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Denali Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for 1-29-2015

Members present- Don Holum chair, Lance Williams- vice chair, Caleb Holum, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Gordon Carlson.

Members Absent- J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney, Armeda Bullard, and Alternate Harold Mowry.

Meeting Called to Order By Don Holum at 7:15 pm
Review Minutes of 12-10-2014 meeting accepted and approved

This meeting was called to consider added proposals for the Board of Game, and to discuss future meeting, Don Holum reported that he had communication with Frank Robins the Game Biologist from Glenn Allen and Unit 13, and that Frank would like to attend some of our meeting to establish better communication between the Fish and Game dept. and the Denali AC. It was decided to have another meeting after the Game board Meeting and have Frank come and discuss the Game boards Decisions and the effects on the local area, and also at that meeting try and have the new Alaska State Wildlife Trooper come so that we could all meet her, and develop a communication avenue with her.

The first proposal that was considered was the Game board **proposal XXX 5AAC 85.055**
Vote 1 in favor 5 opposed motion failed

Those opposed, felt that the options were too restrictive, and did not want to split the seasons, the non resident draw was mixed between the members with the Guides and transporters against the drawings and the rest neutral, but when added with the resident options they decided to oppose this proposal.

Those in favor of this proposal, would like to see the non resident draw as described in option 1. and for the resident any of the options 1,2, or 3. they feel that more control over the sheep hunting is needed.

Proposal XXX 92.080 Unlawful methods of taking game,

Vote in favor 2 Opposed 4 motion failed.

Those Opposed, to this proposal felt that the use of airplanes are necessary to have any reasonable success sheep hunting, especially for the guides and outfitters, and this was too restrictive, and that it was unfair to single out the sheep hunters only with this regulation, when there are other big game hunts going on at the same time that allow the use of airplanes, and that this would be very hard to enforce.

Those in favor, felt that there is a definite need for tighter regulations on the use of airplanes, and that all three of the options should be implemented, and also that this should be implemented for all species of big game animals, and that the use of airplanes to find and spot

big game animals absolutely is out of the realm of fair chase, and turns it from hunting to killing.

Proposal 95

The members felt this proposal had merit but needed Amended that the 2.5 mile no hunting was excessive so made an amendment to the proposal that the 2.5 mile no hunting zone be shrunk to .25 miles (quarter mile)

Amendment vote 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

The members also felt that this proposal should be Amended to include 13E as well, that the whole of the Denali Hwy. should be included, and this would bring inline the hunting seasons and bag limits.

Amendment vote 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

proposal 95 as Amended 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

Comments, those in favor felt that this proposal has merit that the 5 per day bag limit would be a good thing for the population of the Ptarmigan, without lowering the hunting opportunities, and that it only makes sense to include all of the Denali HWY. and the Ptarmigan along the HWY. would be protected from the drive by shooters.

Proposal 194 0 in favor 6 Opposed Failed

Comments, This proposal is extremely discriminating against the Bird hunters, and serves no biological purpose, the members of the Denali AC. felt strongly against this proposal and could not find any reasonable purpose for this proposal.

The Denali AC meeting was adjourned By Don Holum at 9:00 PM

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