

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

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Craig Advisory Committee
January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes for BOG Statewide March 2016
Craig Youth Center

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 PM
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Stu Merchant
Brian Castle
Ellen Hannan
Mike Douville
Steve Stumpf
Kirk Agnitsch
Dave Creighton
Members Absent:
Steve Merritt
Doug Rhodes
Bill Farmer
Fred Hamilton
Chuck Haydu
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: trapping, gill netting, long line, charter fishing, sport fishing, hunting
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: yes, February 3, 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke, Steve Berthune, Jeff Reeves
- VI. Guests Present: Rose Roseland
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOF and BOG proposals. Please see the following pages.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
Support	7	0	Shows our support for allowing only hunters over the age of 65 to use a crossbow.
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	0	7	Not for everyone.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	Not practical or safe due to weather.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Oppose	0	7	Unnecessary paperwork for hunters.
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
Oppose	0	7	Strongly oppose. There is already a liberal bag limit in place for most species. There is also a lack of data on animal populations from ADF&G in the southern Prince of Wales Island area.

Old Business: None
Adjournment: 8:55 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Stumpf
Minutes Approved By:
Date:

Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/20/16
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 635 PM by Carl Taylor

- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, Rusty Craig – Vice Chair
Regular Members: Jeff Lipscomb Tim Webb, Vern Aiton, Jacob White, Elizabeth Neipert,
Paul Dudgeon, Tony Williams
Alternates:, Don Bunselmeier Don Quarberg,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Officers: Jeff Mason (Excused),
Regular Members: Ross Baker (excused)
Alternates: Jack Windsor, Mike Rogers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 11 present
List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the December 16th meeting were approved.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt

- VI. Guests Present: 6

- VII. Old Business: Rusty Craig asked about action at the December meeting on Proposal #8 – Allow use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts. The Delta AC voted 6-1 to support the proposal. Rusty, who was unable to attend in DEC, would not have supported it.

- VIII. New Business:
 1. Bob G. Reported that the Bison Harvest stands at 45 total, with 22 bulls and 23 cows taken. The 20D North Moose Survey shows more Moose than in 2012. A UAF coyote tracking project had managed to radio collar only one coyote – that coyote was hit by a car and killed.
 2. Brandy reported on several measures from the Board of Fisheries that were of local interest: 135, 139, and 143 passed. 136, 137, 138 failed. The public comment period on the Statewide Fish Stocking Plan is open until 29 JAN 2016. Rusty asked about an apparent red

algae seen over ½ of George Lake last summer. Brandy stated that there had been a big algae bloom there in 2011, and that there were still residual effects, though there seems to have been little effect on the fishery. A February 2012 water sample showed good oxygen levels. Rusty agreed that the fishery was still good, but that murky water made you work harder to catch them.

3. Election of Officers: Liz Neipert Nominated Carl Taylor as Chair. Paul dudgeon then moved to retain the currently sitting officers in their positions. That motion carried unanimously. Chair – Carl Taylor, Vice Chair – Rusty Craig, Secretary – Jeff Mason.
4. A proposal by the Delta AC for an earlier start to Waterfowl Season in Unit 2 was discussed. Issue is that most Geese and Cranes are gone by the current 1 SEP start date. The new start date in the proposal will be 15 August, with the close moved two weeks forward as well. Vern Aiton will draft the proposal for a future meeting.
5. Reb Ferguson asked why Delta residents are considered Subsistence for Caribou but not for birds, specifically about the Spring waterfowl season that used to exist here. Discussion ensued, including that the Delta AC had supported ending that Spring season because of abuses by hunters.
6. Vern Aiton asked if there was any news on the bill to raise hunting license fees. Don Quarberg had a printout of bills currently being considered and it was not on the list.
7. Action on the Board of Game 2016 proposals 65-137: See next few pages. Any proposal that the Delta AC took action on have the decision and the vote under it.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	8		Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts
Support	6	1	
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
Oppose	0	10	
BOG	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
Support	6		
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
S. as A.	8		Amended "for GMU 20D only"
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
Oppose	11-0-0		Introduction of invasive species is a proven threat
BOG	68		Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
Support	0-10-1		Unfair advantage
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0-11-0		Unrealistic
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions



Support	9-0-2		Consistency for all involved in a hunt
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		Just saying .243 is not specific enough to accomplish anything
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0-11-0		Just saying .243 is not specific enough to accomplish anything
BOG	75		Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts
No action	0-2-9		Not sure it will solve anything, or how it fits in Fish and Game Bison herd management
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
Support	9-0-2		Tags don't really accomplish anything anyway
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0-11-0		unrealistic
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0-11-0		Unrealistic, and population limit makes no sense
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support	6-0-5		Clarity of regulation
BOG	82		Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag
Oppose	0-10-0		Unnecessary
BOG	83		Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag
No Action	2-1-8		
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
Support	11-0-0		Fairness and consistency for all hunters
BOG	86		Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
Support	11-0-0		Fairness and consistency for all hunters
BOG	87		Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience
Oppose	0-11-0		Quality of the experience is important
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
No Action	3-0-8		Good in theory, hard and expensive to implement, impact not defined
BOG	95		Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to
Support	9-0-2		Fairness and consistency
BOG	99		To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code
Support	9-0-2		Reduce confusion
BOG	119		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A



Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	124	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B	
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D	
Support	11-0-0		Useful tool for ADF&G Management of the herds
BOG	129	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	130	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	131	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	11-0-0		Helps get more hunters afield in areas where harvest objectives are not being met
BOG	137	Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A	
Support	10-0-1		Allows ADF&G to manage by biology and latest population surveys

Adjournment: 8:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason
 Minutes Approved By: Delta AC
 Date: 2/17/2016

Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
2/17/16
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, Rusty Craig – Vice Chair, Jeff Mason – Secretary.
Regular Members: Tim Webb, Ross Baker, Tony Williams, Vern Aiton, Jacob White, Paul Dudgeon, Jeff Lipscomb. Alternates: Don Quarberg

Members Absent: Regular Members: Elizabeth Neipert. Alternates: Jack Windsor, Mike Rogers, Don Bunselmeier.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Bob Schmidt, Brandy Baker
- VI. Guests Present: Katheryn Hadley (Delta Wind), Arthur Cummings (AST), Kim Jochum (DTA Natural Resources), Todd Brinkman and Helen Cold (UAF), plus 1 unknown
- VII. Old Business: Vern Aiton updated us on some previous discussion we'd had about the possibility of changing the waterfowl season to allow for an earlier opening date to target early migrant geese and cranes. Vern said to forget it. The dates are carved in stone. Possibly in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and that it would take an act of the US Congress to change that.
- VIII. New Business: Todd Brinkman spoke about a NASA funded project he has begun to try and understand how climate change may be impacting subsistence harvest activities particularly in regard to access to traditionally used natural resources. He asked for 2-3 representatives from Delta to participate. All they would have to do would be take a GPS camera that UAF would loan them along on traditional use activities and document change or impacts to access.

Kim Jochum gave an update on DTA wildlife projects. They are conducting some sheep research and surveys at Moly Ridge and Black Rapids. They are conducting grouse and ptarmigan surveys to support ADF&G's efforts. They are also doing sandhill crane surveys including using a UAV to

survey Delta Creek. And in addition they are doing passerine bird surveys, and will be beginning some more intensive shorebird surveys this year, and also starting some bat surveys.

Bob Schmidt gave an update on bison harvest and just said that they were up to 52 animals.

Brandy Baker gave an update and said Quartz Lake has been producing well lately. Also that ADF&G will have their rod lender program active at the Delta Trails Club “Celebrate the Sun” festival at Quartz Lake on March 12th. And she talked a little about the house that is falling into the Tanana River at an import fish spawning area.

Jacob White is our representative to the BOG Dall Sheep Working Group. He attended the most recent meeting of the working group in FAI. He reported that the outcome of the meeting which was followed by discussion. In the end we voted unanimously to support a \$50 fee for a sheep harvest ticket. We also voted unanimously to support increasing the draw permit fee for sheep from \$5 to \$10.

We also voted to support HB137 as **[CURRENTLY WRITTEN] amended by our motion**. In summary we voted unanimously to:

- 1) Support suggested increase in fees for Nonresidents and Nonresident Aliens.
- 2) Suggest doubling the current fees for Residents.
- 3) Suggest removing all reference to the “INDIGENT” or \$5 licenses. Remove this provision from ADFG and write new legislation making this benefit available through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Welfare Department can better vet the applicants and determine who qualifies. They (Welfare Department) can then purchase the license(s) at face value from ADFG and provide these licenses at a discount to the welfare recipients if deemed necessary. This would allow ADFG to use this additional money as matching funds to obtain Pittman-Robertson tax monies (on a 3:1 basis) for management of wildlife (game) in Alaska. The State is a winner in that they are able to obtain more funding from this action.

We discussed moving the AC meetings back to the ADF&G building to save the department the use/rental fee for city hall. All were in favor.

Paul Dudgeon is writing a proposal to allow the use of decoy dogs for predator hunting. When he is has it completed he will send it around to the AC for further discussion at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	142		Identified big game prey populations and objectives
Support	10		
BOG	143		Definition of deleterious exotic wildlife
support	8	1	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

The Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Holum at 7:15pm at the Cantwell School Library.

There were 8 members present Chair Don Holum, Vice Chair Lance Williams, Undesignated seat members Gordon Carlson, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Caleb Holum, Jeff Burney, Alternate Member, Harold Mowery.

Members Absent: J Marie Gore, excused and Armeda Bulard.

Visitor: Alaska State Trooper Maggy Stang,

The Agenda was reviewed by Don Holum, and Approved by the committee.

There was no Old business.

Election of seats: There where 3 seats up for 2.5 year terms, and 1 alternate seat. the voting was as follows: Undesignated seats went to Ray Atkins with 8 votes, Harold Mowery with 8 votes, J Marie Gore with 7 votes, and the Alternate seat went to Armeda Bullard with 6 votes.

Election of officers: Chairman Don Holum 8 votes, Vice Chairman Lance Williams 8 votes, there was no Secretary interest the position assumed by Don Holum.

It was moved and seconded that Don Holum go to the Game Board meeting in Fairbanks the 18-28th of March to represent the Denali AC. It was approved by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

It was discussed and a motion was made that the meeting minutes be reviewed by Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson and Caleb Holum, for approval when there are time constraints. This passed 8 in favor 0 opposed.

There was a motion by Ray Atkins that the AC send a message to the Game Board that the Denali AC feels that the Sheep Regulation and bag limits in Units 13 and 20 are good the way they are and do not need any changes, this was seconded and voted in favor 7 opposed 0, abstained 1, those in favor agreed that the present regulations where substantial, those that abstained felt that there was need for change but didn't exactly know what those changes should be.

ACR 16 - for Continuing the intense predator Management program for unit 13. SUPPORT

It was Moved and Seconded to Approve the continued predator Management.
in favor 8

opposed 0 – no discussion

Those in favor felt this program was working well, and that it should continue.

Proposal 69 To make it unlawful to hunt with domestic dogs. OPPOSE

In favor 0 – no positive comments on this proposal.

Opposed 8

In opposition: The AC members felt this proposal had absolutely no merit or science, and there was absolutely no Data to back this up, and was sorting out a very small percentage of the dogs that could spread these parasites, when there were far more sled dogs and companion dogs in the back country then hunting dogs, and that this was a back door attempt at attacking hunting in general.

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Proposals 72-73-74 to require a .243 caliber or larger to hunt big game. OPPOSE
in favor 0 – no comments.
opposed 8

Comments opposed: The AC felt any center fire weapon was acceptable, and that youth hunters would be more apt to be accurate with the smaller calibers and accuracy is way more important than size.

Proposal 79 requiring that traps be checked every 24 hours. OPPOSE
in favor 0 - Comments in favor: the committee felt there was some merit in setting a time limit to checking traps, to be more humane and have less loss do to predation.
opposed 8

comments opposed: 24 hour just wasn't long enough, it would be a nightmare to enforce, and would be to hard for the game troopers to verify, and a lot of Alaska's back country trappers have very long trap lines to check so they can make a living, making it impossible to check every 24 hours.

Proposal 90 regulate and require permits for keeping and propagating Sheep and Goats. OPPOSE
In Favor 0 – no comments
Opposed 8
Comments Opposed: This proposal would be very restrictive and problematic, add a lot of extra work for the Dept. of Fish and Game and the private land owners, when there has been no cases of diseases spread between domestic and wild Sheep in the state of Alaska, and not very likely to be any problems.

Proposal 110 Giving the Mat-Su AC a vote in the unit 13 antlerless moose hunts. OPPOSE
In Favor 0 – no comments
Opposed 8
Comments Opposed; The Denali AC was very strongly Opposed to this Proposal, The Denali AC felt that there was no reason that the Mat-Su AC should have a say in unit 13 cow moose hunts, and there were other avenues thru the comment and proposal proses for the Mat-Su AC to get there opinion to the board of game.

Proposal 119 Reauthorizing cow moose hunt in unit 13. OPPOSE
In Favor: 3
Opposed 4
Abstained 1
Comments in Favor: Those in favor of this proposal feel that the cow moose hunt is a good tool for helping to maintain viable populations in specific areas, protect the available feed sources, and help maintain optimum herd health.
Comments Opposed: Those opposed don't agree with cow moose hunts, They don't feel cow moose should be harvested, because when you harvest a cow you are not just taking one but possibly three moose if that cow is pregnant with twins, and don't in any way want to allow the possibility of a cow moose hunt in 13E, even though this measure states that the cow hunt will only be in 13A. it still gives the Dept. the authority to have a cow hunt in 13E, if they choose.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

These Minutes were prepared By Don Holum.
Approved by Denali AC
2/17/2016

Denali Advisory Committee Meeting 2-17-2016 Cantwell School

Meeting called to order By Chairman Don Holum 7:15 pm

Members Present Don Holum Chairman, Lance Williams Vice Chairman, Caleb Holum, Gordon Carlson, Bruce Gore, J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney, and Ray Atkins.

Members Absent Harold Mowery excused.

The Agenda was presented, and minutes of last meeting Jan. 28th discussed and Approved.

ADF&W Staff present: Frank Robbins
Alaska Wildlife trooper present: Maggy Stang
There was no old Business discussed.

ADF&G area Biologist Frank Robbins gave a discussion on the Moose and Caribou population report in unit 13, and discussed the importance of the unit 13 cow moose hunt, and the criteria used to establish a cow Moose hunt.

With the new information there was a motion to revisit proposal 119 and reconsider this proposal.

In Favor of revisiting 7

Opposed to revisiting 1

Motion to reconsider Passed

Proposal 119 reauthorize antlerless moose season in unit 13

In Favor 4

Opposed 3

Abstained 1

SUPPORT

Those in favor felt that the Antlerless Moose hunts are a valued tool to have available to the biologist to maintain good herd health if needed, and if disallowed would be hard to get back, also to show support for the Copper Center AC in this hunt.

Those opposed, Disagree with the Killing of cow moose, that when you kill a cow moose you could in essence be killing three moose if that cow is pregnant with twins, the feeling of the Denali AC was that we are not at all in favor of a cow moose hunt in sub unit 13E, the railroad does a good job of taking excess moose out of 13E already and the moose population in 13E is nowhere near the numbers that the forage can sustain.

Those that Abstained just still didn't feel they had enough information to make a decisive vote, they were balanced on the pros and cons.

ACR 18 Asking the board to reinstate the wolf " buffer zone "

In Favor 0

Opposed 8

OPPOSED

Comments in favor: NONE

Comments Opposed: The Denali AC is very strongly Opposed to this motion, there is no conservational reason for this, the Wolf population is not in danger of getting to low on State controlled lands, yet the Moose population is very low in these areas, The Denali National park has 6 million acres, they don't need to encroach on more state lands, The Denali AC would like to Respectfully ask the Alaska Board of Game to Reinstate the Moratorium on bringing this issue

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up for another 10 years, as the board can recall this issue has been a never ending dispute, and the last six years has proven that there is no need for a Wolf buffer zone.

PROP 141 (ACR 20) Changing the hunting season for Wolves in GMU 20C on lands in the Stampede corridor.

In Favor 2

OPPOSED

Opposed 5

Abstained 1

Comments In Favor: Did not see a problem with this change as the purpose for harvesting a Wolf is for there Hide, and the Hides are not of good quality at this time of year.

Comments Opposed: There is no biological or conservational reason to support this measure, The active hunting of Wolves at this time could help to save new born moose calves in this area, thus helping the moose population, they feel there is absolutely no reason for this change on state lands, it is totally unnecessary.

We expressed appreciation to Frank Robbins and Magy Stang for attending the meeting and for their helpful comments, there was no other business.

These minutes were recorded by Denali AC Chairman Don Holum

Minutes Approved by: Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson, and Caleb Holum

The Denali AC adjourned at 9:15pm 2-17-16

**Eagle Advisory
Committee 2/16/2016
Eagle**

- I. Call to Order: 6PM by Mike McDougall
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bo Fay, Steve Hamilton, Shalia Selman, William Mosher, Don Woodruff, Steve Robin, Mike McDougal, Jackie Helmer
Members Absent: Andy Bassich
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 6; Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Gross and Jeff Wells (DWC) via teleconference
- VI. Guests Present: Sonya McDougall
- VII. Old Business: N/A
- VIII. New Business:

Jeff Wells gave presentation on Unit 20E Moose Harvest 2004-2015- PPT had been sent out to members in advance.
Discussion on how many moose per square mile

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that this was not in line with local customary and traditional practice.
BOG	13		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older
Support	7	1	Majority of committee felt that this would provide additional opportunity to older hunters who would not otherwise be able to participate in an archery hunt. One opposition felt that no one group should be singled out as having an advantage in an archery hunt.
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9
Support w/Am	8	0	The committee supported this proposal pending an amendment that would require that the season dates be aligned with current season dates established for controlled use areas such as the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area in order to prevent hunters from accessing sheep with ATV's.
BOG	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
Support	7	1	The majority opinion felt that hunters should have the opportunity to harvest whatever species arrived at the bait station. Minority opinion is that harvest of brown/grizzly bears over bait is not a customary and traditional practice, is not in line with past ADF&G regulation, and opens the door for potential overharvest from guided hunts in remote areas.
BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
Oppose	0	8	The majority opinion is that hunters must salvage meat in line with subsistence values. Anything less is wasteful. Hunters must eat what they shoot or share.
			1 abstain
BOG	66		Allow the use of felt soles
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that this was not enforceable and that this proposal was an attack on trapping and trappers with traplines established in these areas.
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
Oppose	0	8	Committee felt that hunting with dogs is customary and traditional, is well established, and that the disease argument has no merit.
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and

			that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0	8	Opinion of the committee is that these proposals need further development and that the argument for .243 as a minimum is arbitrary. For example, the suggestion that brown bears be taken with a .243 as a minimum seems risky while competent hunters may effectively take caribou with .22 long rifles in certain units.
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
Support	8	0	The opinion of our committee is completely in line with that of the proponent for the exact reasons specified in the proposal.
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	0	8	Our committee recognizes that this proposal is not in line with established customary and traditional trapping practices, is not practical, not enforceable, and is an attack on trapping in general and if adopted may force trappers out into unsafe winter conditions.
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	0	8	We are against this proposal.
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support			The opinion of our committee is that this is a housekeeping measure by the department and BOG and supports it for the reasons specified.
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
Oppose	7	1	Majority opinion is that the concerns for disease transmission are unsubstantiated in the state and that the proposal is heavy handed. If adopted it would put a heavy burden on owners of small herds and would cost the state too much to administer. Minority opinion was in line with proposal.
BOG	103		Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information
Oppose	0	9	Our committee feels that this proposal is not in line with customary practice, puts unneeded burden on subsistence harvesters, is a thinly veiled attack on subsistence rights, and would cost the state too much in time and money processing the data.
BOG	104		Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
Oppose	0	9	Our committee feels that this proposal is not in line with customary practice, puts unneeded burden on subsistence harvesters, is a thinly veiled attack on subsistence rights, and would cost the state too much in time and money processing the data.
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	9	0	Committee supports proposal for the reasons specified within.

Adjournment:

**Edna Bay Advisory Committee
December 27, 2015
Edna Bay School**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. by Patrick Richter, Chair

- II. **Roll Call:** Seven members in attendance

Members Present: Patrick Richter, Chair; Myla Poelstra, Secretary; Lee Greif, member; Heather Richter, member; John Dodson, member; Richard Stockdale, member; Joe Wargi, alternate;

Members Absent: Carleigh Fairchild, Vice Chair; Spencer Richter, alternate;

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: Sport/Personal Use Fishing & Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Outdoorsperson, Trapping, Subsistence, and Photography

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** approved

- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From December 11, 2015

- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** None

- VI. **Guests Present:** Sharon Wargi, Maureen Viera

- VII. **Old Business:** None

- VIII. **New Business:** 2016 Statewide Board of Game Comments



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	1		Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles
BOG Oppose	2 7		Modify the definition of ATV Weight is a factor to causing habitat damage. Removing the 1000lb restriction opens the door to undefined damage.
BOG Support	3	7	Establish a definition for general hunt Support the reasoning outlined by the Fairbanks AC.
BOG Oppose	4 7		Amend the definition of bag limit Incomplete proposal.
BOG No Action	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
BOG Support	6	7	Modify the definition of a moose antler Support Wrangell AC
BOG No Action	7		Clarify the definition of antler point
BOG Support	8	7	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts Improves the quality of the hunters ability to make a successful shot.
BOG Support	9	7	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology Support the reasoning of Fish & Game.
BOG Support	10	7	Modify the requirements for crossbow Updating the language to current equipment use makes sense.
BOG Oppose	11 7		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts Crossbows give too much advantage over standard archery equipment.
BOG No Action	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
BOG Oppose	13 7		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older No need to make exemptions.
BOG Oppose	14 7		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
BOG No Action	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support		7	Education increases safety and proficiency.
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
Oppose	7		No one should be exempt.
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingbows
Support		7	
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support		7	Integrity and transparency in the public process is always preferred.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
Support		7	
BOG	21		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	22		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	23		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Support		7	
BOG	24		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	25		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	26		Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
No Action			
BOG	27		Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram
Support Oppose (3) No Action	2	2	Support – agree that young rams need to have another year. Oppose – should be left the way it is because it gives more opportunity to people who are not trophy hunters.
BOG	28		Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide
No Action			
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
Support		7	
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
No			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Action			
BOG	31		Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years
No Action			
BOG	32		Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts
No Action			
BOG	33		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season
No Action			
BOG	34		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means
No Action			
BOG	35		Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names
No Action			
BOG	36		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
No Action			
BOG	37		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
No Action			
BOG	38		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
No Action			
BOG	39		Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide
No Action			
BOG	40		Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities
No Action			
BOG	41		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Support		7	Support encouraging residential preference.
BOG	42		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	43		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
BOG No Action	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
BOG No Action	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
BOG Support	46	7	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9 Provides conventional bow hunters an opportunity to hunt.
BOG Oppose	47	7	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5 Parent must be present for hunt either way. No need for special season.
BOG Oppose	48	7	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide Not necessary. Proposal 41 addresses this issue adequately.
BOG Support	49	7	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas
BOG Oppose	50	7	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex Opens the door for abuse.
BOG Oppose	51	7	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative
BOG Support	52	7	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game
BOG Oppose	53	7	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
BOG No Action	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
BOG Support	55	7	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year Closes a loophole for waste.
BOG No Action	56		Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged
BOG Support	57	7	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Only if it is unit specific, not statewide.
BOG Support	58	7	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	59		Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations
BOG No Action	60		Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait
BOG No Action	61		Allow the use of game as bait
BOG No Action	62		Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations
BOG No Action	63		Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required
BOG No Action	64		Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations
BOG No Action	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
BOG No Action	66		Allow the use of felt soles
BOG Support	67	7	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways Reasonable safety of the public.
BOG Support	68	7	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
BOG Oppose	69	7	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
BOG No Action	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
BOG No Action	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
BOG No Action	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Action			
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
No Action			
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
No Action			
BOG	75		Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts
No Action			
BOG	76		Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game
Oppose	7		
BOG	77		Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers
Oppose	7		
BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
No Action			
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
Oppose	7		
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
Oppose	7		
BOG	81		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares
Support		7	Clarification.
BOG	82		Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag
No Action			
BOG	83		Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag
No Action			
BOG	84		Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits
No Action			
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
No Action			
BOG	86		Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Support		7	
BOG	88	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			
BOG	89	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
No Action			
BOG	91	Include cow in the definition of feral game	
No Action			
BOG	92	Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits	
Oppose	7		Regulations already adequate.
BOG	93	For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season	
Oppose	7		Regulations already adequate.
BOG	94	Require the implementation of state wildlife plans before issuing permits for education or telemetry	
Support		7	Support state management.
BOG	95	Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to	
No Action			
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
No Action			
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
No Action			
BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
No Action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
No Action			
BOG	100	Modify the provision of surplus permits	
No Action			
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
Support		7	Creates and supports better opportunity for residents.
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	7		Already covered by Proposal 101.
BOG	103	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information	
Support		7	Reporting supports better management.
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Support		7	Reporting supports better management.

No action was taken on proposals 105-107.

BOG	108	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska Statute	
Support		7	Non residents should have a choice on whether or not to have a guide.
BOG	109	Add Units 7, 15, and 14C to the Seward Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Support		7	Local knowledge should have weigh on proposals.
BOG	110	Add Units 13 and 16 to the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Support		7	
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
Support		7	
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	

No action was taken on remaining proposals.

Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Myla Poelstra, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Patrick Richter, Chair

Date: December 30, 2015

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

****Special Note: The Fairbanks AC discussed and voted on the Statewide BOG Proposals at two separate meetings. The first meeting was on January 13th, 2016, and the second was on February 10th, 2016. What follows are the minutes from the January meeting followed by the minutes of the February meeting, followed by the table of all of the proposals with the AC votes and comments. ****

Fairbanks Advisory Committee January 13, 2016 Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks

- I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Virgil Umphenour, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Virgil Umphenour, Mike Tinker, Kirk Schwalm, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Warren Giuchici, Jeff Lucas, Valerie Baxter, Lyle Shelnut, Bill Larry, Glen Holt

Members Absent: Lee Hazen, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: n/a
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 12/9/2015 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, Tony Hollis; DWC
- VI. Guests Present: Dave Lorrington, Mike Potter (AWT)
- VII. Old Business:

Chair Report;

Virgil Umphenour: Spent last two days at the BOF meeting Kuskokwim problems w/public testimony. Afternoon committees about Kuskokwim. Start on the Yukon after the Kuskokwim meetings.

Virgil urges our attendance and input during the Yukon river meetings.

Yukon Proposals - The AC can speak to these proposals and user group participation will also be heard but not to what they have already spoken about. The intent is to only address new ideas.



- committee reports have been typed & posted for view - you can submit comments on that posting - addressing proposals -
- Next will be the Norton Sound proposals following the same format. Window openings on the Kuskokwim for gill net fishing - Quoted 1975 drift gill net mesh study - difficulties learning from history (apparently). Net mesh sizes select for female Chinooks and real problems with this finding (1961) - spoke to our proposals.

Talked about gill net mesh size for K.S. commercial fishery.

Notice of Public Mtg of AK Joint BOF & BOG Committees at the La Quinta (Alpine Lodge) in Fairbanks @ 10 am Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Virgil suggested Kirk and Valerie might attend this meeting with their good ideas...

Salmon treaty meeting in FBKs proposed for April.

AC Member Comments: Mike Tinker spoke about the Board support budgets - restoring the budget monies to the 2014 level. \$1.3 M vs \$1.1 M this didn't occur due to legislative wrangling - Watch for the opportunities to confirm with legislators that the AC's are the public arm of the process. It would take an extra \$200K which isn't much in the scheme of things.

Kirk Schwalm: A member of the public asked him about availability of the AC minutes. The person couldn't tell what we did or didn't do. Kirk suggested he attend our next meeting as a way to enter in to the process. The minutes say generically what the sub-committees decide.

Public Comments:

Dave Lorring at the Game Sub Committee mtg to make comments - noted the board heard a lot of testimony about non-res. falconry. Board discussed 5 permits for non-res. permits. 27 applied for 3 permits. One permit took one young bird. Most were breeders to improve gene pool and for sale. Asked the AC to maintain the status quo for now because of the small data set at this time. We only have one year of data out of 4 or 5 years to see how it is going now.

Anchorage Joint Board meeting.

Valerie went to one of the meetings in Anchorage and presented our views. The AJB meets again on Sunday. We could write down our comments & ideas.

The group discussed:

- We don't want any changes that decrease the public's input.
- We are not in favor of corporate sponsorship of Board meetings.
- We could save money by not having meetings in remote locations like Cordova
- Have one mtg a year in FBKs for BOF as required in the rules.
- Have mtgs that are cheaper, in locations that don't cost as much etc., evening sessions so public can attend.
- Investigate the use of Technology to have meetings. Largest cost being the venue.
- 5 year cycle to a 3 year cycle discussion.
- Talk about moving Board support out of Juneau. We don't need expensive locations...think outside the box to save money. Public testimony could be given at a larger location and deliberation located at a small sized location that costs less. Discussion of meeting location to hold down costs incurred by boards & AC's and sub-committee meetings.

Virgil: we need to decide what we are going to do Sunday at the Joint meeting - a menu of topics and things to look at.

-Eliminate rural meetings...reducing overall amount of meetings...Telephonic AC comments...eliminate annual cow moose authorizations...allow for email polling...eliminate charging a fee to submit proposals...look at things that the Boards can do with ADF&G...short term-long term approaches discussed - Check previous minutes for a full list of our comments and suggestions to use on Jan. 17.

Move: Accept the List of our Suggestions to the Board: unanimous yes

VIII. New Business:

Officer Elections:

Chair: Virgil Umphenour and Valerie Baxter nominated: 10-1 in favor for Virgil, he is elected Chair.

Vice Chair: Valerie Baxter nominated: Valerie is elected Vice Chair unanimous.

Motion to: Write letters to the Governor and Legislature and the Boards & Commissions to support Mike Kramer to the BOG.

Mike Tinker volunteered to write those letters.

AC voted 10-1 in favor of writing a letter of support for Mike Kramer.

Meeting Adjourned

**Fairbanks Advisory Committee
February 10th, 2016
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks**

- IX. Call to Order: 1848 by Vice Chair Valerie Baxter (the Chair was going to be late as he was attending the USFWS hearing on hunting restrictions on USFWS lands).
- X. Roll Call:
Members Present: Valerie Baxter, Lyle Shelnut, Kirk Schwalm, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow, Mike Kramer, Bill Larry, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Virgil Umphenour (arrived 2030)
Members Absent: Mike Tinker, Lee Hazen, Warren Giuchici, Glen Holt
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Alaska Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Mark Richards
- XI. Approval of Agenda: Approved



- XII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/13/2016; Approved as amended; Bill Larry was present and the vote for letter of support for Kramer for BOG was not unanimous, it was 10-1.

- XIII. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young and Tony Hollis;

- XIV. Guests Present: Reed Morisky, BOF; Mark Richards, ABHA, Stuart Johnson, Leonard Jewkes

- XV. Old Business: None

- XVI. New Business:
 - a. ADF&G Presentations – Tony Hollis and Don Young
 - i. Tony Hollis went over the antlerless hunts, population objectives, harvest statistics, and projected permit details for 2016-2017;
 - ii. The information presented was in reference to Proposal 124, the 20B antlerless reauthorization.
 - iii. Leonard Jewkes from the public commented that he would prefer that the part of Proposal 124 that pertained to the Salcha River be deleted.
 - b. Don Young
 - i. Don gave a presentation on 20A moose, in reference to the antlerless re-authorization and Proposal 123.
 - ii. Don also mentioned the Feasibility Study in regards to whether or not 20A should have an active predator control program based on the moose population (Proposal 137). After discussion amongst the committee members and Don, we all thought that maybe it would be for the best that the Population Objective be 10,000-15,000 moose and the Harvest Objective should be 500-900 moose.
 - c. Meeting locations for Fairbanks AC
 - i. Nissa wanted to discuss with the FAC the chance of reducing the costs of the AC meetings by moving to a different venue. It was discussed about moving to the Tanana Valley Sportsmens Assoc building, which might result in a \$50 saving. The AC thought perhaps we should talk to the new La Quinta management about keeping the meetings there, perhaps at a reduced cost.
 - d. Sheep Working Group Update report
 - i. Mike Kramer reported to the AC on how he thought the Sheep Working Group was going and whether or not the AC should continue to participate. All of the members that attended the most recent meeting in Fairbanks also gave their perspectives on what they thought about the group (Al Barrette, Virgil Umphenour, Valerie Baxter). It was decided that Kramer should continue to attend the working group meetings on behalf of the AC.
 - e. Virgil – gave an update on the AYK BOF meeting and their actions. He had a list of things he informed the committee on.
 - f. The AC next went over proposals for the upcoming Statewide BOG meeting. Results of those discussions and proposal votes follow in the table below.



- g. After the proposals, we hurriedly pointed out a couple of details from the USFWS meeting on the new Proposed Rule. The comment deadline will be extended and hopefully everyone will get a chance to weigh in.
 - h. There were a couple of notes on Legislative Bills to watch, a couple AC members will try and watch them and keep us updated.
- XVII. Meeting adjourned: 22:22

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee: Proposal Comments for the Statewide Board of Game Meeting, March 2016

The following are the votes of support, opposition, proposed amendments, and comments of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) to the proposals under consideration at the March 18-28, 2016, Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. It is to be noted that the full FAC considered and discussed a subset of these proposals at their meetings on January 13th, 2016 and February 10th, 2016, while the Game Subcommittee reviewed all of the proposals and drafted comments at their meetings on December 15th, 2015, and January 27th, 2016. The full FAC took up and considered Proposals 5, 6, 15, 21-26, 29, 34, 35, 47, 48, 53, 56, 63,71, 73, 74, 82, 90, 103-105, 108, 110, 123-125, 130, and 137. The rest of the proposals were considered by the Game Subcommittee and the FAC voted to support and accept the recommendations of the subcommittee.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1	Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles	
Support	11	0	
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Support	11	0	
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
Support	11	0	
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
TNA			
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Oppose	0	11	Didn't think it worked on upland birds. Kirk opposed to it for any birds. Also, for all the parts listed; thighs, legs, heart, liver etc. AC Consensus opposed this proposal.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
TNA			We determined to let the local AC affected by this to advise the BOG on this proposal.
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
Support	10	1	
BOG	8	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
Support	11	0	Agree with no light or beam projected.
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
Support	11	0	
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
TNA			Refer to Proposal #12 comments; we support the ADF&G proposal



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	11		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
TNA			See Proposal #12
BOG	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
Support	11	0	We support the Department's proposal on crossbows; theirs is less technical and is better for users.
BOG	13		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older
TNA			No recommendation
BOG	14		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
TNA			No recommendation
BOG	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
Oppose	3	8	Lyle Shellnut views no difference in the use of a crossbow and other bows in regard to the bow hunter education requirements. An alternative is to add cross bows in to the current bow hunter education class. You need to show a reason why you need to use a cross bow as in a physical disability using a cross bow in the archery season. After July 1 all archery hunters everywhere will need an IBEP. Encourage education voluntarily. Opposed: because it will be added to the bow hunting requirements.
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows
TNA			See #15
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
Oppose	11	0	
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingbows
Amend	11	0	Amend the language to prohibit the use of slingbows for big game hunting.
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support	11	0	Better for Board to pass to retain some control of content. Legislative issue.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
TNA			Philosophic issue. We think, "time," is the most important component. Example is wait until the next morning after flying, this needs more discussion than available now to ACs and hunters.
BOG	21		Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	11	This modification would be completely unenforceable. AWT stated that there was one case in the Fall 2015 where someone was reportedly using an aircraft to spot sheep but it turned out to be unfounded. There was a comment that this really isn't a huge issue – the ability to be able to spot and/or judge sheep from the air and then be able to land and stalk that particular sheep is rare. There were no committee members in support of this modification.



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BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	11	This is the APHA proposal that seeks to modify the existing language to match the language that guides are already regulated by in 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8). It was noted that the loopholes that exist for guides in their regulation would be the same if this proposal was passed, i.e. the, "purpose of taking a specific animal," wording not prevent the use of aircraft to locate groups of animals.
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	8	1	This restriction is time consuming and costly to hunters.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
TNA			See #23
BOG	27	Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram	
oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change the legal ram bag limit to nine year old rams instead of 8 year olds. There was no support for this proposal, the discussion centered on the belief that the current regulation of full curl/8 years is sufficient, sustainable, and is having no negative biological impact. Current issues with sheep populations are thought to be more weather related, not harvest driven.
BOG	28	Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change up the seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. The committee felt that this scheme was overly complicated and unnecessary. It would be very burdensome on ADF&G and AWT to figure out and track what sheep hunters can and can't be hunting every year or in four years. There is debate on whether or not there is a lack of older rams in all areas and no data is presented to back up these suppositions.
BOG	29	Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep	
TNA			ADF&G should define.

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BOG	30	Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to change non-resident bag limits for sheep to one in every four years. The discussion on this centered around whether or not non-residents who are successful hunt more than once or not. Joe Want presented data that indicated that it was rare that successful non-residents hunted more than once every five years and that unsuccessful non-residents hunted more than two years in a row. So it would seem that this proposal would have very little impact on the current situation.
BOG	31	Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal is to restrict receiving a drawing permit to once every three years for residents and non-residents for goats and sheep. The discussion included comments against the idea that permits would be only once every three years for all the hunts of that species, not just specific sheep or goat hunts. This was thought to be too restrictive and unnecessary. The system that ADF&G uses a formula that takes into account unused/unhunted permits in the number of offered. A system like this could result in a lower number of permits issued overall.
BOG	32	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to put all sheep hunting on drawing permit. No one supported this idea and the discussion was on whether or not a measure such as this is necessary or advisable. We rejected the logic that because all other states' sheep hunts are draws that Alaska should be too. The author also stated that residents would have a priority with this proposal and that is not true as it is written.
BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal changes resident and non-resident sheep seasons and divides the season up between these two groups. The proposal does not include or take into consideration subsistence users and hunts.
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
Oppose	1	8	This would be hard to implement, manage, and administer.

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BOG	35	Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names	
Oppose	0	9	This would be hard to implement, manage, and administer.
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	These proposals that seek to change sheep season lengths in one way or another. Many of these proposals have been considered by the AC multiple times before and have been rejected. There was a comment that several of these proposals would result in a loss of revenue to the state and to the guiding industry by eliminating whole time periods where guides are currently conducting hunts. Loss of revenue to the state would be from reduced license and tag sales.
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	39	Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide	
Oppose	0	9	See comments on #36
BOG	40	Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal is poorly written and it is unclear what the author is trying to propose.
BOG	41	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
Oppose	0	9	These proposals seek to allocate drawing permits by a percentage to non-residents, from 10% to 12% with a few other nuances such as whether or not all sheep hunts should go to draw or whether current harvest levels should be used to allocate the percentages. The AC has considered many of these proposals several times to date and have not supported the idea of allocating sheep by percentages between residents and non-residents.
BOG	42	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	43	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	44	Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	9	See #41
BOG	45	Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent	
Oppose	0	9	See #41

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BOG	46	Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to establish an archery only sheep season. The discussion included opposition to any specialty weapon hunts, comments were made that bows can be used in all of the general sheep seasons, and there was opposition to the idea of not being able to carry scoped firearms for personal safety.
BOG	47	Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5	
Support	6	3	This proposal seeks to establish a statewide youth sheep season in early August. There were comments both in opposition and support. In opposition, some members did not agree with the harvest counting against the adult's bag limit, it was pointed out that youth can hunt in the general season so why have a special season for only them, and there was disagreement with the author that there is a lack of full curl rams available. In support, there were comments that any opportunity to increase youth hunting should be supported as they are the future. There was also discussion that if an adult and youth choose to hunt in this special season, should they both be ineligible to hunt the regular season? Finally, there was discussion on whether the season should be a few days longer.
BOG	48	Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide	
Amend	8	1	The FAC supports Option 1 only.
BOG	49	Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas	
Support	9	0	This proposal seeks to change any bag limits statewide that include multiple sheep and/or ewes to be changed to rams only. The support was based on the idea that where there are conservation concerns, there should be male only harvest restrictions.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	11	We don't want to push protection to use of DNA or confiscation required for DNA. No need to use technology just because we can.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
Oppose	0	11	APHA sponsor. Before discussion, this needs to be limited to big game. As written it's all game. A resident hunter would have to give up his/her meat harvest opportunity. No benefit to FAC constituents. Part 2, a new subsection under 92.010(a). Many permit hunts are not open to NR. Is it the APHA's intent to allow this for any permit? Too many unknowns here.
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Oppose	0	11	Wildlife troopers end run (again) on replacing "reasonable" with "lawful". This attempt to make things always easy through definition makes it hard on hunters

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			trying to do the right thing. The term “reasonable” is found in the regulations over 50 times. This end run, removing “reasonable” would leave “lawful”. We recommend the Board amend by changing “remove reasonable” to “remove lawful”. Then there is no added burden on the hunter. We hope this concept, defeated by the Board in slightly different form in 2015, will be put to bed for at least a cycle.
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
Support	8	3	Wounding. Except for extreme cases of low populations, the wounding equals harvest should be removed. Should be an emergency situation. Harvest for food is Alaskan’s main target. There was some confusion on where this actually applies, is it statewide or just in Units 1-5? It was noted that some guides have this stipulation in their hunt contracts.
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
Oppose	0	11	Provide another “punishment” for minor violations by hunters. Question is why do we need this punishment? Enforcement wants everything to third decimal with no gray areas. Hunting just isn’t like that and they should know better. Proposer is suggesting an alternate to smashing the minor violations with legal hammers. This concept might work for a single species but doesn’t fit with Alaskan’s harvesting for food.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
Oppose	0	11	Bag limit for brown bears. The bear populations are too varied to consider this proposal on a statewide basis. I.e. there are Units with sparse populations and others with high populations. Present regulation allows for the difference.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Oppose	3	7	Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides. AWT. Another shot at adding detail to assist with violations at the expense of hunters trying to do the right thing. Refers to 92.990.26 which defines “edible meat” but includes the language “except a bear”. This concept needs a better thought out reason for any consideration. There was 1 abstention vote.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Oppose	0	11	Purchase and sale of game. (Brown bear). This would be hard to enforce and it’s not clear what the AC is trying to accomplish. If they are trying to get more bears killed, it might work. Shouldn’t be a statewide proposal, perhaps it could be a special consideration where needed. All two bear areas wouldn’t need it.
BOG	58	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	11	Chocolate as bear bait. We can’t imagine a situation where a bear hunter could afford enough chocolate to be a health hazard for bears.

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BOG	59	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations	
Amend	11	0	FAC proposal on use of liquids to keep non-biodegradables from the ground. Sub committee suggests amending by adding "or where it will not reach the ground" after (i).
BOG	60	Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait	
Oppose	0	11	Pike from S. Central in bear baits. This proposal is well intended but would be difficult to control. Pike are not identifiable by area. Don't want pike from other areas to be used for bait.
BOG	61	Allow the use of game as bait	
Support	11	0	FAC proposal to clean language.
BOG	62	Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	11	See #59
BOG	63	Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required	
Amend	11	0	Permit conditions for bear baiting hunters. Amend out the reference to GPS. It's not needed. Only a requirement for Latitude and Longitude should be required. Use the language in the Interior Antlerless Moose Drawing permits.
BOG	64	Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	11	Make harvest of brown bears over black bear baits legal statewide. There are conservation reasons for keeping this harvest restricted by region, or GMU. FAC does not see any advantage to making it statewide.
BOG	65	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations	
Oppose	0	11	Salvage of brown bear meat. The meat should not be left in the field. Bear baiters seldom access their sites only on foot. No reason the meat should not be removed from the field.
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
TNA			The proposal points out the lack of Alaskan research on the transport of invasive organisms. If he is correct, and we're asking the department that question, the restriction is much ado about nothing. The problem in other regions does not automatically mean it is a problem here. Changing to hard soles may not be a huge safety problem but it is expensive. The Board needs to discuss the "research" question.
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
Oppose	0	11	Landowner permission to hunt or trap in a federal air right-of-way. Nearly all of the rights-of-way granted to the state at Statehood and all those developed since have very few places where previous to statehood owners have a land interest within the ROW. Private land owners outside the ROW do not even commonly mark their Property. The proposal to find and then get adjacent

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			landowner permission would be very hard to enforce, especially with trapping.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Oppose	0	11	Unbelievable that enforcement believes a hunter would shoot using a heat sensing device. It is our understanding that infrared reads temperature not size, shape, four brow tines, bull or cow, etc. Is the inference that these devices would be used at night? That's mostly illegal in the first place.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	11	Use of domestic dogs while hunting. This proposer is not familiar with the hunting dogs used for bear hunting, small game and birds. The issue of dogs infecting game is not anywhere near as common as wildlife infecting dogs. (Ask any dog musher.)
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	11	Restrict use of aircraft for all big game species. The intent of this proposal is covered by the waiting period after flying for big game species except dall sheep. Present paranoia over sheep hunting has the numerous dall sheep proposals for this meeting. This has problems in subsistence hunts and areas.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Amend	11	0	Assisting an "on the ground" hunter after being airborne. This concept should have been included in the original regulation restricting hunting after flying. It should be added now. Amend to add (H): except when in pursuit of wounded game."
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Amend	11	0	Black powder and cross bow use for bison hunts. FAC would like the Board to separate these means. The evidence that black powder rifles, especially the large calibers historically used for bison, should be approved. The use of crossbows for big game and dangerous game is less proven.
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
Oppose	0	11	High power air rifles. The FAC prefers the Board not approve air rifles of any kind for big game. They are commonly used for birds and small game. The fact that other states allow their use is not a reason for Alaska to approve their use for hunting in Alaskan conditions.

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BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Support	11	0	
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Support	11	0	Trap identification tags do not work, they are cumbersome and ineffective.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	11	This is not feasible in many vast areas of the state.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	11	This would not work in many areas; the definition of publicly maintained is very difficult and impossible when it comes to trails.
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	11	0	This seems consistent with most in-water trapping practices.
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
Support	11	0	Attach locking tag "prior to leaving the kill site". Since the harvest tag must be marked as soon after the kill as possible, it would not be necessary to attach a locking tag immediately. This would benefit hunters and enforcement can still check the harvest tag.
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
Oppose	0	11	Not require harvest tickets where there are locking tags. Harvest tags, tickets by whatever name are common. Locking tags much less common. Let's stay with the requirement to "punch your tag".
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
Support	11	0	FAC - Substitute more common language to avoid hunters having more restrictive language than others.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Support	11	0	AOC is on track here. The example herds are the very ones where accurate harvest records are most important. The common use of extrapolated estimates of harvest do not give the accuracy needed for management. If rural hunters can file for their PFD on an annual basis, they can mark and report caribou harvest.
BOG	86	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep	
Support	11	0	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for sheep. This proposal states the detailed situation WHY the exception should not have ever occurred in the first place. Remove it.
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Support	11	0	Off road policy, limitations for "quality of experience". The Board has neglected the statutory requirements and wandered off into the warm and fuzzy arena of

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			assuming that efficient harvests are somehow lower quality experiences. The vast majority of hunters are harvesting for food. That is the quality, being successful.
BOG	88		Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit
TNA			FAC has no experience with this issue.
BOG	89		Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit
TNA			FAC has no experience with this issue.
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
TNA			We recognize that there is a possible disease problem if domestic sheep mix with wild populations, but this concept is not within the Board's authority. This is another Lama issue. The Board could restrict sheep as pack animals but perhaps a better idea would be for the BOG to send a resolution to the Division of Agriculture asking them to look into possible restrictions.
BOG	91		Include cow in the definition of feral game
Oppose	0	11	Not needed.
BOG	92		Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits
Oppose	0	11	The Board just changed the non-resident regulations for falconers to "take" Alaskan birds. Year one of that regulation has not provided enough information to change the harvest at this time. We recommend the BOG policy be to wait the time period for review of the effects of this regulation. (Four more years.) At that time it may be appropriate to make changes.
BOG	93		For nonresidents, allow the take of eyas raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season
Oppose	0	11	See #92
BOG	94		Require the implementation of state wildlife plans before issuing permits for education or telemetry
Support	0	11	The federal agencies have been running roughshod over our regulations. This action would rein them in a bit but still allow their research to continue.
BOG	95		Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to
Support	0	11	Add "targeted" to the list of failure to report consequences. FAC considers this a housekeeping matter.
BOG	96		Establish a point system for drawing hunts
Oppose	0	11	Not the time to take up this very complicated issue.
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BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
Oppose	0	11	Not the time to take up this very complicated issue.
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
TNA			The Board should look at the complimentary aspects between Commerce and F&G. However, this proposal may be premature in that analysis even though it's supported by the APHA.
BOG	100	Modify the provision of surplus permits	
Amend	11	0	Over the counter moose permits. Exp. Galena Management Area. This change to existing punctuation is not all that is needed. An Amendment INCLUDING 92.050(4)F is needed. The purpose of limiting next year's application is clear. Just because a hunter can take advantage of the situation does not qualify him or her to a moose every year. If there are not enough applicants or those willing to comply with the limitation, add those few moose to the population.
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
oppose	0	11	
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	11	
BOG	103	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information	
Support	11	0	Similar proposals from AOC and FAC. Adding a measurable effort is long overdue. There should be no criteria on Tier I permits.
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
Support	11	0	See #103
BOG	105	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system	
Support	7		2 abstention votes. Work to make this more fair.
BOG	106	Provide for changes in hunt type (Tier I and Tier II) to occur during the regulatory cycle	
Support	9	0	This proposal seeks to provide for changes in hunt type for Tier I and II during the regulatory cycle. The subcommittee supports this proposal because ADF&G should have this ability and unless there is a biological emergency, changes should not be allowed to be applied for.
BOG	107	Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents	
Oppose	0	9	This proposal seeks to establish a 10% allocation of drawing permits to nonresidents for several species. The subcommittee opposes this proposal because no one supports this allocation of drawing permits and the AC has

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			reviewed similar proposals many times.
BOG	108	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska Statute	
Oppose	1	8	In support, some members do not believe in mandatory guide required species at all and in opposition, some members felt that the system works fine for these specific areas. Also, nonresidents can apply, in the case of moose, for Units 21, 23, 24 for non-guided permits.
BOG	109	Add Units 7, 15, and 14C to the Seward Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
TNA			Not the Fairbanks AC area.
BOG	110	Add Units 13 and 16 to the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's jurisdiction for authorizing antlerless moose hunts	
Oppose	3	5	1 abstain vote. There are concerns that the basis for these additions could be used to justify the ability to vote in many other antlerless areas too and sets a bad precedent.
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
TNA			
BOG	112	Divide Unit 2 into two subunits	
TNA			
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
TNA			
BOG	114	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench	
TNA			
BOG	115	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C	
TNA			
BOG	116	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 7 and 14C	
TNA			
BOG	117	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C	
TNA			
BOG	118	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C	
TNA			
BOG	119	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13	
TNA			
BOG	120	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 14A and 14B	
TNA			

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BOG	121		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B
TNA			
BOG	122		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
TNA			
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
Support	9	0	
BOG	124		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
Support	9	0	
BOG	125		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D
Support	9	0	
BOG	126		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18
TNA			
BOG	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23
TNA			
BOG	128		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
TNA			
BOG	129		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
TNA			
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
Support	9	0	
BOG	131		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
TNA			
BOG	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
TNA			housekeeping
BOG	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants
			housekeeping
BOG	134		Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C
TNA			No declared interest from FAC.
BOG	135		Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in the Remainder of Unit 22
Support			
BOG	136		Establish winter draw and registration hunts for moose in Unit 16B
TNA			
BOG	137		Modify the Intensive Management population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 20A
Amend	9	0	We support this proposal with the following amendment: that the moose

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			population objective should be 10,000 to 15,000 and the harvest objective should be 500-900 moose.
BOG Oppose	138		Change nonresident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permit hunts
	0	9	This proposal seeks to put all non-resident sheep harvest to drawing permit and would allocate up to 40% to non-residents. The opposition comments included that there is no biological issue when there is a full curl harvest strategy, even when there are potential issues with declining sheep populations. There was also discussion on whether or not overcrowding is real or perceived and how do we know or quantify that. The Kavalok report showed that there are more resident sheep hunters statewide than non-residents so that further restrictions of non-residents would be expected to have little impact on overcrowding. It was also mentioned that going to draw permits is detrimental to guides and state revenues.

Minutes Recorded By:

Glen Holt, Secretary; Mike Tinker, Game Subcommittee; Valerie Baxter, Vice Chair and Game Subcommittee Chair

Minutes Approved By: __Fairbanks AC_____

Date: _01/13/16 and 02/10/16_____

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December, 15, 2015
Islands & Oceans Visitor Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Phillip Jones, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates.
Members Absent: Joey Alred, Gary Sinnhuber, Hannah Heimbuch, Nancy Hilstrand.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Beaver Nelson
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Salinger, Jason Herreman, Carmen Field.
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
Doug Malone gave a review of the Sheep Working Group Meeting he attended where he represented the Homer AC. He said that 38 members of the public were in attendance as well as 3 BOG members. About \$200,000 has been spent on this working group. A facilitator went through the list of issues. Doug said the issue that surfaced as most important was hunter dissatisfaction, particularly competition between resident hunters and guides. About 70% of the guides are Alaskan residents. They charge \$15-29K for a guided hunt. But some of the nonresident hunters use next of kin for their guides. The next meeting is Jan 3-4. It is hoped a proposal will be available with time for public review before the BOG meeting.

The authors of Proposal 38 and 39 want to address the next Homer AC meeting.

Dave Lyon attended the Joint Board Meeting in Anchorage. He expressed the view, as did other AC's, that AC's are being underutilized. He didn't feel that much was accomplished.

Ty Gates read a letter from a friend who has a remote cabin on Kachemak Bay who has observed a substantial decrease in the local black bear population and thinks that hunting bag limits exceed what is sustainable. There was some discussion about managing for overall population as opposed to smaller areas that might experience too much pressure.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	2		Modify the definition of ATV
	0	12	The AC feels that this is a formula approach that will not work nor is it enforceable. Consideration should be given to modest increase in ATV weight limits since they have become larger and heavier.
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
	0	10, A-2	
BOG	6		Modify the definition of a moose antler
	8	3, A-1	The AC thinks there needs to be better clarification as to what amount to a spike and fork.
BOG	8		Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts
	0	12	
BOG	9		Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology
	10	0, A-2	
BOG	12		Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game
	11	A-1	This is a better proposal than #10.
BOG	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
	8	A-4	Crossbows should be included in hunter education courses.
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
	12		The AC wants to send a message that the BOG needs to change its approach to considering board generated proposals that haven't had proper public vetting. The first vote was 11 for with 1 abstain and then changed to 12 for based on reconsideration. There was some discussion about item #4 in the proposal.
BOG	20		Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife
	9	1,2	It was felt that this clarification seemed to be more of a legal issue that needs to be worked out by ADF&G and Law.
BOG	54		Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species
	0	12	While this proposal may be well intended, the AC doesn't support it. It gives too much leniency to those who either don't follow or don't bother to read and understand the rules. It would also set a bad precedent of creating ambiguous criteria that would not only be confusing but invite those who tend to look for loopholes.

Adjournment: 8:15

Next meeting will be the second Tuesday of Jan at the NERRS building starting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz _____

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon _____

Date: Dec 21, 2015 _____

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 12, 2016
NERRS Building

Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Tom Young, vice chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair), Joey Alfred, Phillip Jones, Hannah Heimbuch, Nancy Hilstrand.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman

Guests Present: Wes Humbyrd

Old Business: Doug said that further discussion on sheep proposals will be delayed until the next AC meeting.

New Business: Elections

Those whose term expired include Ty Gates, Hannah Heimbuch (alternate), Nancy Hillstrand, Phillip Jones, Dave Lyon, and Dennis Wade. All except Nancy Hillstrand were interested in being reelected. Nancy wasn't at the meeting but informed AC members she wasn't interested in being reelected. Wes Humbyrd, who was present, expressed interest in her position and was nominated. All were elected unanimously with Hannah serving as the alternate. Wes immediately sat in as an AC member.

Election of officers; Dave, Tom, and George were all interested in continuing in their positions, which was unanimously accepted by the committee.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG Oppose	55 1	11,0	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
BOG Support	56 11	0,1	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged This is consistent with other regulations.
BOG Oppose	57 2	9,1	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Allowing the sale of bear hides or skulls is incentive to hunt for money rather than sport or subsistence. Allowing commercial hunting is the antithesis of conservation and has often been attributed in the past to depleted game populations.
BOG Oppose	59 0	8,4	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations Hard to define what would be an intentional violation.
BOG Support	60 12	0,0	Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait Amended to delete sentence in second paragraph "In Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used for bait." Amendment passed 12, 0. Northern pike is an invasive species in Units 7 and 15 and should be included in the intent of this proposal.
BOG Support	62 11	1,0	Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations The vote against was because of opposition to bear baiting under any circumstances.
BOG Support	63 12	0,0	Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required Need this clarification.
BOG Oppose	65 4	7,1	Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
BOG Oppose	66 2	9,1	Allow the use of felt soles Felt soles are prohibited for fishing which needs to also apply to hunting. It is unreasonable to think boots used for hunting won't be used fishing.
BOG Support	68 10	0,2	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices
BOG Oppose	69 0	12,0	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog Too broad. Would not allow use of dogs by bird hunters.
BOG Oppose	70 0	11,1	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting Too ambiguous and question enforceability.
BOG Support	71 12	0,0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Amendment; This regulation would not apply when the intent is to recover wounded game. When the hunter is attempting to recover wounded game an

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			effort must be made, if possible, to notify proper authorities of the situation. Amendment passed 12,0.
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Oppose	0	9,3	Not necessary with today's weapons.
BOG	90		Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
			Tabled
BOG	111		Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15
Support	12	0,0	Agree that because of logistics, Kalgin Island should be in 15.
BOG	118		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
Support	11	0,1	The Homer AC has consistently supported an antlerless moose hunt. The one abstention was because the person didn't think that current conditions justifies a cow hunt.
BOG	121		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B
Support	12	0,0	High population needs to be trimmed to protect habitat.

Adjournment: 9:00

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Tom Young

Date: 1-22-16

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 9, 2016
NERRS Building

Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Joey Alred, Phillip Jones, Hannah Heimbuch, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Tom Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Ty Gates, Wes Humbyrd

Members Absent: Tom Young (vice chair)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Thomas McDonough

Guests Present: Dwayne Nustvold

Old Business: Doug Malone has been representing the Homer AC at the Sheep Working Group meetings. He pointed out the difficulty there has been, especially at the last meeting, to reach consensus among the 38 stakeholders. It looks like there won't be a proposal from this group in time for the next BOG meeting where they are expected to address a number of existing proposals. The Homer AC has deferred taking a position on any of these proposals until there was a consensus. But since that won't happen we decided to address these proposals at this meeting.

New Business:

Intensive Management -Thomas McDonough, ADF&G research biologist who has been studying moose in 15A & C for the past three years, gave us a review of his data. Thomas mentioned that the motivation for doing these studies was the Intensive Management decision by the BOG a couple of years ago for these two units. It was decided at the time not to proceed with any Intensive Management action in 15C until there is further study, but the BOG may revisit this issue at its next meeting in March.

Thomas outlined the differences between 15A and C. A is plagued with declining habitat capacity due to no major burns for decades, hence declining moose populations. On the other hand, C has a relatively stable moose population that is both healthy in terms of twinning rates, body fat, etc. and seems to be within their carrying capacity. The moose population in C is about at the BOG population objective. The harvest objective has also been near the BOG objective until three years ago when the spike-fork hunt was discontinued in order to improve an unhealthy bull:cow. The ratio has measurably improved since then and there is a now less restrictive hunt with higher harvest levels. Nevertheless, because the harvest level the past three years has been below BOG objectives, the BOG may want to consider initiating a wolf control program for 15C next winter.

This raised a lot of questions from the AC. If the current situation (healthy population that is within its carrying capacity and improving bull:cow), would a wolf control mandate be fixing something that



wasn't broken? Also, since it was a change in regulation for legal bulls that resulted in a lower harvest, how does that relate to wolf control? Concern was stated that a short term increase in population due to wolf control might be detrimental to the habitat (over browsing) which could result in the long term in less carrying capacity. Perhaps the harvest objective needs to change to match hunting regulations. The AC questioned why the BOG would reconsider and decide on this issue without any public review, particularly from the AC's. The Homer AC, as well as many others, have stated that significant decisions like this that can affect local hunting opportunity need to be preceded by local input.

Sheep Proposals

While the Homer AC has a fairly coherent position on all the sheep proposals submitted this year, we felt our position was fragmented by expressing it only in the BOG format. Consequently, Doug Malone who represented the Homer AC at the Sheep Working Group meetings was asked to provide a separate summary, which follows.

HOMER AC GENERAL CONSENSUS REGARDING SHEEP PROPOSALS

The following summarizes the Homer AC sentiment regarding the 2016 slate of sheep proposals (21-49, 138).

We support a high level resident priority in light of the ongoing population decline and social issues. This is well-supported by pg. 7 in the regulation book and its parent, AS 16.05.256, as well as Article 8 Sections 1-3 of Alaska's Constitution (note: "people" in Alaska's Constitution are implied to be residents of Alaska). With a continued, documented nonresident harvest of 40-65% of our rams, and continued unlimited nonresident opportunity, the resident hunters of Alaska feel disenfranchised and our statutory rights ignored by the Board and its manager ADFG. We urge the Board to take action on this issue and align with the other 15 sheep-bearing states to codify a 10% nonresident harvest cap on Dall's sheep. Proposal 39 is the logical first step in this direction, in our opinion. This will keep more sheep "on the mountain" and help build the population, while reducing user conflicts in the field.

The Homer AC supports and participates in the public process. We are therefore vehemently opposed to Board generated proposal #48 and the new law spawned from 2015 prop 207. Our sentiment is that the Board overstepped its own ACR policy in bringing 207 and 208 (48) in 2015, and is flabbergasted that they would pass such a measure against overwhelming public comment (even on such short notice), the advice of DOL, and comment from AST, to specifically target residents. We support proposals 21-26 repealing the new language from 5 AAC 92.085 and suggest instead addressing bad apple aircraft issues under the existing hunter harassment law or perhaps instituting a pilot education/ orientation requirement such as exists for GMU 23 and for statewide bear baiting. The Homer AC opposes proposal #48 and feels that a nonresident harvest guideline (60-80 rams=10%) and resultant reduced pressure would alleviate the social issues identified therein.

With all these sheep concerns on the table, we feel that adding additional hunts (youth, archery, "mulligan") is inadvisable at this time.

Doug Malone

Next Meeting March 8 at 6:00 PM at NERRS Bldg.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action A-abstain	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Support	13	1	The Homer AC agrees with the reasons given for this proposal, which is that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers have testified that it is not enforceable, it favors guides over resident hunters, does not address the crowding issue that most consider the main issue, was not supported by public or AC comment, and was a BOG generated proposal. The Homer AC believes that board generated proposals



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			undermine the purpose of AC's. 1 abstain.
BOG	29		Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep
Support	14	0	The AC supports clarification of definitions to assure that they are easy to understand and verify. The BOG might also consider an easier definition than that provided by recently amended ADFG proposal (lamb tip missing): "Broomed= 1" width within ½" of broken tip." 1 abstain
BOG	30		Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years
Support	14	0	An amendment to change the proposal from once every four years to once in a lifetime failed S-4, O-9, A-2. 1 abstain.
BOG	31		Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years
Oppose	0	15	See position on 30
BOG	32		Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts
Oppose	0	14	
BOG	33		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season
Oppose	0	15	See our summary.
BOG	34		Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means
Oppose	0	15	See our summary.
BOG	35		Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names
Oppose	0	14	This is an unworkable idea that could split up a party or limit someone to a time slot that doesn't work for them. 1 abstain.
BOG	36		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	37		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	38		Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons
Support	10	4	Preference for residents 1 abstain.
BOG	39		Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide
Support as Amended	15	0	What the Homer AC likes about this proposal is that it acknowledges that the first step in improving matters is gaining a comprehensive knowledge of sheep populations. Statewide harvest guidelines need to be the building block for all other regulations. Amendment to "Initiate nonresident harvest guidelines of not greater than 25% over the past three years" passed; S-13, O-0, A-2. Another amendment to delete the date in paragraph 2 passed; S-15, O-0, A-0. In review, we realize our amendment for guidelines not greater than 25% is inconsistent with our other positions favoring 10%. See our summary above for clarification.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action A-abstain	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Support as Amended	15	0	Amendment so that the Title paragraph reads "Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation to not more than 10% of the permits." This passed; S-15, O-0, A-0
BOG	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
No action			See our response on Proposal 41.
BOG	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
No action			See our response on Proposal 41.
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1-9
Oppose	1	12	Too broad of a proposal. Should not apply on a statewide basis 2 abstain.
BOG	47		Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1-5
Oppose	0	14	This creates a loophole that takes permits away under conditions where there is much more demand than supply. 1 abstain.
BOG	48		Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide
Oppose	0	15	The main reason the Homer AC opposes this is because it is a board generated proposal which in principal we are against.
BOG	49		Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas
Support	7	4	4 abstain.
BOG	53		Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit
Oppose	0	15	This proposal is not consistent with hunter ethics and encourages irresponsible hunting practices.
BOG	138		Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep.
Oppose	7	7	There was uncertainty as to how this proposal fit in with all the other sheep proposals. But the discussion general favored a nonresident draw. 1 abstain.

Adjournment: 8:45

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair
 Date: Feb, 14, 2016

**Juneau-Douglas AC
14 December 2015
University of Alaska Southeast**

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Ed Buyarski
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Mike Bethers, Chris Miller, Henry Webb, Atlin Daugherty, Kevin Maier, Richard Yamada, Jesse Ross, Kristine Trott, Ed Buyarski, Terry White, Thatcher Brouwer (via teleconference)
Members Absent: Jason Kolhase
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: amended, to include 79, 80, 27, 99, 101-102
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From N/A
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frances Leach (BDS), Jessalynn Rintala (BDS) Tom Schumaker (wildlife), Ryan Scott (wildlife)
- VI. Guests Present: Patricia Wherry, Michelle Anderson, Linda Shaw, Pat O'Brien, Pauline N. Srong, Logan Balstad, Jesse Walker, Shawn Williams
- VII. Elections: Chris Miller, Ed Buyarski, Richard Yamada and Jesse Ross were all re-elected to fill their seats until 2018. Logan Balstad was elected to the Sportfish/Hunting/Personal use seat until 2016. Nicholas Orr was voted in to the alternate seat until 2016. Jesse Walker was voted in to fill the Sportfish/Hunting/Personal use seat until 2017.
- VIII. Election of Officers: Ed Buyarski was voted in as chair. Atlin Daugherty was voted in as Vice-Chair. Kevin Maier was voted in as secretary.
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business: Discussion of budget issues. Frances will send follow-up e-mail.
- XI. Adjourn: 9:05 PM



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Support	11	3 abstentions	DISCUSSION: Henry Webb asks about the purpose of bow-only season. Richard Yamada asks: differences between crossbow and compound bow. Ed B describes that crossbows are easier to shoot. Mike Bethers adds that crossbows are often rigged with scopes. ADFG notes that there are ways to get medical exceptions to the restriction, unclear if ADFG will have a position.
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	14	0	DISCUSSION: ADFG supports this proposal. Logan Balstad asks about laser range finders built into the crossbow scopes. Kristine points out that this is a slippery slope.
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows ADFG will likely be neutral on this proposal. Ed B notes that there may be some expense to the state, in terms of additional instructor certification. 14 voted in favor.	
Support	14	0	
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
			No Action
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	14	Chris Miller: notes that the language "avoid" isn't as strict as "prohibited"
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	14	Atlin notes that: Sheep are coveted in the state, as a way to diminish pressure, proposal 207 disallowed using aircraft to spot animals. Atlin: speaks against the proposal, noting that villages near sheep spots preferred to retain the regulation, that it is enforceable.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
			No Action based on 22 & 23
BOG	27	Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram	
Support	13	1 abstention	Atlin speaks to the proposal. Discussion about the biological impact.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	



Oppose	4	9 opposed (1 abstention)	Public comment: Michelle Anderson speaks against the proposal; Patricia O'Brien suggests it is targeted at Juneau, as IDs not required anywhere except for Juneau. Henry: Crab fishermen are required to tag all pots and report missing ones Kristine : note that this is a reasonable proposal.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	1	12 (1 abstention)	Michelle Anderson and Pat O'Brien (proposal authors): speak in favor of the proposal; note they are open to amendments. Atlin: speaks against the proposal, notes that 24-hour check-in is unrealistic. Jesse: notes that enforcement will be difficult, also creates unsafe conditions for trappers to check trap lines. General practice is to check a trap once a week. Notes, also, that wanton waste laws already speak to waste. Pat O'Brien: Gustavus requires traps to be checked every 72 hours. Jesse: notes that this might make sense on a road system, but not if trappers use skiffs. Atlin: expensive for trappers to check traps more frequently. Shawn (of the public) notes that if you have a regular day job, check-times less than a week will mean that sport trappers won't be able to participate.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose		13 (1 abstention)	Pat O'Brien (proposal co-author) speaks in favor of the proposal. Notes that hikers with dogs and pets are afraid to hike. Suggests it will impact 27 Alaskan communities (with a population of 1000 or more). Kristine : speaks in favor of the proposal, noting that trappers shouldn't be using trails. Logan: speaks in favor of community-oriented decisions, rather than statewide. Terry: Notes that 50 yards off the trail is reasonable and people and pets don't need to be 50 yards off the trail. Jesse (trapper) notes: that Juneau has restrictive trapping regulations already, speaks in favor of trapping education.
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
Oppose	1	13	Ed: gives general overview of point-system. ADFG Reps: Ryan Scott and Tom Schumaker suggest ADFG will be neutral, but note that there isn't \$ to implement a system.
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
			N/A based on action taken in 96
BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
Support	13	1 abstention	
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
Oppose	0	14	
BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
Oppose	0	13 (1 abstention)	
BOG	113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C	
Support	14	0	ADFG reps speak in favor of the proposal.
BOG	114	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench	
Support	14	0	

Adjournment: 9:05

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Maier
Minutes Approved By: JDAC Committee (Signed Ed Buyarski)
Date: January 25, 2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 1/5/2016
 CIAA Building in Soldotna, AK

- I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 7pm
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Chair, Mike Crawford-Sport Fish Guide; Michelle Williams-Hunting; Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set; Paul Shadura-Comm Fish; Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt; Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt; Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide; Dick Dykema-Trapping; Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift; Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence; Secretary, Will Lee-Personal Use
 Members Absent Excused: Vice Chair Bob Ermold-At Large; Pegge Erkeneff-At Large;
 Michael Hamrick- At Large
 Members Absent: Hans Nordstrom-Alternate; Joe Thomas-At Large; Joe Cizek-Alternate
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
 List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present: 9
- VII. Old Business: Discussion about terms for the AC and board members term expiring early.
- VIII. New Business:
 Discussion about setnet erosion issues statewide – but no need for the board to look into this as it does not directly affect the Kenai area

 Board start with sheep hunting proposals starting with Proposal 21. After some discussion it was then brought to table Sheep Proposals till a later date so we could discuss these in more depth.

 Joint Boards discussion about the board cycle – comment in favor for or against 5-year cycle for board of fish. Conversation tabled till next meeting.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1		Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles
Oppose	0	10	This was a unanimous vote to oppose Proposal 1, as this would create more issues with the use of airboats and hovercraft that could potentially harm more habitat



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Oppose	0	10	Board did not like the no limit, but some did like the idea of increasing the weight limits with in some kind of factory standards, but would still like to preserver habitat and not create more land scaring issues
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
No Action			Moved to Table Proposal 3.
BOG	8	Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts	
Support	9	1	Board in favor for efficiency, but one member against due to Pope&Young rules
BOG	9	Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology	
Support	10	0	Board supports unanimously in favor for newer technology
BOG	10	Modify the requirements for crossbow	
No Action			Due to Support for Proposal 12
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	3	7	Majority felt this was an unfair advantage and did not fit the purpose for weapons restricted hunts
BOG	12	Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game	
Support	10	0	Board agreed with the modernizing of definition to support newer technology
BOG	111	Move Kalgin Island from Unit 16 to Unit 15	
Support	10	0	Unanimous vote as Kalgan island is very close and utilized by people from our area
BOG	118	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C	
Support	10	0	Board is concerned about moose numbers in the Unit & sub-unit 15C and would like to see the BOG proceed with caution
BOG	121	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B	
Support	10	0	Unanimous vote as the moose to Sq/mi is very high

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20PM

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Committee Vote
 Date: 01/11/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 1-11-2016
 CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

- I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:30
- II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Present	Excused Absent	Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	x		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		x	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set	x		
Dick Dykema-Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	x		
Hans Nordstrom-Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	x		
Joe Cizek-Alternate			x
Joe Thomas-At Large	x		
Michael Hamrick- At Large		x	
Michelle Williams-Hunting		x	
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	x		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		x	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	x		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
 Discussion about Proposal 138 from public comment. Board has decided to wait on sheep proposals till something comes from the sheep working group.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/05/16
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present:3
- VII. Old Business:
 Term Limits – Mike spoke to Glenn Height, has not returned comment to Mike. Was going to look into it further. Discussion on meeting from 11/19/14 on support of term limits with new documentation on current board members and term expiration.

 Also discussion on Alternate seats for Commercial Fish and Sport Fish Alternates pertaining to total board member numbers, though this has not been a problem historically.
- VIII. New Business:
 Dyer distributed booklet about commercial fishery economic analysis in the state. Continued talk about commercial fishing industry and expenditures by the state, going forward to look at taxation of the commercial fishing industry.

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Break @ 8:07

Back @ 8:16

Open discussion about the BOF cycle moving to a different yearly meeting cycle. Due to state budget concerns.

Options to change from current status Quo on the BOF Cycle.
Option 1 – 0 support
Option 2 (4-year Cycle) – 6 members for
Pros – More biological data, Financial savings, Closes to Status Quo
Cons – Terms of BOF and AC Members to match cycles
Option 3 – 0 Support
Option 4 (5-year Cycle) – 4 Members
Pros - Maximum Financial, less redundancy, More Data, more science accountable to salmon cycles.

Concern: Petitions and ACRs for Emergency actions between meetings, possibility of having too long of a period on a bad decision, the ability of the governor to change a board in 1-term

Discussion about vetting process on proposals using the AC as a public forum to sort through proposals before they make it to the board. This would help limit the number of redundant proposals and proposals that are time wasting.

RC 006 Brought to the table – Talk about board generated proposal the change that needs to happen within the BOF. Table RC 006 Move to Proposal 19

Board unanimously decided that we would like to submit a PC to BOF statewide on RC 006.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	4		Amend the definition of bag limit
Support	8	0	2 abstain. Agree with the point, but the definition needs clarification and are not against the proposal but would like a more clear definition.
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Oppose	1	6	3 abstained votes; not enough knowledge, all game birds not equal. 1 in support for less want & waste. Opposed, proposal for taking all edible meat for all birds

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			is excessive.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, this is more of a local issue than statewide
BOG	7	Clarify the definition of antler point	
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, definition is standard for all scoring and is pretty standard
BOG	13	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older	
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	14	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	15	Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows	
Oppose	0	9	1 abstain, general hunts allow any weapon
BOG	16	Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows	
No Action			
BOG	17	Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements	
Support	9	0	1 abstain. Allow general hunts to follow rifle hunts with education needs.
BOG	18	Prohibit the use of slingbows	
Support	10	0	Unanimous, not a measurable lethal weapon
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
Support as Amended	10	0	Substitute language on proposal 19 with language from RC 006. Unanimously Supported as amended with substituted language.
BOG	88	Add sugar gliders to the clean list of animals legally recognized as pets	
oppose	4	5	1 abstain, invasive species
BOG	89	Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit	
No Action			

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10pm

 Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
 Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai Advisory Committee
Date – 01/21/2016
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Mike Crawford @ 6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	X		
Bob Ermold, Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set	X		
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X arrived @ 7:10		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt			X
Joe Thomas-At Large	X		
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee Secretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Public Comment – Sheep & Goat

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes from 04/08/2015 approved as amended unanimously

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present: 11

VII. Old Business:

Review of Meeting Minutes – Monte Roberts & Christine Brandt from 04/08/2015 – the elections terms are corrected for the meeting minutes for the following seats:
Amendments to the election terms from the 04/08/2015 meeting. Term dates are as follows:

CF – Christine Brandt – 6/18

SF Guide – Mike Crawford – 6/18

Subsistence – Andrew Carmichael – 6/18

At Large - Mike Hamrick – 6/18

At Large - Joe Thomas – 6/17

Personal Use - Will Lee – 6/16

CF Alternate - Todd Smith – 6/16

SF Guide Alternate – Jerry Strieby – 6/16

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Hunting - Michelle Williams – 6/18

Approval of meeting 04/08/2015 minute amendments – Motion: Christie Brandt Second: Joe Thomas

Meeting Minutes for 04/08/2015 approved as amended unanimously on

Motion to approve our election procedures and requirements – Paul Shadura/Monte Roberts

Unanimous consent for Chair Mike Crawford to sign and submit our Election Procedures & Composition requirements.

Discussion and importance for the need of alternate seats and how to keep the diversity of our Advisory committee balanced. Especially directly related to BOF and the fishing industry.

VIII. New Business: BOG proposals

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	1	8	Troopers spoke about the importance of enforcing this and how important this can expedite checking. Also important with Caribou and either sex hunts.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
Oppose	0	9	Rule would kill family style hunts and restrict resident hunt.
BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Support as Amended	6	2	Jesse Bjorkman spoke about safety in salvaging animal; Motion to make an Amendment, changing the wording to include lawful (<i>A person who has wounded game shall make every reasonable and lawful effort to retrieve and salvage that game</i>). 2 oppose the amendment (Paul and Dick) Reasonable is still a loophole and open to interpretation. Adding lawful will help enforcement. 7 for the amendment 2 against. 1 abstention as amended
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
oppose	1	7	Jesse Bjorkman comment on how this proposal affects ethical vs unethical hunters. 1 abstained vote: doesn't want to make it statewide, but would like to keep it local.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
oppose	1	8	Against, would like to have more bears shot.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Support	9	0	
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
support	6	3	Opens the door to market of brown bear
BOG	58	Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations	

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOG	59	Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations	
Oppose	0	7	2 abstentions – not comfortable with proposal
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
Oppose	0	9	Do not want to bring this back
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
Oppose	1	8	Opposed, due to support for Alaska Native
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Oppose	0	9	Unfair advantage unanimous consent
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	9	
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	9	unenforcable
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
Oppose	0	9	No need for this regulation
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Support	8	0	1 abstention
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	9	Unrealistic in Alaska
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
Oppose	0	9	7 Guests here to discuss proposal 90. Tammy Briggs spoke about the total removal of Domestic Sheep and Goats off the clean list – JoAnn Daniels Spoke about the over reach of government in permitting. Diane Taplin spoke about Agenda 21; Kerry Buttler, will hurt 4H and Transportation between states will become more difficult if they are removed off the clean list. AC – To costly to police, is in the right direction but too restrictive, the idea of protecting wild sheep from domestic disease is important and should be closely monitored, but followed with best practice. State of Alaska is rugged and most domestic animals are not free ranged due to predation.

Next meeting Monday, January 25, 2016.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 01/25/2016
 CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:35

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence		X	
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large	X		X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Robert Begich here to talk about BOF Proposal

Also spoke about King forecasts for 2016. Early run King Salmon forecast is looking low, but they are hopefully trending back upward.

King counts for last fall was approximately 22,600.

King count determination for sonar days determinations. 3day of less than 1% of the season total or August 20th. Last year the total king count ran till August 20th to reach the approximate number of 22,600 kings. This is a total of 51 days of calmative counts.

Big Fish goal vs total King Salmon goal: analysis is being looked at. Hopefully out for public comment for 2017.

Management would be targeted for large fish, **with a target of 34" fish.**

Nothing New, this has been used in the SE and other areas.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: did not happen

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VI. Guests Present: 5

VII. Old Business: None

VIII.

New Business: Gary Fandrei from CIAA came to talk about BOF Proposal 203

Started on Board of Fish State Wide Proposals, ended at 8:40pm

Recess

Started on Board of Game State Wide Proposals at 8:50pm

[record minutes]

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BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
Support as amended	9	0	Brought Back to the Table as Amended, unanimous vote to bring back to table. Re-voted as amended. Amendment as previously written A person who has wounded game shall make every reasonable and <u>LAWFUL</u> effort to retrieve and salvage that game. Trooper Paul McConnell spoke about the intent of the proposal as written and discussed with the board about how adding Lawful would help clarify the intent of the proposal. The idea is to allow salvage by any legal means.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	7	1	1 abstained, one against due to rules not meeting the need as he felt this was an exception and would be an overlap in regulation. Trooper Paul McConnell spoke about this proposal as well. with the intent of the proposal to help troopers enforce hunters aided by airborne personnel. This would allow people assisted on the ground to also be charged not just the pilots or those that are airborne.
BOG	134	Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C	
Support as amended	8	1	Amendment – for two caribou but only one may be a bull voted on amendment 8 in support & 1 opposed for the amendment; Supported as amended, NOTE: prior to the amendment this proposal would have been opposed heavily by the board. Ted Spraker spoke about the Bull to Cow ratio and also about the history of the heard through the growth and demise of the overall heard numbers.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05pm, Next meeting not set, but will be in February 2016

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
 Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
 2/11/2016
 CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Crawford @6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	X @ 7:45pm		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large			X
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large			X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide			X
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large	X		
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee, Secretary-Personal Use	X		

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VII. Guests Present: 6

VIII. Old Business:

Kenai AC election process discussion: about term limits and number of total board members, plus the diversification of how the Kenai AC is comprised.

Conference call with Sherry Wright, so she can listen in on the AC to go over the election procedures.

Term Dates are still not resolved, AC is going to submit a letter of protest.

Need to provide a final draft of the election procedure for the Kenai AC to Sherry.

Break @ 8:15

IX. New Business:

Meeting reconvened @ 8:25pm

Robert Begich came to speak about king salmon projections: Forecast was sent out in email.

In river plan for both Kenai River and Kasilof Rivers

Kenai Early Run: escapement projection 5200

Start season with Fishery closed May 1st through June

July will continue to have fishing closed above the mouth of Slikok creek

Late run Projection is 30,0000

Kasilof River early season: Will restrict fishery by eliminating bait, hatchery fish and wild fish. Want to make sure they get enough fish for brood stock. 2 days of wild harvest by EO and hatchery will go back to allow 2. Will stay single hook no bait.

Kasilof juvenile king stocking has increased since 2014, approximately 150,000

Proposals – Trying to make regulations more simplified and make dates match more comprehensively.

Large fish goal – not enough time to get reports and information out till a future date. Analysis of new sonar data and report will should be done by Fall 2016.

Planning to return at next board meeting

Motion on Board of Fish Proposal 218

Member Pegge Erkeneff-At Large left meeting at 9:05pm

Motion on Board of Game Proposal 22

Statewide board of fish march 8th – 11th – Mike is going this meeting representing the AC
29th **Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish** - February 23rd – 29th – Paul is going to attend representing the AC

Statewide board of game March 18th – 28th - Andrew might be able to attend, will re-check at next meeting

Paul shares information about beluga whales in cook inlet and federal studies being done on beluga whales and possible restrictions that could be imposed.

Mike shares information about Meeting at 4:30 at Kenai Wildlife refuge about hunting on federal land.

Next Meeting on Thursday February 18th, 2016 at 6:30pm at CIAA

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	8	Long discussion about the merits of hunting sheep by spotting from airplane. Disruption to other hunters, harassing game animals by air, and ethics of this practice in correlation to fair chase. The current law has help level the playing field for the greater population without airplane access. The resident hunters that are affected by the current 207 proposals, are those who own airplanes which is in the minority population. The other group affected are non-resident hunters who are being guided, which this has had a great affect in non-resident harvest efficiency. We as a group oppose proposal 22.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
 Date: 2/18/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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 CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

III. Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence			X
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large			X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish		X	
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee, Secretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/11/2016; 01/21/2016; 01/25/2016; 02/11/16

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich & Pat Shields

VII. Guests Present: 2

VIII. Old Business:

Election Procedures – still on hold, Mike and Paul will get together to get the two existing documents together.

Two week notice to ratify the election procedure and then a vote to approve the new current election procedures. Sometime around March 15th.

Mike spoke about the Tuesday meeting in regards to Refuge hunting and the possibility of losing access to federal lands.

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IX. New Business:

Robert Begich & Pat Shields came and spoke about the in river king return. July 1st Run will be with bait to start the season. The management number of 22,500 is an in River Target in July. Bait is due to forecast projection above the mid-point

Sockeye is forecasted at 4.7 million for the Kenai out of the total Inlet forecast of 7.1 million. Management could become difficult if king run is weak and sockeye run is large again.

Management plan to open Commercial Sockeye in Kenai Section on July 11th is to front load the Kenai with Kings.

Heavy discussion about the Kasilof late run kings and the terminal fishery and how it has harmed the second run kings. Changing the terminal to a 600 foot restriction has had positive impact on sockeye with less king harvest.

Break 8:10

Meeting restart @ 8:20

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Support	5	2	No real chance to pass, freedom to choose caliber
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	3	4	Caribou are a smaller game animal and a minimum caliber of .243 is necessary
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
support	4	3	Freedom of choice to choose weapon of caliber
BOG	75	Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts	
Support	7	0	The blackpowder cartridge has to meet the muzzleloader requirements and the crossbow needs to meet the bow and arrow restrictions.
BOG	76	Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game	
No Action			
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
oppose	0	7	Reginal issue not a statewide issue
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	7	0	Clean up definition of underwater traps and snares

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	82	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag	
support	7	0	To relax the change of immediate need to place locking tag and sometimes it takes times to skin and animal
BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
opposes	0	7	
BOG	84	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits	
No Action			This AC did not understand the total ramifications of the proposal.
BOG	85	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou	
Support	7	0	As amended by the department in comments
BOG	86	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep	
No Action			
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
oppose	2	5	Board of game should not determine what is quality of an outdoor experience.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 09:50pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date: 3/4/2016

Kodiak Island Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 26, 2016
Kodiak Fish and Game Building

I. **Call to Order:** 1:00 pm by Chairman Paul Chervenak

II. **Roll Call / Members Present:**

Chairman Paul Chervenak (Big game Guide/Outfitter),
Vice Chair Julie Kavanaugh (Undesignated Concerned Citizen)
Oliver Holms (Small Boat crab/Herring & salmon Seiner),
Ron J. Kavanaugh (Small Boat, Crab/ Herring/ Salmon),
Nate Rose (Alternate-Salmon seiner),
Patrick O'Donnell (for Curt Waters-Trawl Seat),
Rolan Ruoss (Transporter),
Conrad Peterson (Old Harbor/Ahkiok subsistence)
Randy Swain for Andy Finke (Kodiak Subsistence)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8-achieved with 9

Members Absent:

Pete Hannah (Salmon Gill-Net South End),
Lou Dochtermann (Large Boat Crab) **Excused**
Kip Thomet (Salmon Gill-Net West Side) **Excused**
Tuck Bonney (Processor Seat)

III. **User Groups Present:** Subsistence, sport fishermen, commercial transporters, commercial trawl, crab, salmon fishermen, big game guides, sport hunters

IV. **Staff Present:**

ADFG: Nate Svoboda, John Crye
USFWS: Ann Marie Larosa, Bill Pyle, Bill Leacock
Public Safety: Alan Jones, John Striefel

Guests Present or Online:

Dick Rohrer	Coral Chernoff
Larry Van Deale	Michael Johnson
Bob Mohway	Don Fox
Sam Rohrer	Sherry Wright (ADF&G Board support)
Cody Foster	Melissa Berns (Old harbor/Akhiok)

Dale Hall (Soldotna)
Al Cratty (Old Harbor)

Susan Boskofsky (Port Lions)

- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously after request of Julie Kavanaugh to add proposal 93 and request of Roland Rouss to add BOG transporter subcommittee meeting notes to the agenda
- VI. **Old Business:** None
- VII. **New Business:** Chairman Chervenak clarified committee elections, seats and terms.

Nominations and Elections for Open Advisory Seats:

Mellissa Burns for **Concerned Citizen** ending 2019
Jason Bunch for **Alternate** ending 2017
Nate Rose for **Alternate** ending 2017
Skylar Anderson for **Ouzinkie Community** ending 2018
Pete Hannah for **Undesignated South End Set net** ending 2019
Susan Buskofsky for **Port Lions Community** ending 2018
Kevin Atkins as **Port Lions Community alternate**
Julie Kavanaugh for **Undesignated Concerned Citizen** ending 2017
Roland Rouss for **Undesignated Transporter/Sportfish Charter** ending 2019
Andy Finke for **Kodiak Subsistence** ending 2019
Ron Kavanaugh for **Small boat crab/herring/salmon** ending 2019

Nominations passed unanimously and newly elected members took their seats.

Committee Officers nominated

Paul Chervenak to remain Chairman
Julie Kavanaugh to remain as Vice Chair
Jason Bunch to become Secretary

Nominations passed unanimously and newly elected members took their seats.

Department Updates

KNWR: Provided information regarding current ongoing studies by KNWR to include Salmon Availability for Brown Bear, Invasive Weeds, Bird population abundance, current Murre die-off within Kodiak Archipelago, Mtn. Goat Survey results, Bear aerial surveys, bear mortality results, Bear feeding characteristics as they pertain to landscape and fisheries, berry study, effects on Kodiak of proposals regarding regulation changes, KRAA

decision regarding restoration of nutrients to Karluk Lake. Discussion regarding KNWR continued support to replace Kodiak’s Brown Bear Statue.

ADFG: Provided information regarding status of Kodiak Wildlife Populations to include Brown Bear, Deer, Elk, Goat, Caribou and Furbearers. Discussed possibility of future study on safer snaring methods, continued evaluation of Bear safety around town and status of bear collaring studies.

Proposal Review

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
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BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
OPPOSE	0	11	Unanimously opposed. Local Area biologists would like to see this regulation remain. Members feel this is a simplified and cost efficient method of proving sex when questioned. DNA analysis is costly with slow turn around. Members feel this requirement is a tool for Enforcement.
BOG	51	Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative	
NO ACTION	11	0	Unanimously decided to take no action. APHA Representative explained reasoning behind proposal with regard to small business guiding concerns associated with increased number of nonresident accompanied applicants vs. the non-resident allocation these businesses rely on. Members agreed this is a blanket proposal which all are generally not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Members discussed possibility of amending this proposal to include only sheep. It was also agreed an allocation for nonresidents hunting with a second degree of kindred like Kodiak has for Brown Bear would be a better solution. Other potential problems are residents taking more than one 2nd degree kindred at a time; perhaps we should limit residents to one person/party per year/time.



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BOG	52	Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game	
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Public Safety articulated reasoning. Members discussed concerns over terminology. Larry Van Deale explained history behind regulation. Julie Kavanaugh/Paul Chervenak suggest an amendment to proposal to read; A person who has wounded game shall make every LAWFUL effort OR USE OTHER MEANS AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT to retrieve and salvage that game. (The intention of amending this proposal is to provide additional tools to the department to aid in the recovery of animals)
BOG	53	Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit	
OPPOSE	0	11	Unanimously agreed to support ethical hunting regardless of ability to enforce. Members agreed this is a blanket proposal which all are generally not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Kodiak residents strongly support the current regulation regarding wounding loss counting as harvest for Bear and Elk within Unit 8. This regulation also supports Kodiak's Bear Management Program regarding Guided Hunting.
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members agreed there were good aspects of this proposal; not penalizing for honest mistakes. There were significant concerns with potential increased harvest and possible abuse that would aid one-time trophy hunters to harvest a sublegal animal with no repercussion.
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. In some areas Brown Bear resources are limited and there is a lot of desire. Other areas require a two bear bag limit due to biological concerns such as predator management. Members agreed with comments by Department.



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BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
PASS	11	0	Members acknowledge this is a blanket proposal, which may affect other areas of the state. They feel this is a "housekeeping" type proposal with the best interest of good stewardship and ethics. This proposal does not affect Kodiak, as they have no meat salvage requirement.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members feel this sets a bad precedent. It is hard to distinguish where a bear is harvested within the state, potentially creating a "Legal" Black Market. Members discussed concern of increased poaching for profit. Regional Advisory Counsel is opposed to this concept.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
PASS	11	0	Public Safety addressed the reasoning behind this proposal as "house keeping" to further identify prohibited devices due to new technology. Members discussed safety concerns and potential for wounding game without recovery. Mellissa Burns noted it could be a useful tool for recovery only.
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members generally agreed this is the ethical way to operate. They discussed examples of how air taxi operators could unintentionally get into trouble with this regulation during standard flight operations. Members would like to see how 207 impacts hunter/airplane conflicts before adding more restrictions.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers	
OPPOSE	0	11	General concern regarding safety and unintentional take especially along habited roads and highways.

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BOG	83	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag	
OPPOSE	0	11	Members unanimously agree with Department comments. They unanimously agreed the use of harvest tickets do not create an additional burden to hunters.
BOG	92	Modify the allocation provisions for nonresident falconry permits	
OPPOSE	0	11	Local Falconer Don Fox speaks on current regulations, permitting and use. He is in opposition. Dale Hall via conference call speaks on current regulations and is in opposition. He feels the newly defined permitting system only in use for a year is in its infancy and has room to grow within current regulations.
BOG	93	For nonresidents, allow the take of eyes raptors, increase the allocation for falconry permits, and lengthen the season	
SUPPORT AS AMMENDED	10	1	Group discussion continued from proposal 92 furthering education of members concerning Falconry practices, regulations and use. Don Fox recommended an amendment to the proposal. After properly hearing the Amendment, Group decided to vote on supporting proposal as amended to read: 5 AAC 92.037 under paragraph g.5, up to 10 permits for taking, transporting or possessing a raptor for Falconry by a non resident shall be issued annually by the department. Of these 10 permits, only 5 may be issued for the taking of the large Falcons (ie, Peregrine and Gyr falcons) Members felt this amendment would provide additional tools to the department over the next three years due to the somewhat increasing niche of Falconry in Alaska. Roland Rouss opposed both proposals. He believed these regulations are in their infancy and need to be in place for another BOG cycle at which time if there is a problem it can be addressed then.



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BOG	95	Include targeted permits with the list of those that the Failure To Report penalty can be applied to	
SUPPORT	11	0	The department provided history and definition of targeted permits for proposal. Members understand this is a housekeeping proposal for ADFG.
BOG	96	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE	0	11	Paul Chervenak provided general information regarding various point systems used by other states. Members are opposed to a preference style point system because it generally discriminates against new and youth hunters. Member of the audience provided insight from various state agencies regarding their prospective point systems-it is widely understood these states would like to remove the entire preference type drawing system.
BOG	97	Establish a point system for drawing hunts	
OPPOSE	0	11	Paul Chervenak provided general information regarding various point systems used by other states. Members are opposed to a preference style point system because it generally discriminates against new and youth hunters. Members of the audience provided insight from various state agencies regarding their prospective point systems-it is widely understood these states would like to remove the entire preference type drawing system.
BOG	98	Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits	
OPPOSE	0	11	The committee is against preference style drawing systems. See Comments on proposal 96 and 97. Members strongly support an idea based on a limited number of permits drawn by an individual per year. The committee is strongly opposed to a blanket 10 percent allocation to nonresidents statewide. See comments under proposal 101.

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BOG	99	To apply for a nonresident permit, a registered guide must provide an assigned verification code	
SUPPORT	11	0	The committee strongly supports the Guide Industry. They understand this will help solve the problem of permit application agencies and anti-hunting organizations flooding the draw process.
BOG	101	Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. Different areas within the state require different practices. For example, Kodiak requires a higher Mtn. Goat harvest-a ten percent allocation to non-residents would severely hamper the much needed harvest target.</p> <p>The committee strongly supports the current allocation for residents and non-resident drawing percentages.</p> <p>Bear Management on Kodiak has historically had an up to 40 percent nonresident allocation (since 1976), which is the baseline for historical baseline data. Changing the allocation would necessitate creation of an entire baseline data.</p> <p>Changing the percentage would radically increase sow harvest and impose a dramatic biological problem to Kodiak's Bear Management Program.</p> <p>Currently residents harvest sows at a rate of 35-50 percent of their total harvest. Guided non-residents harvest sows at a rate of 13-15 percent of their total harvest.</p> <p>Guided non-resident hunting on Kodiak is a multi-million dollar industry providing significant support to the Kodiak Island economy as well as ADF&G.</p>



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BOG	102	Modify provisions to require all nonresident drawing permits be awarded from the permits allocated to nonresidents	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members acknowledge this is a blanket proposal, which may affect other areas of the state. The committee supports the current allocation system for Kodiak.</p> <p>Second Degree of Kindred permit allocation is capped at 4 total permits and is 3-4 percent of the total RESIDENT permit allocation.</p> <p>Changing the percentage could increase sow harvest and impose a biological problem to Kodiak’s Bear Management Program.</p> <p>Contrary to the proposers opinion that it wouldn’t affect the guide industry...the committee believes it absolutely will.</p>
BOG	107	Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Members agreed this is a blanket proposal, which they are not in favor of due to the diversity of the state. See comments under proposal 101.</p>
BOG	133	Modify the hunting season for cormorants	
SUPPORT	7	1	<p>General discussion on current regulation and use. This proposal establishes a generally hunting season for cormorants in unit 8 (Kodiak).</p> <p>Minority-opinion was against allowing non-unit 8 state residents access to unit 8.</p> <p>The committee supported keeping a “no open season” for non-residents.</p>

Julie Kavanaugh made a motion to select Chairman Chervenak as the sole Minute Reviewer/Approver since the deadline for submittal is so close. Seconded by Jason Bunch. Approved unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn by Chairman Chervenak, Second by Jason Bunch. Approved Unanimously.

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Bunch
Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak
Date: 3/1/2016