

02/24/2015 Minutes Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM at the Tok Fish and Game office conference room with 14 in attendance. Committee members present were Leif Wilson, Thor Jorgensen, Lyle Cronk, Jake Combs, Matt Snyder, Peter Talus and Frank Entsminger via teleconference. Danny Grangaard and Mike Cronk were excused. Guests were Theresa Segar Albaugh, Aaron Atchley, Bronk Jorgensen, Zack Knaebel, Bob Gingue and Jeff Gross, Sue Entsminger via teleconference.

Added to the Agenda was HB103 and Grouse Habitat project. Agenda was approved with these additions.

Minutes from 12/16/2014 were presented with a few changes. Ted's intent was to be the least restrictive, not evasive and secondly, that airplanes were not at the top of the list in the sheep survey issue. Lyle Cronk moved to approve with these changes, Matt Snyder seconded. Passed 7:0

Minutes from 01/20/2015 were reviewed. Lyle Cronk made the motion to approve, Matt Snyder seconded. Passed 7:0

Chairperson, Leif Wilson, turned the meeting over to Matt Snyder to conduct the elections since his seat was one of the one's up. The elections were voted on by all in attendance.

Lyle Cronk nominated Leif Wilson as candidate for vacant position. No other nominations, Frank Entsminger moved to close nominations. The nomination period was closed and 13 voted in favor with one abstaining.

Jake Combs nominated Thor Jorgensen as candidate for vacant position. No other nominations, Lyle Cronk moved to close nominations. The nomination period was closed and 13 voted in favor with one abstaining.

Leif Wilson nominated Danny Grangaard as candidate for vacant position. No other nominations, Lyle Cronk moved to close nominations. The nomination period was closed and 13 voted in favor with one abstaining.

Zack Knaebel nominated Lyle Cronk as a candidate for vacant position. No other nominations, Jake Combs moved to close the nominations. The nomination period was closed and 13 voted in favor with one abstaining.

After elections were completed Leif Wilson resumed the meeting and the committee decided on who would serve in what position. Matt Snyder made a motion to keep positions as they are within the committee. Lyle Cronk seconded. Passed 7:0

BOG Meeting Report and Comments on South Central Sheep Prospal

Matt Snyder gave a report of the BOG meeting. There were about 150 folks attending and many gave testimony. Most were not in favor of airplane restrictions. Folks attending felt that many there were guides. Much discussion amongst the committee about some of the issues and here is a short compilation of those ideas.

Updating the sheep management plan should be state wide as to not move the problem from one area to the next. Still seems to be guide w/non-resident client vs. resident hunters. Should concentrate more on conservation first then worry about allocation. Tok Management area with all its data could be used as an example to consider regional plan. Weather seems to be a factor in the decline of sheep numbers. Golden eagle, coyotes and wolves are the main predators on the lambs. Numbers seem to be down 50% in 50 years.

Federal Subsistence Regulation Proposals

Sue Entsminger spoke some on the Federal Subsistence game proposals. Proposals and comments should be ready for June EIRAC meeting, at the latest. The NPS and Refuge are trying to take away more rights to hunt, trap, etc. The committee should put in proposal for resident bear baiting or at least a letter supporting Northway Village Council. There was discussion on how TNWR is following suit with the NPS regarding predator take on subsistence measures.

Jake Combs made a motion to support the Northway Village Council letter to the TNWR. Matt Snyder seconded. Passed 7:0

Thor Jorgensen made a motion for a proposal that the remainder of 20E moose season dates change to August 20 to September 30. Peter Talus seconded. Passed 7:0

Thor Jorgensen made a motion for a proposal to change the beaver season dates in 12 & 20E to September 15th to June 10th, salvage hide or meat, no limit, methods of take traps, snare or firearm. Matt Snyder seconded. Discussion on aligning it with the state season regulations and salvage requirements, as well as what uses are allowed of salvaged meat. Passed 6 with one abstaining

Thor Jorgensen made a motion for a proposal to change lynx season in 12 & 20E to have the dates November 1st to March 15th and no limit. Matt Snyder seconded. Passed 7:0

HB103

The Board of Game can make proposals, amend or repeal proposals without public notice or comment period. After much discussion it was decided to wait to comment until the bill starts to move. For now individuals can contact their legislator to voice concerns.

Habitat Project with ADF & G, DNR and Ruffed Grouse Society

This is a 5 year, funding based project on state land SE of Tok. Looking at about 1500 acres for clearing lanes and putting in photo plats to improve habitat area and do studies.

There is no next meeting scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 10PM