

**Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm Don Holum (presiding officer)

First Name	Last Name	Profile	Interests	Term Expires	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Ray	Atkins		1-2, 4, 7	12/12	P
Marty	Caress	Chair-Resigned	1-4, 6, 8-10, 12	12/12	AE
Bruce	Gore		1-4, 8-10	12/13	P
Jeff	Burney		1-4, 8-10, 12	12/14	A
Gordon	Carlson		3-4, 9, 12	12/13	P
Lance	Williams	Vice Chair	1-4, 6, 8-10, 12	12/13	P
J Marie	Gore		3-4, 6, 8-10	12/12	P
Armeda	Bulard	Alternate	1-4, 6, 9-10	12/12	P – left after elections
Don	Holum	Secretary	1-4, 6, 9-10, 12	12/14	P
Caleb	Holum		3-4, 6, 9, 12	12/14	P

INTERESTS REPRESENTED

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| 1 - Trapping | 7 - Guiding |
| 2 - Sport Fishing | 8 - Processing |
| 3 - Subsistence | 9 - Personal Use |
| 4 - Hunting | 10 - Outdoorsperson |
| 5 - Commercial Fishing | 11 - Association/Corporation |
| 6 - Photography | 12 – Conservationist |

Approval of Agenda: Elections, preparation of comment on BOG Interior and Statewide proposals, and discussion of the Community hunt in 13.

Minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright

New Business: Election of AC members and officers were held with the following results:

Ray Atkins, J Marie Gore and Armeda Bulard were elected for two year terms that will expire 12/15; Bruce Gore, Gordon Carlson and Lance Williams were elected for three year terms that will expire 12/16. Elections were done by unanimous consent for the member seats. Officer elections were held as follows: Chair – Don Holum, Vice Chair – Lance Williams, Secretary – J Marie Gore.

Don would like the AC to be more active and spoke to the committee about having informational meetings, as well as voting on proposals. One of the issues is fish stocking plans that are currently being reviewed. The closest stocked lake is Otto Lake in Healy. There were some closer lakes that used to be stocked – criteria for a stocked lake are that it must have public access, be a closed system and offer opportunity. Don asked about suggestions for possible local

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lakes that they could request be stocked. There is a lake on the hill before you get out to Lilly Lake that is BLM land with a trail to it off the road. There's a little lake behind the air strip that is fairly deep and is encompassed by state land. Area they discussed was north of the Susitna River. Summit Lake doesn't go quite to the tracks and there is an old gravel road that may provide access that would not interfere with Ahtna land acquisitions process that is going on. Walking easement to the lake across from Gas Lake (would need Ahtna permission for a foot path). There was some discussion of Drashner Lake, but there is no public access to it either. Ray moved and Gordon 2nd that the AC proceed with locating some ponds to be stocked by the state. Approved unanimous 7 – 0. Don asked the committee to email him any other ideas they may have and to send them as soon as possible. This will take some time to put together a proposal and work with ADF&G.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support or Oppose	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F & 25C			
BOG	99	Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	7	Terrain wise there is nothing to keep vehicles from driving in this area and the sheep would get hammered. Prefer that it stays the way it is.
BOG	100	Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	7	Same comments as Proposal 99. We need places that everyone can hunt but at the same time we need some places that are limited.
BOG	115	Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.	
Oppose	0	7	Concern of the federal subsistence hunt changing based on any changes that the state might make on this hunt. There is no biological reason to change this hunt. This is a limited access area, really and there are lots of moose.
ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III & V			
BOG	122	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.	
Support	6	1	This proposal includes Unit 13. There are still plenty of bears in this unit. Oppose feels that the grizzly is a magnificent trophy and \$25 for a tag fee and is a valuable resource.
BOG	127	Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.	
Support	3	2	The department intends to limit to 10 permits in Unit 13A and there will not be antlerless permits issued for Unit 13E. 2 Abstained. Oppose were because they don't favor hunting cow moose and this proposal doesn't limit only to 13A or to 10 permits.
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	7	0	The priorities of the Denali AC for antlerless moose reauthorization are: 13B and 13E and 20A. These are local and/or adjoining units.

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Old Business: The push for an extended boundary of the Stampede Trail for wolf protection is going on. The AC reaffirms that they are in strong support of leaving the boundaries where they are and leaving the buffer zone alone. The park already has boundaries and 6 million acres should be enough protection. If the wolves were managed in the park, they would stay in the park.

The Denali AC approved Don Holum to represent them at the Interior Region and the Statewide BOG meetings. Approved unanimous.

The committee talked about the BOG Unit 13 Community hunt meetings. The Denali AC feels that they should have representation on the BOG Unit 13 Community hunt meetings as 13E is in our area and request the Board of Game offer them a seat at the table. There is a need for the community to be defined as an actual community with verification. Overtaxing of the local area by the sheer volume of hunters flooding the area. Harvest data of each group would be important. When a report is given are they using all the parts (including hides, antlers, etc) and/or giving that to someone who will use that and is it recorded? All meat should be left on the bone when they bring it out of the field. Deboning in the field generally causes wanton waste, which is especially offensive in a subsistence hunt. Residency should be more than one year, unless they live in the unit. The resource will get maxed out and with so many people out there someone is going to get hurt. Like the idea of making it per household – 25 households, rather than 25 individuals.

Next meeting will be after the Interior Region BOG meeting early March to report on BOG actions and Community hunt and discuss Southcentral Region BOG proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright
Minutes Approved By: Don Holum
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