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Testimony of Wayne Shafer Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road A.C..

Proposal 62. Reauthorize drawing permits for antler less moose in Unit 13.

Support 3-1. Support the management tool for use as needed.

Opposition does not believe in hunting cows.

Proposal 63. Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13.

Support 3-1. Opposition feels this more acceptable than 62, but still against cow hunts. Last winter was tough on the moose and this one does not look much better.

Proposal 64. Open a youth hunt for moose in Unit 13A.

Oppose 4-1. Another specialty hunt.

Proposal 65. Modify the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt in Units 11, 12 and 13.

No Action. This hunt is kind of a circus. Not sure how anyone can keep track of it.

Proposal 66. Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and other changes.

Oppose 4-0. This basically sets up a road hunt. Anyone that has hunted the Denali Road for caribou knows what a zoo road hunters create.

Proposal 67. Repeal the community subsistence hunt and establish a weighted subsistence drawing hunt.

Oppose 4-0. The weighted subsistence drawing hunt is too vague. We would like to know what we are voting for. Only Congress votes so they can see what it was they voted for.

Proposal 68. Increase the number of people per group that can apply for the Copper Basin community subsistence hunt.

No Action. Not really sure we need a community harvest. There are all kinds of opportunity. If the Board keeps the community hunt, it would be better to increase the number to be closer to a community.

Proposal 69. Increase the any bull quota for the Copper Basin community subsistence hunt.

Oppose 4-0. This not based on biological factors. 30 additional bulls could impact recruitment.

Proposal 70. Establish general harvest moose hunts for nonresidents in Unit 13.

Oppose 4-0. The drawing permit seems to be working. Changes need to be based on biological factors.

Proposal 71. Establish a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 13B; close the other Unit 13 subunits to nonresident hunting.

Oppose 4-0. This is another specialty hunt. Prefer to keep the drawing hunts the way they are now. This does not fix or gain anything.

Proposal 72. Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13.

Oppose 4-0. There is no need to repeal this restriction.

Proposal 73. Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13.

No Action. Same as 72.

Proposals 74, 75, 76 and 78. All of these have to do with taking brown bear over bait.

No Action. Based on our action on Proposal 77.

Proposal 77. Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting.

Support 4-0. The committee does not approve of targeting brown bear with bait stations, but it should be allowable to harvest the brown bear incidentally over bait. Registration of bait stations should be "bear" bait station and not specific to black or brown bear station.

Proposal 79. Exclude National Park Service lands from brown bear tag fee exemptions.

Oppose 4-0. The Park Service can do this if they so chose.

Proposal 80. Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13B.

No Action. Based on action on Proposal 81.

Proposal 81. Modify The moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13.

Support. 4-0. This helps the department accomplish guidelines to implement triggers for the predator control regulations.

Proposal 82. Modify the wolf population objective under intensive management for Unit 13.

No Action. Based on action on Proposal 83.

Proposal 83. Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13.

Support 4-0. We support having triggers for when to suspend the predator control management.

Proposal 84. Establish a predator control program for Units 11 and 12.

Oppose 3-1. The lands described in this proposal are Units 11 and 13. All of Suslositna creek is in Unit 13.

Proposal 85. Establish a predator control plan for Unit 11.

Support 4-0. This proposal is for Unit 11 attempts to increase the moose population. The checkerboard Ahtna lands would be problematic and access is an issue.

Proposal 86. Close an area near Denali National Park in Unit 13 to taking of wolves.

Oppose 4-0. This another buffer zone proposal and we do not think it is needed.

Proposal 87. Allow use of off-road vehicles for elderly and/or disabled to hunt caribou in state parks in Unit 13.

Oppose 4-0. Concerns of how a person is going to care for the harvested meat.

Proposal 88. Modify the hunting season date and bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 13.

Support 4-0. We support the local advisory committee's recommendation.

Proposal 89. Establish a muzzleloader and archery hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 13A.

Oppose 4-0. Once again, this is a special season for special interests. These can be utilized during the regular season.

Proposal 90. Modify the resident sheep hunt and bag limit for Unit 13D.

No Action. Also refers to Unit 14A which is not our area.

Proposal 91. Change the Dall sheep bag limit to full curl, convert the draw hunts to general hunts for Unit 13 and 14A.

No Action. Unit 14A is out of our area.

Proposal 92. Modify bag limit to full curl in Units 13D and 14A.

No Action. Unit 14A is out of our area.

Proposal 109. Open resident hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons, allocate 90 percent of the drawing permits to residents; remove guide requirements, and increase tag and permit fees for Central/Southwest Region Units.

No Action. BOG does not have authority to do much of these changes.

Proposal 110, 111, 112, 113 and 114. All of these would open sheep hunting season early for residents.

Oppose 4-0. These discriminate against nonresidents. We believe everyone should have equal opportunity.

Proposal 115. Limit sheep drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Regions.

Oppose 4-0. Everyone has a hard time getting a permit. If there really is a situation, maybe it should become a resident hunt only.

Proposal 116 and 117. Limit number of nonresident drawing permits.

Oppose 4-0. Same reasons as Proposal 115.

Proposal 118. Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree kindred hunters in Units 10, 13 and 14.

Oppose 4-0. The second degree of kindred is a statute not a regulation. This is discriminatory.

Proposal 119. Open coyote hunting year round in the Central/Southwest

Region Units.

Support 4-0. There are plenty of coyotes and the season is already open 2/3s of the year. Not many people will harvest a poor quality animal.

Proposal 120. Close the taking of coyotes on National Park Service land during summer months and reduce the bag limit in the Central/Southwest Region.

Oppose 4-0. This in direct opposition of Proposal 119. The Park Service has the ability to take action on Park Service lands.

Proposal 121. Prohibit the taking of wolves March through November in the Central/Southwest Region.

Oppose 4-0. This would eliminate two months of trapping season.

Proposal 122. Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.

Support 4-0. This has been in place for years.

Proposal 124. Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemption throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

Support 4-0. This has been in place for years.

Proposal 125. Create a youth hunt for Fortymile caribou.

Oppose 4-0. We oppose specialty hunts.

Proposal 126. Prohibit some pack animals from being used for big game hunting.

Support 4-0. It has already been demonstrated that domestic sheep and goats can spread disease among wild stock.