

ALASKA WILDLIFE PLANNING PERFORMANCE

STATE: Alaska

GRANT AND SEGMENT NO. W-33-12

WORK LOCATION: Statewide (Region 3)

PROJECT NO. 20.0

PERIOD: 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

PROJECT TITLE: Alaska Wildlife Planning

Project Activities and Accomplishments

Region III

ACTIVITY 1: Identify, evaluate, and prioritize existing and emerging wildlife management issues throughout the region, and identify the planning and public involvement work needed to address the issues

Accomplishments:

- Worked with the USFWS to draft the final section 10j rule and Environmental Assessment to designate wood bison in interior and western Alaska as an NEP
- Began initial planning efforts for the release of wood bison in the Innoko/Lower Yukon region. Those efforts involved
 - helping the “bison team” create a realistic budget for the release;
 - helping to write a grant for release of wood bison;
 - working closely with AWCC to coordinate release efforts.
 - having teleconferences with Dr Alistair Bath to see whether he would be a good fit for our planning efforts
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ACTIVITY 2: Design and implement collaborative planning processes to address priority wildlife management issues and increase stakeholder involvement in wildlife policy decision-making.

Accomplishments:

- Did not design and implement any new planning processes during this reporting period because none were required

ACTIVITY 3: Coordinate collaborative planning efforts with advisory committees and federal and regional subsistence councils, and reports and presentations on planning projects will be made to the State Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated collaborative planning meeting among four state fish and game advisory committees to exchange information concerning antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20A

ACTIVITY 4: Implement and/or monitor implementation of plans that result from collaborative planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored implementation of 40mi Caribou Herd (FCH) Harvest Management Plan

ACTIVITY 5: Produce Power Point presentations, newsletters and other informational materials to inform members of the public and other agencies of wildlife planning activities and provide opportunities for public comment.

Accomplishments:

- Gave presentations to the Western and Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Councils on wood bison and Fortymile caribou.
- Gave presentations to Fairbanks Advisory Committee on wood bison.

Objective 4: Complete the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan update.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated Coalition teleconference to formulate a proposal for a targeted hunt to be presented to the Board of Game.
- Coordinated Coalition teleconference to discuss strategies to accommodate fall season harvest's being over quota.



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