

RC006

Lower Bristol Bay Fish and Game A.C.

Meeting Minutes

Pilot Point AK.

Teleconference, face to face

January 24, 2013

11:15 am.

Local user representatives for fish and game issues from the areas of Egegik, Pilot Point, Ugashik and Port Heiden

Roll call. Members present

Eddie Clark, Roland Briggs, Myra Olsen, Mark Kosbruk, Emil Christensen, Tim Enright, Mitch Seybert, Tracy Vrem, John Bragg, Kim Rice

Quorum established

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 11:15 am

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion made and second

Motion passed, all support

INTRODUCTION STAFF AND GUESTS

Susie Jenkins-Brito; Fish and Game Boards Support

Chuck McCallum; Lake & Peninsula Boroughs' Fishery Advisor

Scot Quest; Fish and Wildlife Trooper

Frank Woods; Bristol Bay Native Association

Victoria Briggs; Ugashik resident

Chris Peterson, Wildlife Conservation manager Fish & Game

Lem Butler, Wildlife conservation manager Fish and Game

BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS; GAME Proposals

PROPOSAL 52 CLOSE MOOSE TO NON-RESIDENTS IN UNIT 9 MOTION MADE, SECOND

Discussion: This is too drastic of a solution, other ways may be better. Suggested was not allowing the meat to leave area, which appear to address the subsistence issue, which we believe is at the root of this proposal.

Question call

FAIL 0-9

Proposal 53

No Action

Proposal 54 INCREASE THE BEAR SEASON

Discussion: Overall this idea was liked but did not want bear season to overlap with moose season, in the fall. Weather is much better in late May than early May which might be better with extending the season. It is thought to also assist during calving time. Taking more bears is good overall as it may help the caribou herd and give young ones a little more time before pressure builds.

Emil: amended Roland: Second

Bear season units 9 A,B,C &E

Oct 1 – Oct 21 (odd year)

May 10- May 31 (Even year)

Unit 9B Sept 20 – Oct 21 (Odd year)

May 10 – May 31 (Even year)

Passed as amended: 8-0

Proposal 55 eliminate village bear hunts

Motion made seconded

Discussion: it is working well. It needs some tweaking but agreement is not to get rid of it.

Motion Fail 0-9

Proposal 56 -Increase take in village bear hunt from 1 per yr to 2 per yr.

Motion made, seconded

Discussion:

Village bears are a problem and one of the main reasons it was suggested at the last cycle for this proposal was to get better reporting of the issue. When villagers are in the middle of the fishing and/or subsistence harvests they will not take the time to skin out a bear if it needs to be killed. Very few are interested in keeping teeth or claws or any other portion of the bear.

The hope was that having the option of cutting off the head and claws versus just having to skin the bear more would report the kills. Many villagers are not skilled skimmers on BEARS, leaving them of little value, in the haste of skinning these animals.

Emil: Amended Mitch: Seconded

Amendment: the Village hunter has a choice of saving the hide or cutting off the head and claws and turning them over to ADF&G.

Passed as Amended 9-0

Proposal 57 No Action

Proposal 58 Brown bear hunt in Katmai

Moved Seconded

Discussion:

It is fine the way it is

Fail 0-9

Proposal 59 No Action

Proposal 60 restrict wolf trapping and hunting on National Park land.

Moved, and Seconded

Discussion: wolf control works and some areas need more. We do not want to restrict wolf control. It has been working

Fail 0-9

Proposal 61 Northern Alaska Peninsula Management Plan

Moved and Seconded

Discussion: house keeping

Passed 9-0

Proposal 62 No Action

Proposal 63 No Action

Proposal 114 Open resident season before non residents

Moved, and Seconded

Discussion: no need for special hunt for residents as they have opportunity on federal land. There may also be constitutional issues.

Failed 0-9

Proposal 119 open coyote season year around

Moved, and Seconded

Discussion: coyote are not in decline but they can be confusion with wolfs. Hunters could be ticketed when there was no need.

Passed 9-0

Proposal 120 Close hunting season on coyotes on National Park Service Land.

Discussion: lots of coyotes

Failed 0-9

Proposal 121 To limit wolf season

Moved, and seconded

Discussion: this would limit wolf control to help the caribou.
Wolf control is needed to help the moose and caribou populations which are not strong.

Failed 0-9

Proposal 122 Brown Bear Tag fee

Moved and Seconded

Discussion: house keeping

Passed 9-0

Moved by Mitch seconded by Roland to send Mark Kosbruk to the Board of Game

Passed 9-0

It was recommend the Tracy Vrem also try and make the Board of Game to also represent the LBBAC

Adjourn at 6:10 pm Jan 24, 2013