

RC4

Testimony of Wayne Shafer representing
Nabesna Road Tok Cut-Off A.C.

We held our meeting on Feb 10th at the Slana school. Heidi Hatcher a Fish and Game Staff member was present as well as Game Board Member Karen Linnell.

The only proposal we supported was proposal 2 which would eliminate the community subsistence hunts. Our group were all of the opinion that this hunt should be eliminated.

Proposal 17 would change the community hunt season to November 15 thru November 20. We oppose this because these dates would make it much easier to get moose.

Proposal 18 would change season dates to after the general season. This time frame is when the moose are in full rut making it easier to get a moose.

Proposal 19 would change season dates to Aug 10 thru 25th. Too early in season causing possible meet loss due to warm weather.

Proposal 20 would replace the community hunt with a Tier II permit. This just replaces one bad hunt with another.

Proposal 22 would replace the community hunt with a drawing hunt. There is conflicting information in this proposal.

Proposal 25 would require hunters to choose subsistence or general hunt and restrict the hunt area. We opposed the 50 mile restriction.

Proposals 26 and 27 would change the antler restrictions for general season moose. We believe there is no correlation to number of brow tines and antler size.

Proposal 28 would go back to 36 inch requirement for moose antlers. We felt that when the 50 inch requirement was put into effect there was biologic reasoning behind the change.

Proposal 29 would close nonresident moose season in unit 13. We feel that nonresident hunting has minimal impact.

Proposal 32 would change the eligibility criteria for tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13. We felt this proposal would increase the number of hunters.

Proposal 33 would eliminate caribou community subsistence hunt, Tier I and drawing hunts, and the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13: replace these with a registration hunt period system. This is too complicated. Caribou are migratory and their locations and times change due a number of factors.

Proposal 34 would eliminate the community subsistence caribou hunt, increase number of Tier I caribou household permits and shorten the season. These season dates are the winter hunt dates. Under normal hunt success during the early season the winter hunt is closed.

Proposal 37 would lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season. This proposal would allow caribou hunting thru the rut. Anyone that has smelled a rutting caribou knows this will lead to animals being left in the field.

Proposal 38 would eliminate drawing hunt for caribou, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13. We do not want to see the drawing hunts eliminated.

Proposal 42 would change the dates for Unit 13 caribou draw season. We feel that the draw hunters should hunt the entire season like Tier I hunters.

Proposal 43 would eliminate the community subsistence hunt for moose, lengthen the general season and adopt an "any bull" registration permit. This proposal complicates the system even more than it is now and will pigeon hole hunters into one corridor.

I would like to thank you for your time and your service on the Board.