

FEBRUARY 15th 2001
KNWRVC
1:00pm

Attn: Scott Crass
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Call to order: 1:00pm at KNWRVC

Roll Call: Quorum achieved with 12 members . Oliver Holm, Pat Holmes(for Herman Squartsoff), Paul Chervanak, Julie Kavanaugh, Don Fox, Kip Thomet, Harvey Goodell, Curt Waters, Andy Finke and Pete Hannah.

Department staff: Game division Larry vanDaele and John Crye. From commercial fish Wayne Donaldsen and Nick Salgalkin.

Public Safety: Sgt. Streiffil.

USFWS: Gary Wheeler, Bill Pyle and McCrea Cobb.

Chair Announcements. The chairman introduce McCrea Cobb a new staff member from the USFWS.

Old Business: Finish discussing and acting on game proposals left on the table after our January 12th meeting.

New Business:

- 1) **Rewrite of falconry regulations:** KCA member Don Fox who is an active falconer noted that the falcon regulations will be coming up under cycle B in 2012 and there would be a complete rewrite of them. Wants the committee to review and comment on them in a fall or spring meeting.
- 2) **King and tanner crab proposals:** Committee discussion and action on king and tanner crab proposals.
- 3) Julie Kavanaugh was selected to represent the KAC at the BOF meeting and Paul Chervenak would represent the KAC at the BOG meeting.
- 4) Pat Holmes gave a RAC report on subsistence issues and told the KAC about the RAC meeting to be held in Kodiak in March 2011. He also updated the committee members on runway expansion at the Kodiak airport.

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BOG KODIAK PROPOSALS

Attn: Scott Cross
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Proposal 145

ACTION: Passed as amended 12-0.

Description: Allow for a primitive weapons hunt on the Kodiak Road System for youths 18 and under.

Amendment: Youth only primitive weapon hunt for the Kodiak road system for youths 18 and under from November 15 to December 31st. Participants must complete a hunter safety course.

Discussion:

Staff comments: There wouldn't be that many hunters that would participate as only 4% of certified primitive weapon users are in that age category. Department has no biological concerns.

Depart of Public safety: Trooper Jones felt there would be no enforcement problems.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff and public safety comments.

Proposal 146

ACTION: Passes 12-0.

Description: A hunter who wounded and did not recover an elk would be required to punch their tag and not be eligible for another elk during that regulatory year.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Already has been done for brown bear. Hard to enforce would come down to hunter ethics.

Public safety: No enforcement concerns and is a step in the right direction.

Committee comments: Agreed with staff and public safety comments the committee also felt it would help eliminate herd shooting. Should be a place on the hunter report to record the wounding of an animal.

Proposal 147

ACTION: Passes as amended 10-2.

Description: Archery only elk hunt from September 1st to September 30th Afognak and Raspberry Islands.

Amendment: Either sex drawing hunt de 711 SW Afognak September 25-October 9th archery only season.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposed to original proposal for an extended early archery only hunt because of the possible increased harvest and potential disturbance during the rut on an already declining herd.

Committee comments: Agreed with and support staff concerns. After lengthy audience, department, public safety and committee discussion it was felt that converting an existing hunt to an archery only hunt would be more appropriate. The department favored a drawing hunt over a registration hunt because of the possible level of interest from off island hunters.

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Minority opinion: Agreed with chairman Holm that the area was one of the few where a land use permit wasn't required and if lots of permits were issued it would affect rifle hunts later in the season by moving the elk into more inaccessible areas.

Proposal 148 **ACTION: Fails 12-0.**

Description: Would allow muzzle loaders into the archery only goat hunt.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Would double the number of hunters and shorten the season. Harvest would be the same the season could be shortened and closed by EO.

Committee comments: KAC members felt the hunt should stay as is they didn't want to reduce opportunity for hunters by shortening the season. Muzzle loaders can be quite effective.

Proposal 184 **ACTION: Passes 12-0**

Description: Replace the deer hunter survey with harvest reports in Units 6 and 8.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department proposal. More cost effective and would get better harvest information. Can do on line or a report card.

USFWS: Support as valuable tool for harvest management for deer under subsistence. More efficient should include a question of harvest on federal land.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff and USFWS comments.

Proposal 191 **ACTION: Fails 12-0.**

Description: Review and repeal discretionary hunt conditions and procedures applied to permit hunts in South Central Region.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department at the local level supports strongly keeping our discretionary regulations.

Committee comments: The Kodiak Advisory Committee strongly supports the departments ability to use discretionary conditions that apply to hunt conditions at the local level. Enclosed with our minutes is a letter to the BOG further explaining the reasons for our opposition to this board generated proposal.

Proposal 192 **ACTION: Fails 12-0.**

Proposal 192(continued)

Description: Restrict trapping near trails and roads in all region 11 and 1V units.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department does not support a blanket proposal should be applied locally.

Committee comments: Agree with staff comments an KAC chairman Holm that any restriction should be applied to specific area and not on a statewide basis.

Proposal 194

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Would allow for three different categories of hunting seasons resident, non-resident and a guided season.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposes non-resident hunts are guided hunts.

Committee comments: Agree with staff comments and KAC member Holmes that a 3rd level of hunt is not needed for waterfowl hunts.

Proposal 199

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Implement various hunt requirements and change hunter education to reduce meat spoilage for regions 11 and 1V.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Take no action. Supports concept but regulation can't be properly implemented.

USFWS: Impractical and a unnecessary burden on hunters.

Public safety; Agree with staff and USFWS comments.

Committee comments: Agree with staff, USFWS and public safety.

Proposal 200

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Modify time period for harvesting big game after being transported for Units 6-11 and 13-17.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Allocative. No recommendation.

Committee comments: Not enforceable . Hunting practices used by a lot of Kodiak subsistence hunters who hunt deer would be affected. Especially those who hunt by boat or skiffs.

Proposal 201

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Similar to proposal 200.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Proposal 201(continued).

Staff comments: Allocative no recommendation.

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Public safety: Hard to enforce now as current regulations stand
Committee comment: Would like to reference our comments on previous proposal 200. KAC member Holmes stated and the committee agreed that some transporters abuse the system (especially at the south end of Kodiak) and make it harder for locals to get deer near their villages. Would hope they realize it and not abuse their role as transporters.

Proposal 227

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Make Kodiak goat registration permits more readily available.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposed. Would limit opportunity for local hunters if adopted. Hunters can still register for other areas at the south end of the island where the largest populations of goats are located. If adopted would increase number of hunters afield and reduce quality of the hunt and make the registration hunt more difficult to administer. One half the island "with over 2/3rds of the goat population" is available from August 20-December 15th for a registration hunt that can be done on line. The department strategy is to manage goat hunters primarily through drawing permits in the areas of Kodiak with lower goat populations and rely on the strict registration parameters to maximize harvest..

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

BOF KING AND TANNER CRAB PROPOSALS

Attn: Shannon
Kodiak AC
Comments to BOF

Proposal 308

ACTION: Passes as amended 12-0.

Description: Limit the size of subsistence crab pots from June-October to prevent overharvest of Kodiak red king crab.

Amendment: Only 1 king crab subsistence pot not greater than 5 x 5 and marked as king crab pot year around. Subsistence tanner crab pots shall conform to same lawful gear specifications as for commercial tanner crab pots general regulation.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department and public safety proposal. The issue is the number of complaints of king crab take (especially in the Alitak District). Present regulation hard to enforce.

Committee comments: After a lengthy discussion with staff, public safety and the advisory committee a brief recess was called to come up with alternative language for an amendment.

Proposal 319

ACTION: Passes 12-0.

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Proposal 319(continued)

Description: Repeal personal use regulation for taking crab in the Kodiak area.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department proposal. No personal use permits issued since 2003. Remove to simplify regulations. Alaska residents can harvest crab by obtaining an ADF&G subsistence permit.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

Proposal 314

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Modify statewide shellfish subsistence proxy as follows.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department neutral. Has statewide implications. Community harvests don't **ABIDE BY** gear or bag limits could divert subsistence resources.

Committee comments: Allocative. Poorly written, confusing and ill defined.

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