



## **Delta ADFG Advisory Committee Position Statement on Moose Management (Antlerless Hunt) in GMU 20A**

The Delta A/C Committee members previously expressed the same emotional opinions regarding antlerless moose hunts in GMU 20A as are currently being voiced by some members of the general public, as follows:

We were concerned that an antlerless hunt may precipitate a moose population crash similar to the one experienced in the early 1970's.

We questioned the accuracy of the moose population estimate offered by ADFG. Some members of the committee and public were adamant that the moose numbers were just not that high.

We felt that we could not support an antlerless moose hunt unless there was a predator reduction program in effect for the GMU.

We were opposed to any calf hunt as they had yet to contribute to any perceived habitat problem and also the stigma of being labeled "baby killers".

We questioned the rationale of harvesting the breeding stock (cows).

We also recognized that many members of the public were opposed to the antlerless hunt for at least some, if not all, of the above reasons and we, as a committee, were obliged to represent their opinions as well as those of all the community from which we were elected.

All of these concerns were voiced even though we understood the intent of Intensive Management to make more game (moose) available for human consumption. Weighing all of the above considerations caused our Committee to vacillate in our support for antlerless moose hunts (we were in favor, then we were not in favor and finally we were in favor of these hunts).

Today, we have taken a position to approve antlerless moose hunts in GMU 20A for the following reasons.

ADFG biologists have made several presentations at our committee meetings (all of which are open to the public and advertised as such in the local media). These presentations provided us with the best information available to date, considering such things as moose biology (browse selection, migration, age at calving, twinning rates, calf weights, short yearling weights, etc), statistical surveying methods used in estimating the moose populations and the removal (consumption) of current year's browse production (growth), plus estimates of predator numbers and effects on the population.

The result of this information has provided this committee with the confidence necessary to support some harvest of antlerless moose. We have learned of the “**Density Dependent Nutritional Indices**” that indicate the nutritional status of the moose population in GMU 20A.

**Low calving rates** among all adult cows,  
**Low twinning rates** among cows that give birth,  
**Delayed age of cows at first calving,**  
**Delayed age of cows at first twinning,**  
**Low calf birth weights,**  
**Low short-yearling (9 month old) calf weights**

All of these factors indicate that the moose population is under nutritional stress.

Effects on the habitat of over-population by moose in GMU 20A have been confirmed by assessing the:

**Browse removal rate** (amount of current year’s growth of the browse that is being removed).

**Brooming effect** which is the multiple branching of the terminal growth of the plant produced from continual browsing.

**Replacement of some desirable browse (willows) with less desirable species (alders).**

These are all warning signs of overuse by the moose population. Continuing to ignore these symptoms of nutritional stress will result in long term habitat damage and a resultant crash of the moose population in GMU 20A through nutritional complications and starvation.

Biologists have also provided information on the **migration of moose**. It appears that there are two categories of moose, those that migrate and those that do not. In either case the cows migrate or roam less than bulls. Female calves tend to establish home ranges close to where they were born. It is believed that moose do not migrate in search of food (ie. they do not leave their home range simply because it is over-browsed). Consequently, **there is not a mass migration in response to localized nutritional conditions.**

The concern of the Delta A/C in there being **no predator reduction program** for GMU 20A resulted in the ADFG biologists revealing that **about 50% of the current population of predators (wolves, at least) are removed from GMU 20A each year** by hunters and trappers. Also, **it would be difficult to support an additional predator reduction program until the public is willing to remove (harvest) the available surplus moose now identified by the Department:**

In addition, the Department explained the **statistical survey methods** used to estimate moose populations in GMU 20A, which includes

**Randomly selected survey plots** via computer.  
**Computer generated statistical design of survey.**  
**Statistically created sight correctability factor** (to account for missed moose).  
**Statistical analyses of data.**

Considering the above techniques used in the development of a statistically sound population estimate, the Delta A/C has no additional data with which to refute the current population estimate. Even though some folks disbelieve that population estimate, it would seem that the burden of proof would be on them to provide other statistically valid data from which to disprove the Department's estimate.

While the above information has provided the Delta A/C with the confidence to support the antlerless moose harvest in GMU 20A, there is **one inherent problem** that should be addressed and that is **how to disperse the hunters** to harvest the moose in the more inaccessible areas of GMU 20A. Some possibilities include:

- Offer draw hunts for more specific areas
- Offer registration hunts for specific areas
- Split the seasons on these hunts to reduce competition among the hunters

As a result of the Department's public educational program, the Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee supports the continued harvest of surplus antlerless moose in GMU 20A. In addition, we sincerely appreciate the time and effort expended by the Department to provide our committee and the general public with the most accurate information available on the status of the moose population and habitat in GMU 20A.

Approved by Committee on January 30, 2008

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Don Quarberg, Chair, Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

**Minutes of the Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fish and Game Office by Chairman Don Quarberg. Minutes were taken by Secretary Rick Johnson.

**Roll Call**

Members present were Don Quarberg, Tony Williams, Mike North, Don Bunselmeier, Dean Cummings Jr, Dennis Midgley, Mike Bender, Vern Aiton, Carl Taylor, Tim Webb & Rick Johnson

Members absent - None

Alternates present were Russ Pinkelman, Jack Winsor, & Ann Rasmussen

Alternates Absent were Scott Schultz (Exc) & Tom Geyer

ADFG Department Staff present was Fronty Parker & Steve Dubois

ADPS Staff present was Rick Swanson

Guests present: See Attached List

Don Quarberg read the minutes of the January 2 Meeting. A motion to approve as read and corrected was moved, seconded and passed unanimously

**Correspondence**

Chairman Don Quarberg read a letter of resignation from Tom Geyer

**Changes to the AGENDA**

Steve Dubois offered the following agenda amendments

Update on fall hunt effort

Different Meeting place

**Old Business**

Chairman Don Quarberg shared with the committee that its proposals pertaining to trophy destruction for proxy hunters and the definition of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kindred were returned and would not be included in Cycle B Statewide Board Meeting for the following reasons:

Definition of second degree kindred – Statutory – Needs addressed by the Alaska State Legislature

Antler destruction issues should be resubmitted for the Cycle A meeting in 2010

A general discussion regarding hunting fees was held with no recommendations

An article entitled "Fewer Hunt and Fish in Alaska" was submitted and discussion regarding reduced hunting and fishing populations was held with not recommendation.

### **New Business**

#### Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations –McNeil River State Game Refuge and State Game Sanctuary – Don Quarberg

Don offered as an information item the notice of proposed changes in the management plan for the McNeil River State Game Refuge and website for offering comments. Discussion followed – no action

#### Motorize Hunting – Don Quarberg

Don offered time for opponents of Proposal 38 - Restricting ATVs in the Delta Creak/100 Mile Creek area of Unit 20 A to speak. Discussion Followed with the committee recommendation of Don Quarberg, Don Bunselmeier and Abe Horshel getting together to draft a compromise of the issue. Once drafted the compromise would be presented via e-mail with a telephone vote taken on the amendment to Proposal 38. (Note: Don Bunselmeier, Abe Horshel, Jacob White and Don Quarberg met at the ADFG office on 2/5/08 from 1:00 – 4:50 PM. No compromise proposal evolved from this meeting, however an amended proposal was written and submitted to the members of the Advisory Committee with email addresses. Rick Johnson (Secretary) would pole the members (via phone and email) on the amended proposal #38. On 2/10/08 the vote was completed with 7 opposed, 2 in favor and 2 abstentions; consequently the proposal failed to gather the support of the committee.)

#### Comments on Moose Management Workshop – Don Quarberg

General Comments were that it was a good meeting with a lot of information made available regarding the antlerless moose hunts in GMU 20. It was also recognized that the ADFG was putting more effort into game management education

#### Nenana Work Shop - Don Quarberg

Chairman Don Quarberg was asked to write a letter on the Delta AC's position on antlerless hunting in GMU20A. He presented his paper supporting the hunts to the AC. Discussion followed regarding calf hunting. It was moved and seconded to strike the second to last paragraph regarding calf hunts Motion passed to amend the letter 9 -0- 2. It was then moved and seconded to approve the letter and passed 11-1-0. A motion was then made and seconded to submit the letter to the Delta Paper, passed 10-1-0. (Note: The revised Position Statement was submitted to the Delta Wind later that week.)

#### Update on Moose Survey– Steve Dubois

Steve announced that the SW 20 D moose survey west of the Johnson River was completed. Information involving the antlers hunt will be available at February 27 meeting. Discussion of survey costs and techniques followed

#### Upcoming legislation - Don Quarberg

Don offered as an information item that HB 315 & SB 224 would extend the Commercial Services Board (CSB) that is due to sunset this year. The CSB regulates guides and

outfitters. HB 267 would team Alaska with 20 other states to collaborate on Reporting Fish and Game law and regulation violators. HB 214 also addresses hunting by military members.

Meeting Place - Steve Dubois

Steve proposed that our current meeting room at the ADFG office in Delta may be too small. The Department will pay for a meeting room. The AC's consensus was to move the February 27 meeting. Steve will investigate options and the new meeting place will be announced in the meeting agenda. Discussion followed on holding a Moose Management Workshop in Delta. The consensus of the committee was to see if we could hold one before spring.

Discussion of Board of Game Spring 2008 Proposals- Interior Region

The proposed regulation changes were discussed and those being moved, seconded and approved or disapproved for recommendation by the Delta Advisory Committee are listed below:

Proposal #	Yes	No	Abstain	Comments
38	11	0	0	• Moved to table & amend
38	2	7	2	• 2.10.08 telephone poll on amended version – consensus to pull proposal
17	2	7	2	• Pelts are not prime out side of season
20	10	0	1	• No reason not to support
22	11	0	0	• Herd size will support increased harvest
23	0	11	0	• Current regs are working
26	1	7	3	• System Currently Working
35	11	0	0	• Increased Opportunity
41	11	0	0	• Simplify Regulations
43	9	1	1	• Abusive use of technology to take game
44	8	2	1	• Time to wake up to the impact of motorized hunting on the environment
45	0	10	1	• More people killed by moose within city limits – need to reduce non-migratory animals
135	10	1	0	• Biologically Sound
130 & 131	10	1	0	• Biologically Sound
76	9	2	0	• Spread out hunting pressure
83	11	0	0	• Increased Harvest of predators
85	4	6	1	• Increased Resident Opportunity
86	2	1	8	• Not enough info
102, 106, 113	0	11	0	• Support wolf control programs
107	11	0	0	• Support increase predator control
109	0	2	9	• Will defer to Fairbanks AC

137	11	0	0	• Biologically Justified
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**Other Business**

Calls for Fisheries Proposals were discussed -- no action

Sending a delegate to the upcoming Board of Game Meeting was discussed and Don Quarberg was selected by general consensus.

**Agenda Items for February 27 meeting (starts at 6:30 PM)**

Legislation of concern

Caribou hunt – Macomb Herd

Cow moose hunt numbers

**Adjourn – 10:01 PM**



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Comments for the Board of Game February 29, Region III Meeting

The Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee has considered the Proposals for the Interior Region Regulations meeting and has the following recommendations and comments. The "vote" is recorded as In Favor, Opposed, Abstained, Absent. A quorum was present.

The FAC representative is authorized to comment, answer questions, participate in committees or otherwise represent our interests on any proposal or issue at the February 29- March 10 Board of Game meeting.

Proposal	Action	Vote	Comments
1 Reg. H. Caribou GMU 12	Support	15-0-0-0	What is the present population? "IF" the assumption is correct and the increase is not a result of mixing with the Nelchina Herd, we support hunting them. Our preference would be for a Drawing Hunt rather than Registration for such a low number of animals. No Non-Residents should be included until the harvest reaches at least 40.
2 Moose Ant. Res. GMU 12	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Moose population can't support a longer season. If there are very few spike/fork bulls, there is no need to take them out of the harvest unless more recruitment needed.
3 Black Bear limit	Support	15-0-0-0	We support this Board proposal. We assume this will be a reference to predation plan areas in GMU 16.
4 Close NR Caribou GMU 18 (Mulchatna)	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Mulchatna needs finding "important for human harvest" as IM Herd. Where is predator control plan? Economic danger in precedent of removing all NR. Consider a Drawing Hunt a small number of caribou.
5 Same as #4	No. Rec.	15-0-0-0	Same comment as #4.
6 Caribou Season GMU 18 Split	No. Rec.	15-0-0-0	The "benefit" stated is assumed. The department should clarify "would the caribou benefit" from a split season.
7 ANS Moose GMU 18	TNA	15-0-0-0	Board should avoid "need" criteria. The term is "opportunity to provide . . . " We support review on ANS to see if "opportunity" needs to be increased.
8 Trap Black Bear GMU 19	Support	15-0-0-0	If you can avoid catching Brown/Grizzly, trapping could be trap, snare, live trap? Has to be part of the IM predation control project.
9 Bm Bear Season GMU 19	Support	15-0-0-0	Good to align seasons throughout the area. If IM areas season overlap with other seasons this change will provide an opportunity to reduce the bear population.
10 Moose Season GMU 19A	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Can the moose population take additional harvest?

11 Close NR Caribou GMU 19A	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Other caribou herds (Nelchina & Fortymile) have similar numbers of animals. Both harvest Caribou in split seasons, fall and winter. Nel. is closed to NR, Fortymile is open in fall. GMU 19A could use 40Mile concept with EO closure and/or Drawing permits. Closing to NR is restricting human harvest and could trigger IM planning.
12 Remove antler rest. For Subst.	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Proposal does not identify "subsistence hunter". Are they local residents, Tier II? Can the moose population take additional harvest?
13 Close moose season GMU 19B	Support	15-0-0-0	This is a "desperation" proposal and a reach for enforcement activity. What says the department on these issues?
14 Eliminate antler Restrict. in GMU 19B	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Moose population likely could not take additional harvest.
15 Winter moose Season GMU 19D	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Can moose population take additional harvest?
16 Lengthen Wolverine Season in GMU 19	TNA	15-0-0-0	Moving from March to May should depend on biological information.
17 Lynx trapping Season in GMU 20	Support	15-0-0-0	Trappers report observing more lynx sign and increased lynx presence. They should be Allowed to take advantage of increases. Seasons should be coincidental with other species if possible.
18 Lynx trapping Season GMU 20	TNA	15-0-0-0	FAC prefers #17, same comment.
19 Moose season Dates GMU 20	TNA	15-0-0-0	One of several "global warming" concepts. Our understanding is that rut is related to hours daylight not temperatures. If seasons could start and end later without getting into the rut this concept would be fine.
20 Brn/Grizzly over bait	Support	15-0-0-0	The number of DLP bears has increased near Fairbanks in recent years. If population is growing, harvest over bait stations is preferred to DLP situations.
21 Caribou GMU 20E 40Mile Reg. permit	Oppose	0-15-0-0	The proposer is asking for what is now the regulation. No action is necessary.
22 McComb caribou Increase # of permits	Support	15-0-0-0	We support raising the number of permits for harvest. Why is the department not Recommending an increase in the population objective? If more than 800 can be Sustained on the habitat, raise the P.O. and the harvest objective.
23 GMU 20A moose Antler restrict.	TNA	15-0-0-0	Moose have already exceeded the bull/cow ratio, the premise for this proposal is incorrect.
24 Reinstate Tier II In Minto Flats MA	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Moose in the MFMA are at high density with no bull/cow ratio problem thus removing the basis for Tier II. Proponents of Tier II like the long season and any moose provisions.

				Those provisions are now offered in the limited registration hunts. If more opportunity is Needed, add 10 – 15 more permits to the Ltd. Regs. hunts.
25 Eliminate Antlerless hunts in 20A & 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		The FAC has recommendations for the entire moose harvest. Antlerless conditions are under comments for #130.
26 Redefine legal bull in GMU 20A	Oppose	3-11-1-0		FAC proposal a placeholder at the deadline for proposals. Amend to 36" and 2 (two) brow tines on at least one side. The high bull/cow ratio in 20A does not support continuing the SF/50" restrictions. Production is a factor in management and yearlings have been in short supply for two seasons. Add the spike/forks back into the herd and take out more of the "middle sized" bulls for the next Board cycle. The department has repeatedly used 35/100 (bull:cow ratio) as the upper end of where antler restrictions are necessary. Since we are considerable above that, with a high moose population, a change to the lessor restriction should make it easier to reach the bull harvest quota AND leaving spike/fork bulls is recruitment. We feel this is better than an "any bull" definition. Option for Yanert, Woodriver, Ferry Trail is to make Resident legal bull spike/fork 50" 3 brow tines (instead of 4). During discussion Feb.13, the FAC realized that this proposal would not work for the entire sub-unit. We discussed using a reduced antler restriction as an incentive to get hunters into the hard to reach portions of the unit. The decision to oppose represents the majority feeling that additional "up to" for the any bull drawing would be better. See last comment on "up to".
27 Terminate antlerless 20A & 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		See comments for #25 and #130.
28 Terminate antlerless in 20A & 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		See comments for #25 and #130.
29 Moose season 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		Global warming, see comments # 19
30 Archery season Moose 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		Season is now Sept. 1 – 30 with long antlerless component in Creamers, Fbks. Mgmt. Area, Minto FMA.
31 Archery season Moose FMA	Oppose	0-15-0-0		Only change is "one bull not spike fork" Season is already ending on Sept. 30
32 Archery only in FMA, expand to FNS Borough	Oppose	0-15-0-0		This proposal keeps the permit hunts then extends the "bow only" in the entire FNSB from Sept. 16 – 30. There is already opportunity for bow hunters.
33 Drawing P. only	Oppose	0-15-0-0		If the present number of permits does not produce a harvest to the objective, it's not

hunt in FMA				Necessary to restrict individual hunters. The Board does not do this often in general or permit hunts. FAC preference is for a greater number of permits if needed to reach harvest objective.
34 20C Moose season	TNA	15-0-0-0		Another global warming concept, see comments #19.
35 20D Moose season	Support	15-0-0-0		We agree with the Delta AC, reasons for the extension are good.
36 Eliminate antlerless In 20A	TNA	15-0-0-0		See comments #130.
37 Mt. Harper Sheep Permit boundary	Support	15-0-0-0		Change helps clarify the boundaries for the hunters.
38 Delta Creek CUA (New) 20A	Oppose.	0-15-0-0		The environmental impact issue is mostly with DNR responsibility. Would not want to see closure for hunting and trapping with no restrictions on "access to our mining claim, fishing etc." Assume access is now by aircraft? Anti-hunters love these proposals that get hunters arguing amongst themselves on "how to get there".
39 Archery season 20B	No rec.	15-0-0-0		Opens all of 20B to archery for any bull through Sept. 30. This is hunting into the rutting Season which we discourage. Could impact B/C ratio if overharvest. No shortage of bow hunting opportunity with present seasons.
40 Sealing Bm/Griz In 20E	No rec.	15-0-0-0		Prefer #41 which allows sealing at any F&G sealing location.
41 Sealing Bm/Griz In 20E	Support	15-0-0-0		Good change. It helps rather than limits the hunters and may result in additional harvest.
42 Baiting Bm/Griz In 20B	TNA	15-0-0-0		We prefer #20.
43 Restrict Airboats SE 20B & 20D	Oppose	0-15-0-0		The premise is "overharvest". No data is given to support that premise. Because airboats are used as access where they have not traditionally gone does not make them "overharvest". Don't discriminate by vehicle.
44 Vehicle restrictions GMU 20A, D & E	Oppose	0-15-0-0		The "off existing trail" and "only after 3 a.m." are not enforceable. Any "damage" needs to be related to hunting or trapping uses only or it's outside the authority of the BOG. Who would designate the "established" trails? The biggest problem is that if you hunt only on foot the harvest goes up. When would hunters be able to haul out their harvest? Such a general restriction should be used only in small areas or CUA's not GMU or Sub units.
45 Close City of Delta To "Hunting"	Oppose	0-15-0-0		Even closing big game hunting or shooting is an issue for the City Council not the BOG. City of Fairbanks, for example, has a "discharge of firearms" restriction. The only time

			<p>numerous hunters are in the field is during moose season. In Fbks. even the FMA is only limited to bow hunting for MOOSE. Does the City of Delta want to make a DLP of every black bear shot in the city? The Board should send this issue back to Delta and let them deal with it.</p>	
46	Bm/Griz Limit GMU 21	Support	15-0-0-0	<p>This is a moose predation issue. What is the present "harvest" of bears? Is additional harvest a biological problem? If not, raise the limit until the moose population recovers.</p>
47	Moose season 21A & D	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>A shorter season and antler restrictions are only needed if "hunters" are the reason for the population decline. We suspect they are not. Department should be asked the causes of the decline.</p>
48	GMU 21 NR Hunter Ed. Reqmt.	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>If the declaration of "many violations" for wanton waste and illegal moose are true, the areas needs more enforcement. A hunter-ed requirement is a burden for the dept. and the NR hunters and should only be considered after increased enforcement.</p>
49	GMU 21 Federal Land Hunt	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>The request is for a state hunt to parallel the federal hunt because it would then be open on private land. The present state hunts are set in recognition of providing opportunity for use of the harvestable surplus on state and private lands. A "double dip" on private lands could exceed the harvestable surplus. An additional "federal lands" hunt should only be for federal lands.</p>
50	Extra Regis Hunt Moose in 21B	TNA	15-0-0-0	<p>Same comment as for #49.</p>
51	Spring Moose Season Koyukuk CUA 21D	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>The question is, "Can this moose population stand additional harvest?" The tightly restricted fall hunts suggest NO. A hunt "for those who did not harvest in the fall" does not mean they did not have the opportunity to harvest.</p>
52	Season/Bag limit for wolves 21A	Amend Support	15-0-0-0	<p>The extended season could result in more harvest, dropping the NR tag requirement is not necessary because the cost of a wolf tag is not significant in the cost of a NR hunt.</p>
53	Season/Bag limit Beaver 21A	TNA	15-0-0-0	<p>See comments #82. We prefer a Regional approach rather than by GMU or SubUnit.</p>
54	Close NR Moose & Caribou in 21A	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>This proposal seeks to close NR hunting but the issue of declining moose population is not just related to NR. All non-local "dropoff" hunters are the real target. If ungulate populations are dropping and predators are taking too many, the focus has to be on predator reduction because of the "reduction in human harvest" proposed. The Board should solve the real problem.</p>
55	NR Moose permits in 21B	Oppose	0-15-0-0	<p>If there is an overharvest issue, the Board should use a 20% estimate for NR permits. The issue of guided vs non-guided is a separate question. If you must designate, make</p>

56	Black Bear bag limit. 21A & E	Oppose	0-15-0-0	it 50/50 to start. This proposal asks for an increase from 3 bears to 5. Statistics show that a very low Percentage of hunters ever take more than 1 per year. The "standard" of 3 in multiple bag limit areas is sufficient.
57	Drawing Permit Moose Hunt 21A	Oppose	0-15-0-0	How could a new Drawing permit hunt be justified in areas with a fast declining moose Population?
58	Guided Required Moose 21A,D,&E	No. rec.	15-0-0-0	Requires Legislative action not within the authority of the Board of Game.
59	Kanuti CUA 24B Moose season	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Issue is opening private lands along with federal land in "extra" hunts. The fall state hunt offers the necessary opportunity.
60	Moose Permit 24A Dalton Hwy. Corrid.	Oppose	0-15-0-0	The Board has been told that restricting hunters to one area is not legal.
61	Archery season Wolf Dalton Corrid.	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Conflicts with trapping regulations by excluding rifle. Seems unnecessary.
62	Koyukuk CUA 24C&D moose	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Seeks to add a state season for federal hunts to extend to private property. Opportunity to hunt private land in fall hunts.
63	Moose Hunt dates 24C&D	TNA	0-15-0-0	Another global warming concept. See our comments #19. Three or four days would not make a significant difference in the weather.
64	Moose antler Destruction 24C	Support	15-0-0-0	Antler destruction has not reduced the effort by hunters or provided any management value for the department and is a royal pain for enforcement. This "extra" restriction is for the subsistence hunt only. The local area residents believe it will help focus on meat rather than antlers.
65	Change dates RM 832 in 24D	TNA	15-0-0-0	See comments #19 & #63
66	Change dates RM 832 in 24D	TNA	15-0-0-0	See comments #19 & #63.
67	Antlerless in 24D	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	When is the Board going to encourage the State to work with the feds on predator control?
68	Black bear by "Traditional Mthds"	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	The traditional method is most likely denning, although unstated in the proposal. There is a prohibition on denning in the regulations that could be repealed.
69	Boundaries 25D West Tier II	Support	15-0-0-0	Support as housekeeping measure.
70	Draw. Hunt for Dall sheep in 25A	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Department reports there is no biological reason for this restriction. Small number of hunters in an area the NPS like to "research". Area not in a park. Tell them NO.

71 Brn bear season 26B	Support	15-0-0-0	Increases harvest opportunity.
72 Brn. Bear season 26B	TNA	15-0-0-0	Same as #71.
73 Moose season add. 26C	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Premise for this proposal, "increased moose population" is misleading. There is no change in harvestable surplus. A "new" hunt is not warranted.
74 Lynx bag limit In 12 & 20E	Support	15-0-0-0	There is no statistic on "out of season" caught lynx. Common sense says keep one.
75 Methods for blk bear GMU 21 & 24	TNA	15-0-0-0	A predator control proposal for bears. Does the department agree with the "cause" of the moose and caribou declines as wolves AND black bears.? This is the kind of "method" changes that will be required if aerial predator control is limited and if bears are not included by the Board in the Pred. Reduction projects.
76 Drawing permit Sheep in TMA	Support	15-0-0-0	This is a trophy management strategy. Dividing the season to provide a better hunt Environment, like the Delta bison, is a good idea. Perhaps balance the time equally.
77 NR permits 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree kindred	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Issue is "not enough for guides". Board should look at the statistics for NR and see how many are 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree of kindred and how many are guided. FAC doesn't believe there is a problem.
78 Denning blk bear GMU 21B,C & D	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Board should consider for adding to Koyukuk pred. reduction plan.
79 Light used to take Blk bears from den	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Same as #78
80 Longer moose seas. GMU 21D & 24 Koyukuk CUA	Oppose	0-15-0-0	The moose population is still declining. There is nothing to balance additional harvest. Keep the present season.
81 Archery season Bag limit caribou Dalton 20,24,25,26	No Rec.	15-0-0-0	Board should ask if the caribou herd can stand additional harvest.
82 Beaver season and Bag limit for Reg. III	Amend Support	15-0-0-0	25C should start with "rest" on Sept. 1, otherwise we agree with increases.
83 Scent lures for blk bear in 12,19,20,21, 24,25,26B & 26C	Amend Support	15-0-0-0	Intent is to allow use of scents while floating. Must be "attended" not a registered bait station. Many spring (especially) black bear hunters take float trips. This would allow the use of scent lures associated with float trips. Scent could be used with the float craft or at an overnight camp site but must go downstream with the hunters when they move.

				Amendment: Add 30 days to the Black Bear baiting season in GMU 20A & B. The interior has a large black bear population and additional harvest helps with IM for other species. Hunters are after meat in this season. No conflict with berry picking or other non-hunting uses.
84 Pref./Bonus Points Region III	Defer	15-0-0-0		Add this concept to previous Statewide pref/bonus points evaluation. We suggest the department look at this proposal as an example for a bonus point system.
85 Res. Sheep hunter Season advantage	Support	14-1-0-0		Consider amendment: "Begin resident season Aug. 5". Gives 5 days for residents to utilize airstrips and access before the Non-residents begin. Supporting comments: Good advantage for local, resident hunters. Used on other species in other states. Opposing comments: If residents don't hunt and exit during the 5 days, may create more competition with NR. If this works well in Reg. III consider for statewide.
86 Establish Wildlife Refuge in GMU 13	Oppose	0-15-0-0		A Refuge designation, which would be supported by the Board of Game to the Legislature, Should not be intended to "stop a particular mine". That is the purpose here. The "critical" Area is huge and the number of years it is described as "critical" is low. We feel the Board should let the proponents take this to the Legislature without your endorsement.
87 40HP outboard restrict. on Holitna	No rec.	15-0-0-0		If there is no need to restrict for other than moose hunting and there is no moose hunt, it is unnecessary to restrict.
88 Change boundaries Upper Kuskokwim CUA	No rec.	15-0-0-0		Unless purpose of original boundary was to restrict access to the back country, make the changes.
89 Earlier Date for ATV use in Woodriver CUA	Oppose	5-9-1-0		Comments for: Better ground conditions for ATVs. Relieve Rex Trail congestion. Disperse hunters. Spread out moose harvest. Spreads out moose harvest. Comments opposed: Moves Rex Trail problems to Woodriver CUA. Negative impact to traditional methods (aircraft & horseback, rafting and on-foot) Guides and transporters would change to ATV access. Negative impact to sheep season (open until Sept. 20) Other concerns: Compound problems on Rex Trail and create the same problems in other areas. (Can we name them?) Damage landscape, draw hunters from all over the state, may result in too many moose harvested. Note: Considered for vehicles under 1500# only.
90 Delete Woodriver CUA	TNA	1-12-2-0		See comments on #89.
91 New Kantishna R. CUA in 20C	Oppose	0-15-0-0		Anti-airboat proposal. Prefer not to discriminate by access vehicle. Board should ask in the critical habitat issue is a problem or perception.



92 Reestablish Nenana CUA in 20A	Oppose	0-15-0-0	The "boundary" recommended is for a huge area. Nenana residents can already take advantage of "any moose" ltd. registration permits for both fall and winter hunts in the Minto Mgmt. Area where airboats are not allowed. We oppose closing to one type of access. There is a lot of opportunity for traditional harvest. Many potlatch moose come from this area.
93 Clarify travel restrictions in Ladue River CUA	Support	15-0-0-0	If the department doesn't want to be in the trail allocation business, that's fine. We suspect this is not a big issue. The Board should ask "How will new trails be treated in the future?"
94 Change access restrictions in 21 & 24 Koyukuk CUA	Oppose	0-9-6-0	The FAC has proposed changing the boundaries for this closure several times. The Board "overlooks" the biology and known moose movements because local hunters like the closure. There are other boundaries to the no fly that would create new some access. However, the issue needs a close look so defer to the local hunters. .
95 Permit motorized access through Dalton Corridor	No rec.	15-0-0-0	IF the BOG has this authority, we would support the concept. We suspect this is in the Legislature's authority.
96 Motorized access Dalton 24A	No rec.	15-0-0-0	Same as #95, restricted to one GMU subunit.
97 Pred. Control GMU 9	Support Concept	15-0-0-0	The Board should follow their process to determine if these moose and caribou are "important for human harvest" and proceed from there. This proposal is another cry for help from rural Alaskans. It shows how widespread the lack of management has become.
98 Wolf Control 17B & 17C	No rec.	15-0-0-0	Has the Board determined whether or not the Mulchatna caribou herd is "important for human harvest"? With the number of "Mulchatna" proposals in this meeting, the Board should follow their process. These are complaints of reduced or lost opportunity. This is not simply an "allocation" problem under Alaska Law.
99 Experimental Trapping of bears in GMU 19	Support	15-0-0-0	This is a controlled experiment to remove bears by trapping (snaring). The Board should adopt this proposal for a limited time (perhaps one Board cycle) and ask for an evaluation on it's outcome.
100 Denning Bears in GMU 19 IM areas	Defer	15-0-0-0	Board should defer to the fall. If aerial control of predators is lost, the Board should adopt.h
101 Extend 19A Pred. Control Plan	Support	15-0-0-0	The moose have not sufficiently recovered to end the predator reduction.
102 End 19A Pred.	Oppose	0-15-0-0	See comment #101.

Control Plan				
103 Wolf denning in GMU 19	Defer	15-0-0-0	Board should defer to the fall. If aerial control of predators is lost, the Board should adopt with reference to the "traditional methods".	
104 Extend GMU 19DE Pred. control project	Support	15-0-0-0	The program needs more time to work. It is obvious that the wolves are not being "eradicated" from the area. Moose populations have not yet recovered.	
105 Bear trapping In 19DE (EMMA)	Support	15-0-0-0	Similar to #99, smaller area, FAC comments same as #99. Try it, evaluate it.	
106 End wolf control In EMMA	Oppose	0-15-0-0	See comments #101.	
107 Method/bag limit Bears 20E	Support	15-0-0-0	Bears need to be reduced in 20E to support both moose and caribou recovery. The present methods are not resulting in any additional harvest.	
108 Predator control GMU 20A	Support	15-0-0-0	This proposal responds to the need to encourage predator harvest to continue the IM harvest objectives. Even though the human harvest exceeds 1000 moose per year, the predators take a minimum of 4,000. There is an authorized predation control plan on the books. The department should dust it off to see what needs to be done to support and continue the harvest.	
109 Increase the IM moose population objective in 20A	Support	15-0-0-0	This is an alternative to "holding" the present population of 14,500 on the way to the IM population objective of 12,000. IF the department and the Board support a "hold" at the present level for the next cycle (especially until the next census) this change isn't necessary. We request the Board look at the entire harvest plan for GMU 20A BEFORE considering this proposal.	
110 Add Delta Caribou Herd into 20A Pred. Control Plan	Support	15-0-0-0	This herd is an IM population and is less than 50% of the population objective. It has been neglected in the enthusiasm for moose harvest planning in the GMU. The plan should be amended to provide a means for the caribou to reach the minimum pop. objective.	
111 Ladue CUA Boundary change	Support	15-0-0-0	Could help predator harvest. No negative aspects presented.	
112 Pred. Control Plan GMU 21E	Support	15-0-0-0	The moose population continues to decline. Doesn't this trigger the PC process?	
113 Eliminate PC Plan for GMU 20E & 25C	Oppose	0-15-0-0	Ironic that an anti-hunting group is worried about the cost when they have sponsored an Initiative to have the state as the only entity who can do predator control. If they are truly worried about cost they can't believe government can do it at less cost than the public. Moose and caribou populations have not recovered.	
114 through 129	No rec.	15-0-0-0	Antlerless reauthorization for Units and sub units not usually used by our constituents.	

130 Reauthorize Antlerless moose in 20A	Support With Condit.	13-2-0-0	The Fairbanks Fish and Game advisory committee authorizes antlerless moose hunting in GMU 20A up to a harvest of 200 animals with two conditions. 1. The definition of "antlerless moose" shall be: "One antlerless moose by permit. However, no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf." 2. Antlerless moose harvest shall be limited to (using 2007-2008 zone boundaries) Zones 2 (southern portion), 4, 5 & 6. The intent is for the antlerless hunts to be in the southern portions of these zones away from the Tanana River corridor. The FAC will consider new zone boundaries is discussions with the Healy-Middle Nenana River, Minto-Nenana and Delta advisory committees and the department.
131 Reauthorize Antlerless moose in 20B	Support With Condit.	15-0-0-0	The Fairbanks Fish and Game advisory committee authorizes antlerless moose hunting in GMU 20B up to a harvest of 150 animals outside the Fairbanks Management Area (keeping the same number used previously for inside the FMA) with the following condition. Antlerless moose is defined as: "One antlerless moose by permit. However, no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf."
132 - 133 Antlerless moose reauthorize. in GMU 22C, 22D, remainder and 23	No rec.	15-0-0-0	
134 GMU 26A antlerless moose reauthorization	No rec.	15-0-0-0	
135 GMU 20D Antlerless moose Reauthorization	Support	15-0-0-0	We support this hunt and the Delta AC.
136 Region II Reauthorization of Brn bear tag fee Exemption	Support	15-0-0-0	Region II has many GMU's and subunits that have depressed or declining moose and other ungulate populations. Additional bear harvest will help. Bear populations, where known, many times the Board set population objectives.
137 Reauthorization 19A&B, 20D&E, 21B,D&E, 25C&D Brn bear tag exempt And	Support	15-0-0-0	



Koyukuk River Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 11, 2008, Evansville, Alaska

**Extracted Comments of the Koyukuk River Advisory Committee to  
the Board of Game  
on  
Region III proposals.**

**Proposal #59** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support**

Discussion:

Jack R. said the State of Alaska has to provide a season to hunt on Native lands. This proposal is to have a concurrent state hunt with the Federal subsistence hunt. As it now stands, Natives will be excluded from opportunity to hunt on their own land. This proposal rectifies that. It is only for hunting on contiguous Native lands. It will give additional opportunity to the locals who need it; it will end confusion of boundaries when there is a checkerboard of Native land among the Federal land, and it will allow folks to hunt closer to home. Enforcement would not be so hard among these squares of land that have various ownership. This is a first step to Natives' managing their own subsistence way of life. It will help us now, and it will be a base for our younger generation.

Pollock stated he likes the proposal because it is hard to know for sure where you are. He was afraid of being in the wrong area, so did not hunt. We need to study Title 8 of ANILCA.

Glenn: The Department does not have a final Analysis and Review (A&R), but the initial response is "Do not adopt." The population of moose in 24B is declining, and this would be increased harvest. We cannot afford the increase in harvest. There are just not many moose here.

As an alternative, he suggests getting an Intensive Management (IM) plan in place. That would allow predator control, and an increased moose population. An increased moose population would mean higher hunter success. Any of the late season hunts, after Sept 25, the bulls are in rut and it is the breeding period. By October 5, half of the breeding has take place. If a cow misses an oestrous cycle, there are biological concerns. The objective is growth of the population.

Jack W.: We are targeting younger bulls. Traditionally that is what we do. F&G should utilize traditional knowledge. We know what moose to get, and we would not target a big bull.

Jack R.: The statistics on the Kanuti Wildlife Refuge show 50 bulls: 100 cows. The Department should look at the harvest in Unit 24. 25% of the harvest is from out of state hunters. There is not enough moose for subsistence. We need to get rid of out of state hunters. Bull:cow ratios are high, even if the moose are declining.

Glenn: Most of the activity is confined. If you take bulls out of commonly travelled areas, you

will get rid of too many bulls along the slim corridor. Success rate for local hunters is going down.

Max: In the CUA, the only available moose to hunt are on the corridors.

**Proposal #60 No Action**

**Proposal #61 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Opposed**

Discussion: Wolf fur is bad, females are denning. Traditionally we don't hunt wolves. We don't hunt wolves because "there are too many." We still use the hide. This proposal will not make that much impact on the population.

A bigger problem for us is more people doing things on the Dalton. This is like the muzzle loaders wanting to kill all game that is left over after others have shot at them.

**Proposal #62 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Support**

Discussion: Jack explained, as chair of the WIRAC committee that this proposal was written to give more opportunity to local hunters. It asks for a state hunt to be opened on Native lands that are contiguous to Federal lands on which a hunt is offered. The state hunt would be concurrent with the Federal hunt.

Jack W.: I was backing this proposal. We have a lot of federal land surrounding us. With the price of gas \$5.50 /gal, it makes a difference. Now I go 29 miles to get moose. We need to utilize our own Native allotments.

Glenn: We want to manage conservatively on cow harvests. It is not possible/practical to have a bulls-only hunt. Whenever there is an "any moose" hunt, cows get harvested in the proportion that they occur in the population. If there is a population of 1/3 bulls and 2/3 cows, you would expect 2/3 of the moose taken to be cows. We want to manage conservatively on cow harvest.

Brad S: The federal hunt has a quota of 10 moose. We anticipate a lot of those will be cows. The cows taken will not go toward growth of the population. The Refuge is willing to work with all parties involved.

Someone mentioned that people harvest predators close to village, so this is a way to give some moose back to that village.

Ron S.: Koyukuk R Working Group agreed to leave the decision of harvest up to the people.

Question for Glenn: Does taking of any cow remove growth potential?

Glenn: We need 5-10% growth level. Some are declining, some are level. The population is at zero growth right now.

Jack R.: I expect surge in moose. Calves are large, and we now have now a young cow component. Wolves are not doing well. Need to provide for subsistence priority.

Ron S.: Are you looking for huge numbers for out of state hunters?

Glenn: No. We wanted to return to moose population levels. We do not want to increase number of hunters. It is a huge area in which we count moose, but around the corridors there is a lot of vacant habitat. I have a hope of changing the number of moose. We cannot control water level and weather.

**Proposal #63 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Support as Amended  
Amendment to include only KCUA portions only**

Discussion: Stanley Ned said this of the KCUA of 24C and 24D. 24C because the Hughes people hunt down to Bear Mountain and down to Huslia.

Glenn: The Department's position is amend and adopt. The amendments would equal the 2 days at the end. All KCUA hunts would have a common ending date of 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposal #64** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **1-10 Opposed**

Discussion: Too much destruction.

**Proposal #65** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support.**

Discussion: This proposal we supported and discussed widely in our teleconference.

"Committee members noted that this proposal had been discussed at the October 15, 2007 meeting, and they approved it there."

**Proposal #66** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: This was opposed in the teleconference.

"September 1 – September 30 one bull" Reasons for rejecting this proposal were that it would give everyone in the state the chance to hunt any bull for 10 more days. It would not necessarily help the local folks around Hughes and Huslia. The pressure on the big bulls would be too much because as is there are only 28:100 bull:cow ratio now. The committee felt the first proposal was a better compromise.

**Proposal #67** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: Not enough cows.

(From teleconference notes):Reasons for rejecting the proposal were that this hunt would be open to anyone in the state. There is no guarantee that locals who need the meat would even draw the permits. A lot of outside hunters would come in, with no guarantee of locals getting a chance at the moose. Unless we had complete control (which for the time being we do not), we do not support.

**Proposal #75** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: This would increase trapping opportunity for black bears.

Jack W: We have not seen bears trapped. As a traditional user of black bear, our elders respect the bear. We utilize it for meat. Our elders would not like to see bears suffer, this is a respected animal. I've never heard of a Native person trapping bears. We hunt, and then we utilize all of it that is edible.

Someone else stated the meat would spoil quickly, even overnight. With bears you must skin them immediately.

Ron S: We harvest to eat not to "get rid of."

Stan: This will bring in other hunters who will disrupt our hunting.

Jack W: Asked Al Yatlin and Bill D., "Is there a decline of bears in our village?"

Bill: There is a decline in bears around our village. I hunted for one month and was lucky to get two. Climate changes cause the bears to den in higher ground where we do not usually hunt.

Further discussion: There are more grizzlies around. If you trapped a grizzly, you could not let it go. You would also get wolves and wolverines, and other non-target species.

**Proposal #78 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Support.**

Discussion: Pollock stated in the summer and fall we shoot black bears with cubs. If they are in the den, you cannot tell until you shoot them. This is part of our tradition, and this would make it legal.

Ron S: This would make legal what we traditionally already do. The bear population is adequate, so this proposal is a good one.

**Proposal #79 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Support.**

**Proposal # 80. No Action because of action on #63.**

**Proposal #81 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: We need more harvest data. With a population of 32,000 to 34,000, we have trouble recommending more harvest.

We have concern about the Ray Mountain and Hodzana herds and populations.

**Proposal #82 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support 7-4 Support**

Discussion: This would standardize beaver hunting season.

Pollock: We get beavers in early May. The hide is used for clothing and we eat the meat. In June there is no fat and the fur is not good.

Stan: If you take out Unit 24, do whatever you want to.

Someone else stated you don't have to harvest if you don't want to.

There is concern for beaver over population all over Alaska.

The over population makes too many dams and keeps fish out of their spawning grounds.

Someone: I am opposed. You never know when we will wipe out beaver. We still harvest in winter and spring.

Bill D. Trapping keeps population healthy.

Ron S.: This is an example of cultural differences.

**Proposal #83 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: There is a problem with not having to register bait stations.

Max: This removes formal registration of bait stations. This is just a mobile bait station. Most areas don't allow baiting in the fall, just in the spring. This proposal is not clear whether it would also allow fall.

We are opposed to bear baiting. Pretty soon bears will be coming around your camp looking for bait.

Stan: Take out Unit 24, and do what you want.

Bill D: How is a black bear going to tell whether it is bait in the woods or bait in town? This could be dangerous.

Jack R: It is unclear where the bait is, in the boat, on the beach, each? Local people do not need to have habituated bears to worry about. This proposal is poorly written.

**Proposal #84 Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: Glenn pointed out that alternate lists are really time consuming to administer.



**Proposal #85** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support.**

Discussion: This gives advantages to resident hunters. They have added opportunity.

**Proposal #94** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: This would abolish the prohibitions imposed by the KR Working Group. This is brought up nearly every board of game meeting. This will benefit guides and airplane folks. It is not going to benefit local hunters. In one year there could be no moose on the Dolby River and none on KCUA. We can't allow that. We are already having trouble getting our moose in the springtime.

Bill D: This proposal states this is a large area. It takes one hour to fly across by plane, 6 hours by snow machine. It is not a large area. There is some motive behind this proposal that is not stated.

Ron S: A lot of hunters could fly out there and get a moose, and no one would know. There is no check station. Harvest would go beyond what is envisioned in the KCUA.

Further Discussion :The Koyukuk River Plan would be greatly weakened. This would offset the balance achieved in that process.

**Proposal #95** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: Justifications that miners cannot do this is not true. No one has access during these times. You cannot use ATV's, only snow machines in the winter.

**Proposal #96** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Opposed.**

Discussion: Using highway vehicles on existing trails. The big problem is: "TRAIL" is hard to define.

**Proposal #137** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support.**

Discussion: This is a housekeeping issue. The brown bear population is healthy, so this will not hurt it.

**Proposal #49** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support**

Discussion: This is a concurrent state hunt on Native land when there is an opening on National Refuge land.

Refuge staff: No official position to open state land. Biologically, to date, the land has not been opened because of a low bull:cow ratio and lackluster population. This is a winter hunt and we have no recommendation.

Glenn: We have concern that shooting cows would make our objectives harder to follow. I am concerned because moose have already dropped their antlers,

**Proposal #50** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Support. **Unanimous Support**

Discussion: September 29- October 1 is the same as the Federal extension. This is necessary in rural Alaska. This proposal is similar to #59.

MON FEB 4 MEETING AT RODCHESTERS LODGE. MINUTES TAKEN BY DAVE DICKEY

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM , BY BRUCE CARTER

ROLL CALL BY BRUCE : 12 MEMBERS PRESENT, 2 MEMBERS EXCUSED, STEVE CLARK AND, JOSEPH CHATFIELD.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM = YES 12 PEOPLE.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA = YES \ ALL 12.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JAN 7 MEETING : THERE WERE NO MINUTES FROM THIS MEETING DUE TO EMAIL PROBLEMS . BETWEEN RITA AND DAVE. STILL WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM WILL HAVE IT SOLVED SOON.

CHAIR REPORT BY BRUCE C: BRUCE EXPLAINED WHY WE SET THE AGENDA UP THIS WAY. IT WAS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF TIME TO GO OVER THE PROPOSALS SO THAT WE WOULD NOT GET HUNG UP ON #130 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ANTLERLESS HUNTS.

INTRO OF GUEST : TROOPER LOWY FROM CANTWELL, DON YOUNG AND DAVID JAMES FROM ADF+GAND DAVE TALERICO MAYOR OF DENALI BURGHOUGH.

OLD BUSINESS: BRUCE ASKED IF ANY ONE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE ELECTION OF CLEAR SEAT B. HE STATED THAT HE HAD SOME COMMENTS ON IT FROM PEOPLE. AND THAT WE COULD HOLD ANOTHER ELECTION FOR THAT SEAT IF IT WAS NEEDED. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

NEW BUISNESS: JOHN BASILE GAVE A REPORT ON THE STATE BOARD MEETING THAT HE WENT TO IN ANCHORAGE. HE TALKED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS THAT WE COMENTED ON AND THE THINGS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT AT THE MEETING. SORRY I DID NOT GET THE NOTES FROM JOHN BEFORE I TYPED THIS UP. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE GET AHOLD OF JOHN. TROOPER LOWY TALKED ABOUT PROPOSAL #75 THE FROM THE BLACK BOOK. THE TRANSFER OF POSSESSION FORM. THE STATE IS JUST TRYING TO CLARIFY THIS REGULATION.

**COMMENTS ON REGION 3 GAME PROPOSALS :**

# 17 MODIFY THE SEASON FOR TRAPPING LYNX IN UNIT 20.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 12 OPPOSED = 0

REASONS: MORE OPERTUNITY FOR TAKING CATS. NO BIOLOGICAL REASON FOR NOT CHANGING THE REGULATION. NO REAL IMPACT ON CAT POPULATION.

#19 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. PEOPLE LIKE THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND TO HUNT. THE WEATHER IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING NOT ALWAYS WARM IN THE START OF THE SEASON. THE RUT CHANGES WITH THE WEATHER, NOT ALWAYS THE SAME TIME.

#23 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: WRITTEN TO VAUGLY. DID NOT LIKE IT.

#26 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: OPENS UP TO MANY MOOSE FOR HARVEST. TO MUCH LIKE AN ANY BULL HUNT.

#34 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITE FOR MOOSE.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 1 OPPOSED = 11

REASONS : NO BIOLOGICAL REASON FOR IT. DID NOT THINK IT WAS NEEDED.

#38 CONTROLLED USE AREAS

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 10 OPPOSED = 2

REASONS: WANTED TO SUPPORT THE DELTA COMMITTEE.. WE NEED TO PROTECT THE HABITAT. OPPOSED DID NOT LIKE THE RESTRICTIONS ON PEOPLE.

#44 UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME ; EXECPTIONS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 3 OPPOSED = 9

REASONS: TO MUCH RESTRICTION. HARD TO ENFORCE. NEED MORE THOUGHT ON SUBJECT.

#76 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR DALL SHEEP, AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR DALL SHEEP PRAWING PERMIT HUNTS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 11 OPPOSED = 0 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: LESS PEOPLE IN THE FIELD AT ONE TIME. BETTER QUALITY OF HUNT DUE TO MORE DAYS AND DAYS SPREAD OUT OVER TIME.

#77 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR DALL SHEEP.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: DONT LIKE OUT OF STATE GUIDES. ITS TO RESTRICTING FAMILY HUNTING.

# 81 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 12 OPPOSED = 0

REASONS: MORE OPERTUNITY FOR HUNTERS. ABLE TO HELP MEET HARVEST QUOTA. FUEL PRICES GOING UP MAKES IT HARDER TO GO FURTHER IN TO THE BUSH TO HUNT.

# 82 FURBEARER TRAPPING.

VOT TO SUPPORT = 12 OPPOSED = 0

REASONS: HELPS SIMPEFY THE REGULATIONS. GIVES MORE OPERTUNITY TO THE TRAPPERS.

# 83 PERMIT FOR HUNTING BLACK BEAR WITH THE USE OF BAIT OR SENT LURES, AND UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME ,EXCEPTIONS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: WRITTEN TO VAUGE, TO UNCONTROLLED. NOT ENOUGH THOUGH PUT IN TOWARDS OTHER LAND USERS IN AREAS.

#84 REQUIRE PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 12 OPPOSED = 0

REASONS: THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA. BETTER CHANCE TO GET A PERMIT.

# 85 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMMITS FOR DALL SHEEP.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 12 OPPOSED = 0

REASONS: THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA. MORE OPERTUNITY FOR HUNTERS. BETTER QUALITY OF HUNT DUE TO MORE TIME IN THE FIELD.

# 89 CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 11 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: MORE OPERTUNITY FOR HUNTERS . HELP ON HARVEST QUOTA FOR HARD TO REACH PLACES.

# 90 CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 11 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: DO NOT NEED VEHICLES GOIN UP THE RIVERS TO GAIN FURTHER ACCESS TO THE CONTROLLED USE AREA.

# 92 CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 1 OPPOSED = 0 ABSTAIN = 11

REASONS: ????????????

# 102 PREDATION CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 11 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: THIS UNIT NEEDS THE PREDATOR CONTROL. ANIMAL NUMBERS ARE TOO LOW.

# 103 UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING GAME; EXCEPTIONS, AND PREDATOR CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 9 ABSTAIN = 3

REASONS: DID NOT FEEL THIS WAS ETHICAL. NO NEED IN THS DAY AND AGE TO HUNT THIS WAY.

# 106 PREDATION CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 11 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: THESE AREAS NEED THIS TO HELP THE THE ANIMAL POPULATIONS.

# 108 PREDATION CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 12

REASONS: DO NT NEED A ANTLERLESS HUNT AND PREDATOR CONTROL.

# 109 IDENTIED BIG GAME PREY POPULATIONS AND OBJECTIVES.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 10 OPPOSED = 1 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: WANT TO SEE MORE MOOSE IN THE AREA . MOOSE #S ARE TOO LOW IN SOME AREAS. THINK THAT THE OBJECTIVES ARE TOO LOW.

#110 PREDATION CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 0 OPPOSED = 111 ABSTAIN = 1

REASONS: ????????

# 113 PREDATION CONTROL AREAS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.

VOTE TO SUPPORT = 2 OPPOSED = 10

REASONS: THIS IS STILL NEEDED. ANIMAL #S ARE TO LOW.

AT THIS TIME WE BROUGHT UP # 130 FOR DISCUSSION : DON YOUNG GAVE A TALK ON THE REASONS TO KEEP THE ANTLERLESS HUNT GOING AND SOME ALTERNITIVES TO TTHE DIFFERENT ZONES AND SUB ZONES. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE POPULATIONS AND THE REASONS THAT THERE WERE NO SURVAYS DONE THIS SEASON. WE HEARD COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON WHY THE HUNT SHOULD BE CLOSED AND WAYNE WALTERS TALKED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT HAD RESOLUTIONS TO STOP THE ANTLERLESS HUNT. HE ALSO

TALKED ABOUT THE PETITION THAT HE HAD TO STOP THE HUNT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE COULD AMMEND THE HUNT TO MAKE IT BETTER AND STILL KEEP IT GOING . AT THIS TIM THE DISCUSSION WAS CLOSED AND WE TOOK A VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL.

# 130 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE: REAUTHORIZE THE ANTLERLESS HUNT IN 20 A.

VOTE TO SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS = 10 OPPOSED = 2

REASONS AND AMENDMENTS: CLOSE ZONE #S 1-A, 2, 3 ,4 , 5-A, 6-A, 7.LEAVE ZONE #S 5-B,6-B AND ZONE 1-B OPEN . ALSO EXTEND THE EAST BOUNDRY OF ZONE 1-B EAST TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE WOOD RIVER. REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH MOOSE IN THE ARESA ALONG THE EASY ACCESS AREAS AND ROADS PEOPLE WANT AND ARE NOT SEEING ENOUGH MOOSE IN THESE AREAS. TO MANY PEOPLE WANT THE HUNT STOPED ALLTOGETHER. WE FELT THIS WAS A GOOD COMPROMIZE. WE DID NOT WANT TO TREAD N DELTAS AREA BY CLOSING IT DON IN THE NORTH SIDES OF ZONES 5 AND 6.

NO OTHER PROPOSALS WERE VOTED ON THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1135 PM. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING TO BE SET UP AT A LATER DATE. JOHN BASILE SAID THAT HE WOULD GO TO THE BOARD MEETING AND GIVE TESTAMONY ON THESE PROPOSALS THAT WE VOTED ON AND GIVE THEM OUR THOUGHTS ON THEM.

IF YOU HAVE SOMTHING TO ADD TO THIS PLEASE GET WITH BRUCE CARTER OR DAVE DICKEY . I HOPE THIS IS OK WITH EVERY ONE.

**Middle Yukon River Advisory Committee Meeting  
Middle Yukon River AC meeting in Galena  
February 13, 2008**

Feb 13, 2008

10:40 call to order

Present were:

Dick Evans, Fred Huntington Paddy Nollner (Galena)

Benedict Jones, Leo Lolnitz (Koyukuk)

Richard Burnham (Kaltag)

Albert Evans (Nulato)

Quorum established (7)

Absent were Charlie Green, Michael Stickman, Kevin Saunders, Tommy Neglaska, Sonny Esmailka.

Guests were:

Kevin Whitworth Kenton Moos Brad Scanton – USFW; Rita St. Louis, Glenn Stout – ADF&G; Shannon McNeeley (UAF grad student)

Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved Minutes from 10-29-07 and 01-07-08 teleconference

There was no chair report.

Rita reported to the committee about the Statewide Board of Game meeting because Mickey Stickman had an excused absence from the meeting. She also reported that Mickey did a really fine job of representing the committee in the best way any one could.

**Comments on Proposals to the  
Board of Game for the Region III Meeting**

**Proposal 46 Support Unanimously**

Discussion: If it is an opportunity, we should take it. This is a way to reduce grizzly bear numbers. Grizzlies eat black bears as well as moose.

**Proposal 47 No action**

**Proposal 46 Support Unanimously with Amendment to include 21D**

Discussion: A lot of the problems come because hunters are not educated on the local ways. For example where you can and cannot hunt on Native allotments. Even though the committee realized this was not a part of the proposal, discussion also included the need for parents to educate their children on correct hunting methods.

**Proposal 49 No action**

Discussion: This is a touchy subject, and it would include only one village in our region.

**Proposal 50 No action**

**Proposal 51 Support Unanimously**

Discussion: Richard Burnham commented that this committee wants to have this hunt on the books, even though it would not be implemented right now. He was concerned about its being hard to be reinstated if the hunt became a possibility. Glenn responded that it is not more difficult than any other regulation. The Board of Game makes decisions, and the Department makes recommendations. He further stated that the department is not opposed to cow hunts when it is biologically necessary because of dwindling habitat for example. There is a historical precedence that people in this region do hunt cows. Richard B. commented that we used to have a cow season and a March season. Now those are all gone. He wanted to be sure to register his concern that he wants to make sure that if this opportunity ever does exist, that the hunt can happen.

Benedict reminded that this is a bulls only season.

Glenn responded since this is a March hunt, that cows will surely be shot. Data show that cows and antlerless bulls are harvested pretty close to the percent that they occur in the population. We cannot afford to shoot cows.

Glenn then commented for that reason the December 1-10 season was eliminated, and those days were tacked on to late August. The goal was to increase fall harvest and reduce dependence on winter hunts.

**Proposal 53 No action**

**Proposal 55 No action**

**Proposal 57 No action**

**Proposal 58 No action**

Discussion: No action was take on this proposal because it is probably statutory, and the board does not have jurisdiction. The department recommends No action.

**Proposal 75 No action**

**Proposal 78 Support Unanimously**

Discussion: We support our own proposal. Because of traditional hunting methods of denning bears, it is possible to encounter sows and cubs in the den because when one is crawling around in there it is impossible to tell the sex of the bear and impossible to tell whether there are cubs. This would legalize the practice that has been traditional in our culture.

**Proposal 79 Support Unanimously**

Discussion: We support our own proposal. Because the practice of denning is traditional, and legal, we want to be able to use flashlights to see what we are doing. This is a safety issue. We chose the beginning date of September 25 because it does not coincide with moose hunting season. During moose season the regulation could be a problem because moose hunters could use flashlights to look for moose and just say they are denning for bears.

**Proposal 80 Support Unanimously with Amendment to start the season Sept 1.**

Discussion: We support our own proposal. The whole issue here is to be able to hunt later because in the last few years the early part of the season has been too warm. This will give increased opportunity for late season hunters who still have not gotten their moose. The amendment was added to coincide with proposal 63 which the department supports.

Leo Lolnitz commented that that would make the season full circle to where it used to be!

Further discussion, not totally related to this proposal ensued:

Richard asked what about extending the end date to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Glenn responded that after the 25<sup>th</sup> the breeding behavior is adversely affected.

The large bulls are vulnerable, and unbred cows could skip an entire oestrous cycle and then have late calves.

Richard: There has been a change in rut because of the weather shift. Now, we are not seeing a typical rut in the same time span as we used to. If the season were set for a later date, a hunter can get the moose when they are moving. We should get



them when they are still good enough to eat. A December moose really is not as good to eat. People have to have access to meat. They are going to go get a moose if they need to. By being more flexible in the hunting season there would be less poaching of cows and moose that people really should not be hunting hunt.

Glenn: Rut is triggered by photo period, not temperature. Furthermore, studies show that cows drop their calves when they always have. Certainly, it is harder to find bulls when the weather is warmer and they are not travelling as much. They are probably travelling and breeding at night when hunters cannot observe them. Also, a decline in the population results in less total moose to see. This makes it even worse.

Richard: I disagree. What about medium bulls that are running around. They are starting to travel but the season is over, and we can't harvest them. They are not the ones breeding the cows anyway. Last year was better, so I did not press it. I called a moose over 20<sup>th</sup> of September. He still had a belly full of food, and not just water as seen in a rutting bull; his neck was not swollen, and he did not have the odor of a rutting bull.

Glenn: Our records show that harvest is going up.

Richard: The records probably show a false sense of demand. Going up, as opposed to what? Most people in the past got moose. Now a lot are not getting moose. Probably it looks like the harvest is going up because people are reporting harvest more than they used to.

In our area the number of hunters is not going up. We know because there are only a certain number of boats are around and people use those boats to hunt.

Dick Evans: A larger number of hunters are going out to look for the moose.

Glenn: Non residents and non local hunters have decreased. There are fewer guides and hunters leaving moose meat behind. There is more economic pressure to get moose. Gas is higher, water has been low, seasons have been warmer. The combination causes a big hardship. We cannot keep satisfying the needs of the hunters at the expense of the moose population.

Richard: If you are worried about cows, take young bulls. You will get the reverse effect.

Someone mentions that last year around Nulato, we were getting smaller bulls.

Glenn responded that is not surprising because the big bull cohort is missing. Young bulls outnumber the big ones. There is a bulge in the age structure.

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**Proposal 83.** (There was no vote.) Benedict mentioned that we don't use bait for black bear in this area.

**Proposal 94 Opposed** Unanimously

Discussion: We want to keep all aircraft out of the area. Albert Evans said that people fly around and spot moose by aircraft. Dick Evans stated there is a very unfair advantage of people flying around then telling their friends where the moose are. This is Wrong!

**Proposal 137 Support** Unanimously

Discussion: This is more of a housekeeping measure.

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Glenn reported on some of his survey data. He said there are plenty of wolves. Someone else mentioned there are a "slug" of wolves around the Dolby. There is a big pack up there.

Fred H. When can we put in a proposal for predator control?

Glenn: This is a long complicated process. You have to get population objectives, then you have to show the moose population is below those objectives. In 21D there is a fairly large number of moose. So I don't see our getting a predator control program here any time soon. In Unit 24, we are well below our objectives. Those folks are hurting a lot up there.

Fred H. Did we get 100 wolves around here?

Glenn: I think 50-65. We estimate there are 350-375 wolves. A 30% harvest rate is in regulation. You have to take 505 for three years in a row to see a difference. Some of the key trappers are not harvesting as much as they used to.

Fred H. asked about baren cows.

Glenn: Most of those cows are not truly baren. Typically, especially after a cow has twins, there is a lot of pressure for her to recover her weight. She might even miss a year of calving. What is most likely happening is that the cows are producing calves, but the calves are being eaten by predators.

Brad S. commented that in captive study populations, cows have lived to close to 20 years. In the wild where there is more pressure, they don't live as long. However, they can be old, up to 15 years in age, and still have calves

Fisheries Issues:

Rita brought a sample letter addressed to give public comment regarding the salmon by-catch in the Pollock fishery.

The committee Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Unanimously approved Benedict's signing it and sending it to Sue Salvesson, in the Sustainable Fisheries Division in Juneau.

Further discussion: Richard Burnham told the committee that there are 2 seasons, A and B. Kings are swimming around all over in the ocean, so when the pollock fishermen go to fish, they get a lot of salmon. These salmon are killed and thrown overboard. The pollock fishermen agreed a few years ago to go to the concept of "rolling hot spots." If they caught too many salmon they had agreed to go somewhere else. That did not happen, and their salmon catch just keeps growing. In one of the years they caught up to 1.2 million chums. It is not known what percent of those are Yukon-bound, but because of genetic studies, the origin of the Chinooks is clearer.

A general discussion ensued.

Salmon have been seen around Barrow. King salmon are around Kotzebue. Dick Evans told a story of someone who saw a king for the first time in his net, he threw it back down not realizing it was a king. He thought it was something else!

Richard B. Said some researchers were doing net survey in the Bering Sea to check chum by-catch, which is one of the ways they predict how many are going to get to the rivers. They were not seeing many, and were wondering about a crash in the population. When they went farther north around Kotzebue, the nets had lots of chums. Even the McKinzey River has had recent runs of chums.

Benedict Jones was picked to go to the Board of Game meeting, and Mickey Stickman was selected as an alternate.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 pm

**Stony Holitna Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Red Devil Alaska**  
**February 4, 2008**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Stony Holitna Advisory Committee, (SHAC), called to Order 2:30**

**Roll Call:** Alan Dick, Wassilli Macar (LimeVillage)  
Ignatti Willis, Mary Lee Willis (Stony River)  
Lorraine Egnaty, Doug Carney (Sleetmute)

Nick Kameroff (CKAC/Aniak guest)  
Rita St. Louis , Roger Seavoy (ADF&G)

Others attending were;

Ted Gordon, Ruby Egrass, Shirly Vanderpool, Lorena Zeller, John Zeller, Gail Vanderpool, Richard Wilmarth, , Mary Willis, Annie Willis, Barb Carlson, Scott Greger, Pete Mellick, Philip Bancroft

**Public Comments and Concerns:**

Gail Vanderpool alerted the folks about the down side of the Clean Water Act or Initiative(?). She claimed that Montana has laws that prevent people from using outboard motor powered boats on the rivers. We must be able to keep subsistence life style. We do not want to have move to Anchorage. We need to get a copy of the Clean Water Act.

Chairman, Doug Carney said that what she said did not sound correct, and that he was going to look into it. He said that the Clean Water Initiative was concerned with mining regulations, and not boating.

**Agenda Approved** - Unanimously.

**Minutes** -approved as read.

**SHAC Creation** – Doug Carney

- After 11 years with no predator control in Alaska, moose populations including those in GMU 19, had become very low and were continuing to drop.
- Fall, 2004 CKMMP -After two years of meetings this committee decided on a Tier I registration hunt, rather than Tier II or a closure for moose. After 2 seasons, better reporting was the only positive outcome of these registration hunts. Moose populations had continued to decline – even with the predator control program that had gone into place at the same time.
- Nov, 2005 CKAC meeting - was divided on whether to continue registration hunts for 2 more years. Upriver Traditional Councils knew a closure was needed, and sent reps to the Spring, 2006 BOG meeting to get a closure rather than Tier II or registration hunts in 19A, (above the George River). This effort was successful.

- Nov., 2006 CKAC meeting. Unanimous support for proposal to Joint Boards to split committee in two.
- Fall, 2008 Joint Boards adopt proposal and split CKAC into a new CKAC and SHAC.
- Dec.3, 2008 – Last meeting of old CKAC in Kalskag
- Feb. 4, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of SHAC in Red Devil

### **Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan**

History, information, and discussion..

Ted Gordon had a question of endorsing denning. Animal rights activists can cut out all predator control. He questioned the timing of surveys. He mentioned the floods had a drastic impact on calves.

### **Election of Red Devil SHAC Representatives:**

John Zeller 14  
 Barbara Carlson 18  
 Richard Wilmarth 5  
 Mary Willis 16

Mary Willis chose to be the alternate.

### **Election of Officers.**

Doug Carney - Chairman (appointed already)  
 Lorraine Egnaty (Vice Chair)  
 Barbara Carlson(Secretary)

### **Roger Seavoy, Area Biologist**

- 19A TM680 Tier II hunt around Aniak. Tier II is the highest priority hunt. It is used when the ANS (amount necessary for subsistence) is higher than the harvestable surplus. He explained it is a cumbersome hunt because of having to apply every year. It usually favors the same people being chosen every year. As the point system is now, it is hard for young people to break into the hunt. Last year's Tier II hunt: 52 harvested, plus 16 Federal permits. Total was 68 (60 was the target number.)The data suggest the population is slowly growing.
- Report & discussion of moose surveys in Holitna drainage and Aniak/lower 19A .
- Roger explained a little of how surveys are done. They are tools to get what we want to know. A twinning count is the most important count number. You need fat cows to have twin calves. Fat cows are a product of excellent habitat with good food. If predation is reduced, you'll see a lot of young animals. Comparison of Density, Trend, and composition counts.
- Roger also explained his handout, including wolf controls, surveys and models. He has been doing a wolf survey, and so far the field data seem to be fitting the model.
- Lime Village has its own Tier II because it is such an isolated village.
- Roger gave his phone numbers - 524-3325 & 524-3323. Be sure to call. He does his job best with interaction from the local folks.

## Questions and Discussion

Zeller: Asked about bears and problems with moose. He also asked about moving moose from higher density areas to this area.

The committee then talked about moving, shooting, trapping and snaring bears, including sows and cubs. That is an expensive proposition, either politically or money wise.

## Comments to The Board of Game on the Region III Proposals

**Proposal 7.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. After much discussion, the committee voted to take **No Action**. Discussion: The committee did not know whether to support the proposal or not. They did express concern that if the ANS is increased in Unit 18, will it change in 19? Will hunting pressure change? The proposal was too confusing to know how it will affect Unit 19. The committee was concerned about how it would affect subsistence.

**Proposal 8.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported** 7-0-1

**Proposal 9.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously**

**Proposal 10.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **No Action** No action because it was too confusing.

**Proposal 11.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously**

Discussion: The committee thought this proposal wants the hunt to be closed for the wrong reasons, and are addressing the wrong issues. One main reason for the drop in population is that several cohorts are at the age that they are dying off naturally due to old age. The other is loss of habitat, resulting in 3-year old cows' not calving, and lack of recruitment into the population. The few caribou taken by out of state hunters is not the real problem and will not make a substantial difference to the population.

**Proposal 12.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously**

The committee wants to keep the harvest to a manageable amount. Having antler restrictions helps keep viable bulls in the population. The population cannot sustain a longer hunt.

**Proposal 13.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** The committee supported its own proposal. There was discussion to include the entire drainage, but then the committee decided not to because it did not want to jeopardize the proposal by making it more complicated.

**Proposal 14.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously** Same reasons as Proposal 12.

**Proposal 82.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** This is a housekeeping proposal to simplify the regulations.

**Proposal 83.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** This is another good vehicle to increase bear harvest and decrease moose calf predation.

**Proposal 87** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously** A lengthy discussion ensued. The committee agreed there is a safety hazard with the big boats swamping the smaller ones. This is a really unlevel playing field. Has unfair competition with the locals. Also there is concern for bank erosion, and ruining the salmon spawning beds.

**Proposal 88** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously** The committee agreed that they would rather support the concept put forth by the McGrath committee to let the boundaries go back to the way they were.

**Proposal 99.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** John Zeller supported this proposal especially around fish camp. However you need to attend the snares really closely because of the danger. A bear could break loose, wreak havoc with you and your camp. Its a real danger, and you really should have bear dogs. There was concern that snares should be set so that moose could not be incidental catch.

**Proposal 100.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** This is another way to get bears. If you take only boars, you might not get rid of bears.

**Proposal 101.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously,** with an amendment to change it from 6 years to five years, so program coincides with the Region III cycle.

**Proposal 102.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously.** This is the opposite of what the committee is trying to accomplish.

**Proposal 103.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** This is legal already.

**Proposal 104.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** The committee agreed with the concept. They also really want to support the McGrath Committee.

**Proposal 105.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.**

**Proposal 106.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously.** This is opposed to what we feel need to be done.

**Proposal 112.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Supported Unanimously.** The committee believes this is important for their area, and the committee wants to support the GASH committee.

**Proposal 113.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously.** This is opposed to what we feel needs to be done.

**Proposal 137 & 138.** Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, To Support. **Opposed Unanimously.**  
These proposals will extend needed regulations.

**Break 6:30 -7:30**

**Other Business**

- The Holitna Hunting, Trapping and Fisheries Reserve proposals were co-sponsored by ONC and the Sleetmute Traditional Council. Doug explained that the concept and reasons are to re - establish the primary use of the Holitna Basin for maximum consumer use harvest of fish, game, and trapping. BOG portion supported the hunting and trapping portion at the Spring, 2006 meeting. BOF tabled the fisheries portion at its January, 2007 meeting. Greg Roczicka of ONC has been the lead person on this effort person working on getting legislators to present bill to legislature.
- **Ballot measures.** Aerial Predator Control Ban Initiative & Clean Water Initiative are both on August Primary ballot.
- Discussion of how predator control and the realities of predation could be graphically documented and shown on TV. This would be a realistic point of view, rather than what is normally seen on TV. Questions about whether mainstream media would air this sort of footage.
- Alaska Moose Federation –Discussion of their program.
- Wolfruth.org – Alan said he will put up at least one page to start a website that presents truth on predation and predator control.

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:10 p.m.**



**Alaska Board of Game Region III Meeting  
Feb. 29 - March 10, 2008**

**Stony Holitna Advisory Committee Comments on Proposals  
GMU 19A's Top Predator Management Proponents**

**Proposal 7 – No Action.** The proposal was too confusing to know how it would affect GMU 19. The committee expressed concern that if the ANS is increased in GMU 18, would it also change in GMU 19? Would the amount of hunting pressure change, and how would it affect subsistence?

**Proposal 8 – Support.** The committee views this as another method of predator management, and could be effective in reducing moose calf predation.

**Proposal 9 – Support Unanimously.** An increase in brown bear harvest would contribute to less moose calf predation.

**Proposal 10 – No Action.** This proposal made no sense to the committee as it was written. It sounds like he wants to open parts of the Holitna drainage in 19A to moose hunting. If that is the intent, the committee opposes this unanimously.

**Proposal 11 – Oppose Unanimously.** Discussion: The committee thought this proposal cites the wrong reasons, and the wrong issues for closing the hunt to non-residents. One main reason for the drop in population is that several cohorts are at the age that they are dying off naturally due to old age. The other reason is the loss of habitat due to overgrazing (too many animals for the food supply), resulting in 3-year old cows not calving, and lack of recruitment into the population. The few caribou taken by out of state hunters is not the real problem and will make no substantial difference to the population.

**Proposal 12 - Oppose Unanimously** The committee wants to keep the harvest to a manageable amount. Lengthening the season 10 days would be unacceptable. The population cannot sustain a longer hunt. The reason there is a spike-fork/50 regulation, is that it allows some hunting while allowing a certain number of bulls to stay in the population for recruitment.

**If any regulation change were made, hunter participation should be reduced rather than increased.** There are also healthy wolf and bear populations in 19B, that are doing what they can to keep moose populations down. There is no predator management program in 19B.

**Proposal 13 - Support Unanimously.** The committee supports this CKAC, (its own) proposal. There was discussion on including all navigable waters in the drainage drainage, but then the committee decided not to because it did not want to jeopardize the proposal by making it more complicated. This proposal specifically states that there no intent to limit subsistence or commercial hunting in upland 19B.

There are 2 examples in front of the board demonstrating the typical sort of abuse this unenforceable regulation has spawned. The same sort of violations occurred when the 19B moose season was 5 days longer than in 19A. Hunters were hunting in 19A and then claimed to have hunted in 19B.

**The most effective regulation to aid moose population recovery, as well as the most enforceable, would simply allow no hunting by boat for moose in the Holitna Drainage.**

**It is important for the board to know that the Holitna Drainage is the largest, deepest, and most accessible drainage in the Kuskokwim watershed. It was and can again be, the most productive fish and wildlife habitat in the area as well.**

**Proposal 14 - Oppose Unanimously**, for the same reasons as Proposal 12.

**Proposal 82 - Support Unanimously**. This is a housekeeping proposal to simplify the regulations, and there is a surplus of beaver.

**Proposal 83 - Support Unanimously**. This is another good method of increasing bear harvest and decreasing moose calf predation.

**Proposal 87 - Oppose Unanimously** A lengthy discussion ensued. The committee agreed that this is a good regulation for the original reasons it was adopted years ago, which are listed below. Nothing has changed since the CUA was put in place, except that the moose population is down, and predator populations have been up. When this is considered, any regulation change that would tend to bring more hunting pressure to the area with conditions as they are now, would be a mistake.

- There was a **safety hazard** with the large, deep draft, high horsepower boats with large wakes on narrow rivers swamping the smaller ones.
- **Erosion** of river banks for the same reasons
- **Damage of spawning beds** for the same reasons
- The 40 hp requirement gives all boat hunters **equal opportunity and access**. Larger, louder, faster boats covered larger stretches of the rivers, particularly in high-water years, making moose more wary and moving them further from the river. Hunter success for Unit 18 hunters actually increased when smaller hp boats began to be used.

**Proposal 88 - Oppose Unanimously** The committee agreed that they would rather support the concept put forth by the McGrath committee to let the boundaries go back to the way they were.

**Proposal 99 - Support Unanimously**. John Zeller supported this proposal especially around fish camp. Snares should be set so that moose could not be an incidental catch.

**Proposal 100 - Support Unanimously**. This is another way to reduce bear populations and moose calf predation. Taking females and cubs makes predator management of bears much more efficient, and cost effective, and effective for a longer period of time.

**Proposal 101 - Support Unanimously, with an amendment to change it from 6 years to five years, so the program coincides with the Region III cycle.** The predator management program in GMU19A has been one of the most effective in the state in recent years. **This program along with the moose closure is proving to be a very effective one, and should be no surprise to any rational human.**

**Proposal 102 - Oppose Unanimously.**

Of course there has not been a higher harvest of moose! –How could there be? The people living in the area are the ones who campaigned for the closure. **Moose are not being hunted in the portion of 19A where there is a closure, and Tier II in most of the rest of the GMU.** Besides these facts, which are printed in black and white in the regulation book, turning around a moose population that was virtually destroyed after 11 years with no predator control program takes more than 3 or 4 years. This is the opposite of what the committee is trying to accomplish.

Do the authors of this proposal really believe the aerial predator control is ineffective? – I doubt it. And if these programs are so expensive now, then requiring state employees to do it would cost taxpayers much more.

**Proposal 103 -Support Unanimously.** This is already a legal activity. There is an ongoing assault on Alaska's predator management programs, through legislative and judicial means, and ballot initiatives. If those very effective programs employing aircraft are interrupted, curtailed, or stopped, there are few other methods available to manage predator numbers. Adopting this proposal would give the state another effective too - one that has been used traditionally in Alaska for many years in the past.

**Proposal 104 -Support Unanimously.** The committee agreed with the concept, and support this McGrath Committee proposal to continue the program.

**Proposal 105 -Support Unanimously.** See reasons in proposal 104.

**Proposal 106 - Oppose Unanimously.** Decreasing or eliminating any consumer user group will contribute to a decrease in predation and an increase in ungulate stocks – whether the consumer predators are wolves, bears, or humans. Nothing difficult to understand there. See proposal 102 comments.

**Proposal 112 - Support Unanimously.** The committee believes this program is needed for their area, and the committee supports this GASH committee proposal

**Proposal 113 - Oppose Unanimously.** See proposal 102 and 106 comments.

**Proposal 137 & 138 - Support Unanimously.**

These proposals will extend needed regulations that encourage the harvest of brown bears, and so decreasing moose calf predation in particular.

## **Upper Tanana/40 Mile Advisory Committee Meeting minutes Jan. 31, 2008**

Members present: Mike Cronk, Lyle Cronk, Frank Entsminger, Matt Synder, Danny Grangaard, Leif Wilson, Terry Brigner, Aaron Atchley.

Election of officers:

President: Terry Brigner  
Vice-President: Leif Wilson  
Secretary: Mike Cronk

Jeff Gross reported on DNR land sale on Taylor Mtn. Discussed his Jan. 16 phone call with AJ about a subdivision sale on the military road that was put in. Approximately 150 5-10 acre parcels.

Discussed many ways to stop this action. Topics included: Get people to send email, phone calls, faxes, to the Governor, representatives, senators, commissioner of DNR, contact military officials to "close" the road to private access, get in touch with other groups that are concerned with environmental issues (Northern Alaska Environmental Center).

Leif Wilson agreed to put together a letter with others input. We all realize that past input has been ignored and this will damage a very important resource. Get the following people/agencies involved: Governor, Woodie Salmon, Al Kookesh, other advisory committees, Federal RAC's, Doyon, TCC, all local village councils, Northern Alaska Environmental Center, military, AOC, ADF&G (40 mile caribou plan). Point of emphasis is that DNR failed to follow public process/review.

A public meeting is supposed to happen in Tok sometime in the last part of Feb.

Jeff reported on the Navigable rivers issue. They want to prove that the rivers are navigable and the state could take control of the waters.

## **Comments on Proposals to Board of Game Region III Meeting Feb 29 – March 10, 2008**

Prop 1-(8-0) support. The Chisana herd has NEVER been a subsistence herd. There is now a harvestable surplus as indicated by the USGS biologist who has studied the herd. Public process should dictate the seasons and bag limits.

Prop 2-(0-8) oppose. The original reason this season/restrictions were established is proven by author. Low bull/cow ratio, vulnerability of bulls, need more time to recover.

Prop 17-(8-0) amend and support. Support, but retain the unit 20E March 15 season closing date to keep units 12 and 20E seasons aligned.

Prop 21-(0-8) oppose. Good luck in having a season that late. There is a harvest management plan in place already that included input for this AC and 4 others. There was a lot of work that went into this plan and it should continue to be used to guide harvest of the Fortymile Herd.

Prop 22-(8-0) support. There is a harvestable surplus and this increase is justified.  
Prop 23-(0-8) oppose. Too big of an area for a blanket reg. Biology doesn't support it. Low harvest in low density areas, no justification for it. If antler restriction were in place, very few people would shoot moose in Unit 20E and the bull:cow ratio is high and harvest low in Unit 20E.

Prop 35-(8-0) support. This areas is lightly hunted, has hard access, and a good bull/cow ratio.

Prop 37-(8-0) support. This just makes sense, it needs clarification.

Prop 38-(8-0) support. This is an increasing problem that needs to be addressed before it is too late.

Prop 40 and 41-(8-0) support. If we can't sell brown bears taken under hunting regulations, there is no need to this requirement.

Prop 44-(8-0) support. Amendment (Establish access restrictions. Restrict to 20E. Make Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>-August 31, you may not hunt big game or assist someone in the taking of big game until 3:00 AM of the day following the day in which you have ridden a motorized land vehicle off of a state maintained roadway.  
Reasons: May lengthen Fortymile Caribou season, make it a more quality hunt, help the over crowding, end the land rush mentality.

Prop 74-(8-0) support. In light of proposal #17, we would like to withdraw our proposal #74. With higher lynx population, there is more of a chance to likely catch more incidental cats. And focus would be removed from Units 12 and 20E if a November season was put in place in the other units. After more thought, we would prefer to use education, and trapper assistance to enforcement persons, to address any problems with November harvest by a few trappers rather than make all trappers in Units 12 and 20E suffer.

Prop 76-(8-0) support. Department management objective is to maintain a quality hunt.

Prop 77-(8-0) support.

Prop 83-(8-0) support. This is good, allows more means, and additional harvest.

Prop 85-(0-8) oppose. Right now there seem to be low sheep #'s. Don't need more pressure/harvest.

Prop 93-(8-0) support

Prop 99-(8-0) support. This coincides with our proposal (proposal 107), similar concerns, want to see the same in predator control area in Unit 20E.

OTHER SOLUTIONS: Classify all bears ONLY in predator control areas as big game animals AND furbearers so there can be a trapping season for bears in Unit 20E under trapping regulations.

Prop 102,106,113-(0-8) oppose. This ends all predator control. As usual, these groups are misstating the facts. There is no cost to the state except for issuing permits. The pilot/gunner teams are footing all the cost. This is a win/win situation for the state.

Prop 105-(8-0) support

Prop 107-(8-0) support

Prop 111-(8-0) Amend to include all of 20E and support.

Prop 112-(8-0) support. We know predator control works! This area needs this help asap!

Prop 137-(8-0) support. Amend to include unit 12. Brown bears are major predators on moose, caribou and sheep in Unit 12 and hunters in the field can help reduce numbers if they have an incentive, like waiving the tag fee, to harvest bears opportunistically.

BOG meeting in March. Frank is going for sure and possibly Leif and Matt.

Next meeting set for Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Adjourn

not like that there was no bag limit and recommended 50 per year. This is the same conclusion they came to in November 2007.

Vote: Amend & Adopt. Bag limit 50/year. 9 yes.

**Proposal 83**—Allow scent lures in Region III

AC does not know enough about this issue.

Vote: No Comment

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Proposal 119

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6C

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: Yes

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Population objectives for GMU 6C is 400. This was established in 1995, and the gain from 300 to 400 was to grow by 2006. The most recent census found 545 moose with 20% calves. The antlerless hunts are currently administered by the USFS in Cordova through the Federal subsistence program. We feel it is important to reauthorize antlerless hunt in GMU 6C because if the population objectives are met in the near future, this tool will be needed to hold the population within the objective level.



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Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6B

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The most recent census found 200 animals. There seems to be a very high bull to cow ratio 56-100, with 11% calves. This area is very prone to predation, especially by brown bears. The Board in the past has taken steps by liberalizing the brown bear season to help remedy this problem. It seems to have helped some with the calf survival doubling the past 10 years. Currently there is no planned antlerless hunt, but if the population continues to rebound, one will again. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6B gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.

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Proposal 117

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6A EAST/WEST

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

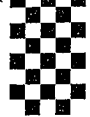
What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: GMU 6 is split into two sections *East* and *West*. 6A East is considered a trophy area in accordance with the moose management plan. Bulls allowable for harvest for residents must be spike, fork, 50" or three or more brow tines. Bulls allowable for non resident harvest must be 50" and larger or three brow tines. 6A West Resident allowable harvest is any bull through registration. Non resident allowable harvest is any bull through drawing. Both areas desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The latest census found 275 in 6A West with 13% calves, and 280 in 6A East with 15% calves. Currently only 6A West has a antlerless hunt which is 5 cows by drawing for residents. Both areas are highly susceptible to predation by both wolves and bears. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6AEAST/WEST gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.



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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 2-13-08

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombs, Max Fjelstad  
Doug Blossom, Robert Clucas, Mike Schuster,  
Gary Deemon, Dave Martin, Steve Vanek

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger, Brian Vanek, Terry Heppner  
Rich Mander

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Salinger, Ted Spratken

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary

Attn: Scott  
BOG Interior  
Region  
AC Comments

AC COMMENT # 11

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### VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: Central Peninsula

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Proposal Packet 806 Spring 2008

Use this form to record the votes and comments of members regarding Board of Fisheries and Board of Game proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a particular proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary for the committee to spend time on that proposal, just write "no action" in the Abstain column.

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Proposal Number	Summary of Discussion			
	Yes	No	Abstain	
121	7	1	0	Even though there hasn't been a cow hunt since 2005 we need to approve this hunt and keep it on the books for a management tool for future use in need be. The one opposed is against a cow hunt in this area.
127	8	0	0	Approved for keeping this hunt on the books for a management tool.
128	6	2	0	Those in favor suggest their hunt to keep the local herd at a manageable level to prevent over-browsing which would lead to large starvation numbers in a severe winter. Those oppose felt we shouldn't hunt these cows because they might migrate to other less populated areas of the peninsula. Also thinks the mouse population is way down.
129	8	0		Support to manage the herd to stay within the carrying capacity.

A/C COMMENT # 11



# Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2008

Meeting began at 7:00 PM at the MTA Building in Palmer.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

Ken	Barber	Present
Brian	Campbell	Present
Mark	Chryson (secretary)	Present
Andy	Couch	Present
Stephen	Darilek	Present
Bennett	Durgeloh	Present
Garrit	Dykstra	Present
Ken	Federico	Present
Bill	Folsom	Present
Denny	Hamann (chair)	Present
Patrick	O'Conner	Present
John	Otchek	Present
Tony	Russ (vice-chair)	Present
Max	Sager (alt)	Present
Lonnie	Stevens (alt)	Present
Troy	Vincent	Present
Mark	Vingoe	Present

*Ath Scott*  
*BOG Interior Region*  
*AC comments*

- Recognize staff & guests  
Cliff Judkins, Rod Arno, Wayne Kubat, Tony Kavalok
- Pass sign up sheet to speak
- Approve minutes of 01/09/08  
Discussion corrected as follows:

Dennis Hamann was DH in last minutes. attach news paper articles as a supplement to show our discussion and show Jeff Fox's lack of concern for the Mat-Su salmon escapement and for sport fishermen and personal use users..

### Calendar of events

(The BOF will hold meetings in Soldotna and Wasilla on 1/30/08  
2 pm – 9 or 10 Wasilla Best Western.

- Next meetings 2/06/08 and 2/20/08 all at MTA
- Interior Region comments due 2/15/08
- BOG statewide meeting Jan.25-28. Coast Intl. Inn
- BOF, UCI meeting Feb. 1-12, Coast Intl Inn

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## Old Business

MS Borough and Willow chamber sent letters to BOF  
DNR is trying to close trails (rex and stampede).  
(would be nice to invite DNR here to discuss this)

## New Business

- Public testimony
- Report on Sheep summit  
Any ram in 14 and 13, next of kin allocation, displace hunters.  
Average quality is going up in outside areas where any ram is in place.
- Elect Representatives for BOF ,BOG meetings  
Dennis Hamann, will attend Bog and some of BOF  
Andy Couch to represent us at the BOF,  
Tony russ / Pat O'Conner  
We need more than just one person  
15-0-0

## **BOG Statewide Proposals:**

- Take up Proposal#6 in Statewide book again.

Reconsider proposal 6 from black book dept prop for  
Motion to reconsider by Andy Couch, second Tony Russ

Removing predator control language from general hunt into the predator  
control plans.

Motion to reconsider withdrawn

- Cliff Powerpoint presentation  
Harvest 7K moose and 25K caribou per year

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Suggest how to present this to the public  
Focus on urban Alaska

## **BOG Interior Region proposal comments:**

Motions to approve Bennett Durgeloh  
Seconded by Pat O'Conner

Prop 3

Motion Opposed 7-8-0

Majority comment – this original issue was only designed for brown bear.

Prop 4 & 5

Close non resident caribou hunting

Motion Supported 14-1-0

Prop 26

Spike - fork -36"

Motion opposed

6-8-1

Prop 38

Close access

Motion opposed

0-15-0

prop 41

motion Opposed

15-0-0

prop 43



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access restriction  
motion opposed  
0-14-1

prop 44  
restriction of access  
motion opposed  
0-15-0

prop 55  
allocation of tags  
motion opposed  
0-15-0

prop 76  
divide the sheep hunt into 2 hunts  
motion supported  
15-0-0

prop 77  
2<sup>nd</sup> degree of kindred  
motion opposed  
0-15-0

prop 102, 106, 113  
termination of predator control  
motion opposed  
0-15-0

meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

# Mat-Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

## Meeting minutes of February 6, 2008

Meeting began at 7:00 PM at the MTA Building in Palmer.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

Ken	Barber	Present
Brian	Campbell	Present
Mark	Chryson (secretary)	Present
Andy	Couch	Present
Stephen	Darilek	Present
Bennett	Durgeloh	Present
Garrit	Dykstra	Present
Ken	Federico	Absent
Bill	Folsom	Present
Denny	Hamann (chair)	Present
Patrick	O'Conner	Present
John	Otchek	Present
Tony	Russ (vice-chair)	Present
Max	Sager (alt)	Present
Lonnie	Stevens (alt)	Present
Troy	Vincent	Absent
Mark	Vingoe	Present

- Recognize staff & guests  
Cliff Judkins, Earl Bragg, Richard Vogt  
Pass sign up sheet to speak
- Approve minutes of 01/23/08 with minor corrections 13-0-0

### Calendar of events

- Next and maybe last meeting 2/20/08 at MTA
- Interior Region comments due 2/15/08
- BOF, UCI meeting happening now

### New Business

- Report from Cliff on BOG Statewide
- Electronic moose call banned, Tier2 point system changed income level, Airplanes and buggies back in, Passed DLP prop. Allowed tracking with light not attached to vehicle.

## Mat-Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes of February 6, 2008

- New appointees to BOG ,will need to be confirmed....  
All motions made By Bennet Durgeloh,second by Brain Campbell

Motion to approve Denny's letter to 4 AC's regarding  
20a & 20b antlerless hunts.  
Supported 14-0-0

- Motion to approve Andy's talking points for BOF meeting  
Supported 14-0-0

### BOG Interior Region Proposal Comments

Motion on #8  
Amended to only use in Predator Control areas. Supported 15-0-0  
#8 as amended Supported 15-0-0

Motion on #16  
Opposed 0-15-0

Motion on #17  
Supported 15-0-0

Motion on #19  
Opposed 0-15-0

Motion on #53  
Opposed 0-14-1

Motion on #58  
Opposed 1-14-0

Motion on #74  
Opposed 0-13-2

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Motion on #82  
Supported 15-0-0

Motion on #86  
Opposed 2-12-0

Motion on #91  
Opposed 1-14-0

Motion on #92  
Opposed 1-13-1

Motion on #93  
Opposed 1-14-0

Motion on #96  
Supported 14-0-1

Motion on #111  
Supported 15-0-0

Motion on #114 thru #135 as a block as they are all cow moose  
Re-authorizations  
Supported 12-3-0

Motion on #136,137,138 all Tag fee exemptions  
Supported 15-0-0

Move to approve sending Tony Russ as our rep for the Interior  
meeting in Fairbanks  
Supported 15-0-0

Meeting ends 9:30