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Work Session

Bethel, Alaska

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MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Game (board) convened the Work Session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2107 at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, in Bethel, Alaska. Six board members were present: Chairman Ted Spraker, Vice-chairman Nate Turner, Stosh Hoffman, Teresa Sager Albaugh, Dave Brown, and Karen Linnell. The seventh board seat was vacant.

The meeting was open to the public for listening only. Meeting materials and audio are available online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-05-2017&meeting=bethel . To listen to the reports and discussion, the audio log information is provided for each item.

Election of Officers

The board elected Ted Spraker to continue serving as Chairman and Nate Turner to continue as Vice Chairman.

Agency Reports and Updates

ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation – Bruce Dale, Director (*Audio log 0:15:25*)

ADF&G, Division of Subsistence – Lisa Olson, Deputy Director (*0:33:40*)

ADF&G, Boards Support Section – Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director (*0:36:21*)

Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Lieutenant Paul Fussey (*0:38:42*)

Department of Law – Chery Brooking, Assistant Attorney General (*1:00:40*)

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) – Greg Siekaniec, State Regional Director (*1:18:52*)

USF&WS, Office of Subsistence Management – Gene Peltola, Assistant Regional Director (*1:48:52*)

Bureau of Land Management – Steve Cohn, Deputy State Director for Resources (*2:09:14*)

License Fee Increase Update (2:41:18)

Director Bruce Dale provided an update on increased revenue resulting from passage of the hunting and fishing license fee increase bill, House Bill 137 and asked the board for input on the priority and types of programs it will help fund. Director Dale also informed the board HB 137 included an annual report requirement from ADF&G to the legislature providing information on allocation changes for residents and nonresidents, and nonresidents hunting with or without guides or relatives. (See record copies (RC) #3 and #4). The board scheduled the review of a draft report to the legislature under miscellaneous business for the Arctic/Western regional meeting.

Board Committee Assignments and Reports (3:24:23)

Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB): Member Dave Brown provided an update from the December 2017 BGCSB meeting which included topics of the budget; pending cases and probationary reports; report requirements for transporter and taxi operators; and survivorship for emergency transfers. Member Dave Brown agreed to continue serving as the board's representative on the BGCSB.

2017/2018 Meeting Dates & Location: (3:31:47)

The board set the meeting dates and location for the 2017/2018 meeting cycle.

Work Session: November 9, 2017, Anchorage

Statewide Regulations: November 10-17, 2017, Anchorage

Central/Southwest Region: February 16-23, 2017, Wasilla

Agenda Change Request (ACR) Policy (3:57:52)

The board and discussed with staff potential modifications to the policy, specifically the conservation criteria. ADF&G intends to submit a proposal for board consideration at the Statewide Regulations Meeting with language similar to the conservation criteria from the Joint Board Emergency Petition Policy, 5 AAC 96.625. Draft language will be provided to the board at an upcoming meeting for further discussion.

Update on Federal Subsistence Board Issues (4:19:09)

State/Federal Subsistence Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska.

ADF&G updated the board on the status and timeline for the MOU revision effort between the state and federal agencies. The board workbook (RC #1) includes the revised MOU which was shared with the state advisory committees (ACs) and federal regional advisory councils. RC #2 provided the board with a compilation of AC comments in response to this revision. ADF&G will keep the board informed of any updates and the board will discuss at an upcoming meeting if needed.

Federal Land Closures (4:40:55)

ADF&G recapped the information provided during the report earlier in the day by the Office of Subsistence Management concerning the timeline and process for the Federal Subsistence Board to address the special action requests to close hunting on federal lands to non-federally qualified participants.

2017/2018 Call for Proposals (4:49:49)

The board reviewed the draft Call for Proposals for the 2017/2018 meeting cycle (RC #1) which solicits proposals for statewide regulations and the Central/Southwest Region. Questions were raised about statewide regulations specific to Game Management Units (Units), and statewide regulations not listed on the Call for Proposals. The board did not take any action with regards to changing the Call for Proposals or the statewide regulations schedule.²

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

1. The board changed the location for this meeting to Dillingham, during the 2017 Interior/Northeast Arctic Region meeting.)

2. The Board added 95.008 and 92.061 to the Statewide Regulations schedule under miscellaneous business agenda at the end of the Arctic/Western regional meeting, on January 19, 2017.