

**Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting  
1/20/2014  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 12:23 pm by Richard Burnham
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Richard Burnham [Vice chairman], Earl Esmailka, Tommy Negalska- Kaltag  
Benedict Jones [Chairman], Percy Lolnitz- Koyukuk  
Fred Huntington- Galena  
Members Absent:  
Justin Esmailka- Kaltag  
Michael Stickman, Arnold Demoski, Douglas Patsy- Nulato  
Paddy Nollner, Charlie Green, Dick Evans, Galena  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7\*  
QUORUM NOT MET
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved, no additions
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Deferred until next face-to-face meeting
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Caroline Brown, Glenn Stout, Nissa Pilcher
- VI. Guests Present: Don Honea Jr & Ed Sarten, both of the Ruby AC
- VII. New Business:

*This space may be used for them to record minutes.*

<b>2014 Interior Board of Game Meeting Comments</b>			
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<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
Support	6	0	No discussion
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	

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BOG	56	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
BOG	57	Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
BOG	58	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	68	Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.	
Oppose	0	6	The AC believes that the Departments management of this area to be sound at this time, and believes passing of this proposal would compromise the effectiveness of the moose management strategy for Unit 21D.
BOG	69	Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client.	
Oppose	0	5	AC noted that there might be some legal issues with the passing of this proposal, and that the Department would probably have to create a new protocol for this to work.  <u>One member abstained</u> from voting since he was a guide in this area, but he noted that he is not in favor of this proposal passing
BOG	72	Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.	
COMMENT			The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.  It was noted that it is very hard to take a brown bear over bait in the fall since most bears are not out in the daylight, when you can shoot them.  Since this is not our area, we do not feel like we should comment on the proposal-
BOG	73	Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.	
	6	0	No discussion- our proposal

Brief moose survey results given at request of AC members. Earl noted that there was really low snow levels, and saw a lot of predation on moose even with low snow levels. Members requested that department bring numbers for moose antler size harvested in area, Ben noted that the antler spread is decreasing in the harvested moose

The next meeting will be held in Kaltag in April.

Earl Esmailka was chosen by the AC to represent them at the INT BOG meeting, and Benedict Jones was chosen as the alternate.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 2:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_