

Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee
11/26/13
Northwest Arctic Borough-Kotzebue

- I. Call to Order: Time 7:02 pm by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Alex Whiting (Vice Chairman and Secretary), Karmen Monigold, Enoch Shiedt, Pierre Lonewolf, Michael Kraemer, Victor Karmun, and Cyrus Harris
 Members Absent: Eugene Smith
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
 List of User Groups Present: ADFG, NPS, USFWS, Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska State Troopers and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda-agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 3/21/13
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Meghan Nedwick-Wildlife Conservation
- VI. Guests Present: Charlie Gregg, Tina Moran-USFWS, Frank Hayes-NPS, Justin McGinnis-Wildlife Trooper
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business

This space may be used for Advisory Committee to record comments on proposals.

<u>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</u>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number		Proposal Description
Supports or Opposes?	No. For	No. Against	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.
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	Would allow people hunting near the Noatak River to cross the river and hunt animals on the other side, which would be especially relevant to the main hunting area near Sikusuliaq Hatchery where animals are commonly found on both sides of the river
BOG	26		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	ADF&G continues to support this opportunity, but as the moose numbers continue to decline will likely need to discuss changes to this in the near future.
BOG	27		Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.
<i>Opposes</i>	1	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many AC members discussed the increase in brown bears over the last 5 years, including commonly showing up now in camping areas where they never used to be (e.g.

			<p>Sisualik and Ivik).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Kramer suggested we support the proposal but for the purpose of amending it to include 2 bears a year allowed one in spring and one in fall, change non-resident drawing hunt into a registration hunt, and create the ability sell brown bear hides to encourage hunting. • The members were not ready at this time to support the proposal for the purposes of liberalizing bag limits and other increase to bear hunting opportunity, but did express interest in developing a proposal to do so by the next board cycle if no decline in the GMU 23 brown bear population is perceived by then. • The one declining to support opposition to the proposal based his decision on the desire to use the proposal to increase bear hunting opportunities as discussed above.
<i>BOG</i>	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal originated with the KSAC and all members continue to support maximum hunting opportunity for coyotes in the Region for the reasons expressed in the proposal. • There have been periodic sightings up of coyotes in the region
<i>BOG</i>	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
<i>Opposes</i>	0	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADF&G is neutral, however they do note that when this practice originally ended in the early 90's in large part due to concerns of headhunting the herd was increasing and the migration occurred earlier which meant that bulls were not yet rutting when passing through the GMU. • The herd is declining and the migration now occurs later when

			bulls are rutting and become essentially inedible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AC members acknowledge these facts and also noted that the Kotzebue AC originally proposed ending this practice in 1992, which did become the regulation, which is still in place and the one being asked to be rescinded by a non-local through this proposal.
<i>BOG</i>	<i>35</i>	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
<i>Opposes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members support black bears being a furbearer and the taking of them with trap or snares.
<i>BOG</i>	<i>38</i>	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
<i>Supports</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members all support continuing the tag fee exemption.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Whiting

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____