

Upper Kobuk AC
12/13/13
Shungnak IRA

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:30 am by Marvin Joe Cleveland, Warren Douglas, Elmer Ward, Frank Downey

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marvin Joe Cleveland, Frank Downey, Elmer Ward, Louie Commack (alternate), Warren Douglas
Members Absent: Henry Horner, Billy Custer, and Melvin Lee
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:4

List of User Groups Present:
Subsistence hunters and trappers

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes DATE: Approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist

- VI. Guests Present:
Billy Lee
Kathy Custer
George Douglas
Darin Cleveland

- VII. New Business:
Public Comments and Concerns:
Louie Commack: My concern about beaver population, it is starting to effect below Noorvik and Noatak.
Louie Commack: Ancestral lands ten years ago we talked about them, when the old chief was alive and we identified hunting grounds with Eskimo grounds. These documents about the hunting grounds we have at the IRA. Every village should have their own, where they hunt, fish and gather.

Warren Douglas: I believe it is a problem in our village, the beavers are damning up all of the rivers and the fish are migrating up the rivers through the dams. A couple went to put in a net where they normally go to fish and there was a beaver dam there.

The beaver flu, the water source is up the river there is a beaver dam.
Brandon Saito: Explains his experience with Selawik Wildlife Refuge where the village likes to get the water there were lots of beavers up river.

Frank Downey: My concern our last meeting was the discussion of population of caribou and moose. My concern is how can we help the population to go back up to where it should be. It would be good to increase the killing of wolves and bears. Cause bears and wolves they take out quite a bit. The grizzlies and black bears are really hard on moose, and the wolf is hard on both moose and caribou. We have to do something about those two areas.

Billy Lee: The migration of caribou is getting later and later in the season with the hard times coming upon us and climate change and everything that goes with. Is that effecting the migration of the caribou herd.

Brandon Saito: There are normal cycles of warming and cooling and it is possible.

Warren Douglas: I am concerned about new diseases any of the caribou especially on the fat there were cysts in it. The cyst grows on the fat only, it is not on the skin or on the meat it is only in the fat with a grey lump.

Brandon Saito: Send us pictures or samples of it.

Louie Commack: Last month the 40 mile caribou herd there was an emergency closure the Fish and Game put a closure of that herd, now that the Dalton Highway is open to hunters. There were thousands of hunters on the Dalton Highway.

Joe Cleveland Main elected for the BOG and Frank Downey alternate.

VIII. Department Reports

This space may be used for them to record minutes.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25	Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern if the musk ox population can sustain it. • We only have six permits available, because we don't have enough musk ox to have a bigger hunt. We are on Tier II. This isn't to increase the number of permits. It is to only increase the range of the hunt to fit the herd's expansion of range. •
BOG	26	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this proposal hunting for antlerless moose, is it all in Unit 23 even the moose has shed antlers? Are we just going to hunt moose till they are wiped out? Aren't you concerned about moose population declining? • The population can sustain 10 cow moose can be detrimental. • The predators are taking the calves your decline is getting worse. You don't think it is going to effect the moose population at all. • It averages about 10 per year and about 3 moose per region • I think this discussion happened 5-10 years ago that question was asked. • I support this proposal.
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Oppose	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this affect subsistence hunters? • Everyone is saying that they are seeing more bears in this region. • ADFG would like to see more bears in this area. • Inquiry about brown bears versus grizzlies. • That will affect the caribou and our moose. • The population of grizzly bears is so high it is affecting the moose and caribou calves I am going against this.
BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I didn't know coyotes come up this far, I didn't think we have coyotes up here I just thought know we had wolves. • Joe Cleveland: I saw one up river.
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
Oppose	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I make ulus with antlers. • We discussed this six years, people were getting more bulls than what they need for just the antlers. People could make crafts with those antlers. • I believe if we allow the sale of antlers it will become a problem that

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			will just getting worse. They will kill caribou just for antlers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern if this opens if we can close it if it becomes a problem...
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals.
BOG	31	Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V	
Opposed	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision based on what was decided on proposal 30.
BOG	32	Create a bowhunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals.
BOG	33	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals.
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
Opposed	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people don't check their traps/snares, that is where people get their subsistence food. Some of the bears will snap the trap or the snares.
BOG	38	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Old Business: Next meeting in Ambler

Adjournment: 1:47 Talk with Louie Commack about minutes

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____