterson

Members Absent (Unexcused): Garmin Squartsoff

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

User Groups Present: Kodiak-Processor, Kodiak-Big Game Guide/Outfitter, Kodiak-Large Boat Crab, Kodiak-Subsistence, Kodiak-Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Kodiak-West Side Salmon Gillnet, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seine, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, Port Lions Village, Old Harbor Village and Kodiak city residents

Guests Present: 6 Kodiak residents

ADF&G Staff Present: Nate Svoboda, Bill Dunker, Natalie Romo-Board support

Approve Agenda: Motion to Approve- Kavanaugh, Second Skinner. **Motion passes: 12-0**

Correspondence: None

Chair Announcements: Minutes for Statewide BOF meeting were submitted by Chair Chervenak on time. Pat Holmes shared that Kodiak Aleutians RAC meeting will be held at Refuge Visitor Center March 6-7, 2025 starting at 9 a.m., with potluck at 5:30 on March 5.

Old business: Bylaws-Motion to Adopt Bylaws as drafted-Ruoss, Second Skinner. Amendment 1 to remove Conflict of Interest paragraph (D)-Skinner, Second Ruoss. **Amend 1 Passes 12-0.** Amendment 2 to add Paragraph (d) to describe Community Alternate Seats-Skinner, Second Kavanaugh. Romo shared recent (October 2024) Joint Board decision to allow all communities within an AC Region to have one Community Alternate, which means the seven Kodiak-Community representatives can decide together to choose one Alternate to share among them. Motion to delay further action to next meeting to provide time for bylaw draft to be updated with the new information-Ruoss, Second Finke. **Motion to Postpone Passes 12-0**



New Business

1. Call for proposals for South Central Region deadline May 1, 2025
2. Discussion of Statewide BOG Proposals (see table below)
3. Motion for single person approve minutes: Motion for Chair Chervenak to approve these meeting minutes-Skinner, Second Kavanaugh. **Motion passes 9-0**
4. Discussion for Kodiak AC representation at Statewide BOG meeting (March 21-28). Motion for Skinner to represent AC at meeting-Kwachka, Second Kavanaugh. **Motion passes 9-0**
5. Committee comments: None

Motion to Adjourn-Kwachka, Second Finke. **Motion passes 9-0**

Meeting Adjourned 6:03 p.m. Friday February 28, 2025

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: March 3, 2025



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulation Meeting

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, Alaska

Proposal Number	Proposal Description NOTE: ADFG staff presented department comments.		
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>			
85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Support as Amended	11	1	<p>Amendment: Remove Air Taxi from definition of “transporter” to which the proposed regulatory change would apply. (passes 11-1)</p> <p>Support Amendment: Air Taxi services are an unusual and impractical option for waterfowl hunts in the Kodiak area, and Air Taxi transporters would not know whether someone planned to hunt waterfowl.</p> <p>Oppose Amendment: There is no reason to remove one class of transporter service providers.</p> <p>Support: Developing a system to collect data related to transporter activity will be helpful, particularly as community residents perceive resources are becoming more scarce, with increasing competition from people outside of the community. It was acknowledged that the definition of “transporter” specifically relates to big game, and that transporter activity (particularly marine vessels) around the Kodiak Archipelago target all resources (fish, wildlife, waterfowl) so there would be benefit to start collecting baseline data related to transporter activities. Registering as a waterfowl guide is quick and easy and not a heavy burden.</p> <p>Oppose: The proposal is confusing and conflates several disparate issues, including changing the definition of Transporter, expanding requirements for waterfowl registration beyond waterfowl guides.</p>
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
Support as Amended	12	0	<p>Amendment: Add language clarifying that reporting must be submitted on the same day as the hunt (and is not required immediately after taking the bird in the field). (passes 12-0)</p> <p>Support: Collecting sea duck harvest data from each hunter on the day of the hunt will provide valuable data, particularly for localized populations. Currently reporting is stratified random sampling, asks broad questions (did you harvest 0-5 ducks), does not provide a comprehensive picture of harvest, and is usually done a year after the harvest occurs. It is important start accounting for impacts on the resource, and ensuring we have a robust data collection system in place.</p>



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87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: The proposal as written is unclear and confusing, and two sections seem to be in conflict. Paragraph (3) appears to completely restrict boat movement throughout the entire hunt, which would preclude using a boat to retrieve waterfowl and would lead to waste for hunters who do not have a retriever dog.
186	Define Bufflehead, Barrow's and Common Goldeneye as sea ducks		
Support	11	0	Support: Including these additional species under the definition of sea ducks will reduce impacts on local populations for which AC members have concerns (particularly goldeneyes), and will decrease waste. This proposal would not affect the resident limit or opportunity, but would create a non-resident harvest limit of 4 for these species. This will help signal these species need to be conserved, and hopefully limit the wasteful practice of shooting into a large group of ducks.
90/91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
Support	8	3	Support: Kodiak has liberal nanny goat harvest strategies and differentiating sex is less important, however, there is strong support for any extra education for hunters. This requirement would not be onerous; the online course is short (~1 hour) and you can retake the quiz as many time as necessary to pass. Mountain goats are different, not as commonly hunted, and not as accessible. General hunter education classes are also already required. Oppose: Creating arbitrary education requirements that serve as a barrier to accessing local food is ridiculous and not needed for local hunters who learned from their elders. This requirement might make sense for non-local hunters.
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: The current management structure is based on the number of permits issued, and this proposal would completely change that paradigm to require a specific ratio of <u>harvest</u> to be accomplished. It is not clear how harvest activity and success could be tracked in-season to achieve specific ratios. The Kodiak area has been very successful at management mountain goats under the current system, while ensuring adequate harvest access for local residents, and the AC supports continuing management flexibility at a local level rather than imposing statewide requirements that might not function similarly across different regions.



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123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Oppose: This proposal removes restrictions on giving or receiving remuneration in exchange for proxy hunting; the AC is concerned this could result in people purchasing the ability proxy hunt, or using money to pressure people to grant proxies. It was not clear whether remuneration is allowed for federal subsistence designated hunters, and several AC members believed that was not allowed. The AC believes proxy hunting, or designated hunting, is an activity that should not involve remuneration to either party.</p>
126/7/8	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Amendment 1: Exclude Unit 8 (Amendment 1 passes 11-0) Support Amendment 1: The Kodiak AC does not agree with using electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices to harvest furbearers especially in Kodiak, and believes it goes against the spirit of fair sport. At a lower latitude Kodiak does not have the same reduced daylight hour limitations as locations farther to the north.</p> <p>Amendment 2: Shooting furbearers from a boat while using electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices is prohibited. (Amendment 2 passes 10-1) Support Amendment 2: The AC is concerned about potential increased harvest of furbearers along a beach if electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices are allowed when shooting from a boat, particularly foxes and river otters. There are also safety concerns with shooting onto a beach at night where there might be campers in the area.</p> <p>Oppose Amendment 2: Adding guardrails to the proposal does not change the lack of support for the underlying request to allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices.</p> <p>Amendment 3: Prohibit use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices while any big game season is open in Unit 8. (Amendment 3 passes 11-0) Support Amendment 3: Use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices is not allowed while hunting, deer, goats, elk, caribou, or any other big game, and should not be allowed. Prohibiting the use of such devices during any open season for a big game species will avoid illegal usage, and aide enforcement efforts. There are many different season start and end dates for big game in Unit 8 (and across Alaska) so the AC did not attempt to identify specific dates for all species and seasons. This concept could also</p>



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			<p>be addressed by creating a new separate season for hunting furbearers while using electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices.</p> <p>Oppose: The AC does not support using electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices while shooting furbearers. The practice conveys an extreme advantage to the hunter/trapper and is not sporting, and raises significant concerns about overharvest of certain furbearing species. Of particular concern are species no reporting requirement, including red and arctic fox, ermine, martin, or muskrat, and the proposed change could be detrimental with no way to track negative impacts. There was also discussion about whether non-resident hunters should be prohibited from using this technology to harvest furbearers.</p>
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Oppose: This issue is not appropriate for a statewide proposal because big game differs by region throughout the state. For example, Kodiak does not have moose and .223 is perfectly appropriate for hunting Kodiak's Sitka blacktail deer. Further, this proposal does not consider that some hunters will be unable or uncomfortable shooting larger caliber, e.g., some women and some children.</p>
134	Issue 90% of moose drawing permits to Alaska residents		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Oppose: Allocation of moose harvest should be done at a regional or GMU level because the moose populations and local resident needs differ by area throughout the state. If local resident needs are being met then there may be no reason to limit allocation to non-resident hunters, which is likely to have negative economic consequences.</p>
135	Allocate 10% of the big game permits to nonresidents as follows		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Oppose: This proposal introduces unnecessary management complexity, limits the Department's ability to effectively manage resources, and is a one-size-fits-all approach that should not be applied across all hunts at a statewide level. Kodiak has a long history of successfully managing big game in Unit 8, particularly our bear management dating back to the 1970s. If this proposal were implemented for Kodiak bear hunts only <u>seven</u> non-resident tags would be issued across the 56 different Kodiak hunts under existing parameters, which would have a significant economic impact on Kodiak and the State of Alaska, along with potential biological consequences. The consistent guided non-resident harvest of mature bears is an important part of the Kodiak management plan. In addition, with an increase of resident hunters it is anticipated that more female animals would be taken and the overall number of tags would decrease. Limiting non-resident mountain goat harvest would also have negative</p>



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			economic consequences, and hinder the department in its management efforts to reduce the goat population. In Kodiak this is not an issue of residents not being able to get food, and this proposal would be very harmful.
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limits restricted to one sex		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Genetic testing is not currently realistic for sexing given high cost (~\$100x20,000 samples), and delay waiting for test results (where will meat be stored while waiting for results?). The current requirement is not unrealistic or an undue burden to hunters.
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper		
Support	10	0	Support: Allowing digital video recording to substantiate transfer of possession would provide an additional option for hunters to capture this record, particularly when paper is impractical (trying to write in the rain). The AC also recommended exploring development of an online electronic reporting form or app.
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Except under extenuating circumstances this should not be allowed due to concerns with market hunting (targeting trophy animals with the intent to sell the trophy), which has wiped out game populations. In Kodiak this could result in a resident getting a relatively inexpensive resident tag, shooting a 9.5 foot bear, paying ~\$500 for taxidermy, and selling the finished mount for 10x the money. No information was provided on the current approval rate for permits, and it was not clear how ADF&G staff would benefit from this proposal.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
Support	9	0	Support: Identification tags should be required on snares, and would allow ADF&G to locate snare owners if there are any issues (snares not be tended, wounded animals, pets caught in snares, etc.), which provides an opportunity for dialogue and education. Tags are cheap (~\$22/1,000), and could list a PIN rather than a name. AC members pointed out identification tags are required on crab pots (including personal use and subsistence).