

Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee

11/27/13

Telephonic

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:15 am by Percy Ballot
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Percy Ballot (Interim chairman), Mona Washington (Interim Secretary), Marlene Moto-Karl, Nathan Hadley
Members Absent: Ron Moto Sr. (Chairman) and Taylor Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: ADFG and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda-Add the discussion of elections under new business
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 9/25/13
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist
- VI. Guests Present: None telephonic meeting
- 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>	4	0	Mona Washington: Motion to Approve Proposal 25 Marlene Moto: Seconded Question Called
BOG	26		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
<i>Supports</i>	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl Mona Washington: Make a motion to approve proposal 26 Seconded: Nathan Hadley All support None opposed
BOG	27		Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.
<i>Opposes</i>	0	4	Marlene Moto Karl: Inquires if this proposal, we don't want more hunters in this area. We don't see bears in our area.

			<p>Hunters must be getting them.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: Inquires if Marlene Moto-Karl wants to support this proposal.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Wants to go with the proposal because she wants less sport hunters in this area.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: We feel we would be opposed to this proposal. When we were talking with the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs we had talked about having more bears taken instead of less.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: How would this effect the Elephant Point area. This would affect Kobuk River drainage and the Bering Land Bridge Area. We can support.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: We are going to have some sort of people coming in.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We are seeing too many bears in Buckland. We are seeing too many bears. We want to keep once a year hunt up?</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Don't they get them with their subsistence permits? Local people.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I just know that the bears look for moose calves in the spring time.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: They go after the caribou too.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: This proposal says we want one bear every four years. The Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs did not support this proposal as it is. All three of the councils wanted to see a higher number of bears taken in.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Local people were bringing people to hunt bears. Different people get paid to go hunting under the</p>
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BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
<i>Supports</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<p>Percy Ballot: Are there people seeing coyotes around?</p> <p>Brandon Saito: There have been occasional sightings. This proposal was put forward by the Kotzebue Sound AC. People have put these forward as another predator towards sheep, caribou and moose.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: If this is put forth by the Kotzebue Sound AC we would like to support their efforts.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: Motion to support the proposal</p>
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
<i>Opposes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Jim Dau: Explains the proposal. This would make it legal for people to shoot caribou you would still have to salvage the meat but you could saw off the antlers and sell them. Jim Dau explains what happened in the 80s and 90s, the antlers added up into real money. Subsistence hunters could make money doing this because they don't want the antlers and we just want the money. Explained what happened in the late 80s and early 90s there were people taking animals while the bulls were stink people were killing caribou and wasting the meat. People were really divided about this issue between money and waste of caribou meat. Kotzebue Sound AC created this proposal.</p>

			<p>Marlene Moto-Karl: There are still people trading them for alcohol and drugs. We have heard a lot of money that come into antler sales went into bootlegging.</p> <p>Jim Dau: We have heard that from other ACs.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: The reason we leave the antlers up river is because the boat is too heavy. Other people go up the river to get the antlers. I don't think they are killing.</p> <p>Mona Washington: I am concerned about the decline of the caribou herd.</p> <p>Jim Dau: That is what is different about the 80s and 90s where the population was increasing, now they are declining. Tougher times are now happening.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: The Canadian Herds have really declined.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains the large caribou herds have really have decline from 900,000 to 20,000 to 30,000. Most of herds of caribou in North American.</p> <p>Mona Washington: I make a motion not to support proposal 29 Marlene Moto-Karl: I second that proposal All Oppose proposal 29 None support</p>
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
<i>Supports</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<p>Percy Ballot: I don't know of anyone who snared a bear in Buckland and Deering.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Wants a clarification.</p> <p>Motion to support proposal 35.</p> <p>Seconded: Nathan Handley</p> <p>Motion unanimously carries.</p>
BOG	36	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
<i>Opposes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Percy Ballot: What do you guys think?</p> <p>Brandon Saito: The department doesn't have a position on this issue.</p>

			<p>Percy Ballot: Anyone from the committee?</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: This is for hunting sheep?</p> <p>Percy Ballot: for all big game</p> <p>Brandon Saito: There is only one hunt where people compete for hunts and that is the sheep hunt. Otherwise we have separate hunts.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: I can see not supporting this proposal.</p> <p>Brandon Saito:....</p> <p>Percy Ballot: I guess the general feel is not to support this proposal.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: not to support proposals 36 and 37.</p> <p>Mona Washington: seconded</p>
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<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>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<p>Mona Washington: Motion to support proposal 38.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: Seconded</p> <p>All Support this proposal</p> <p>Elect Members for the Board Meeting:</p> <p>Nathan Hadley volunteers to attend the BOG meeting</p>

			<p>Percy Ballot and Marlene Moto-Karl-alternates.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I talked with Merlin Henry at the reindeer herders meeting there have been a lot of reindeer caribou that are being kept around Granite Mountain by a group of wolves.</p>
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Adjournment: 12:38 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

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Date: _____