

Lower Kobuk AC Meeting
12/8/15
Kiana School
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 am by Raymond Stoney

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Raymond Stoney (Chair-Kiana), Glenn Miller (Kiana), Larry Westlake (Kiana), Lonnie Tebbits (Noorvik), Bill Zibell (Noorvik), and Wilbur Howarth Sr. (Noorvik)
Members Absent: Leonard Brown and Selawik Representative
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence Users and Trappers

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Motion to approve the minutes pending the corrections from the Upper Kobuk AC

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brenden Scanlon (Sport Fish), Brandon Saito (Wildlife), Carmen Daggett (Boards), Beth Miklow (Subsistence)

- VI. Guests Present: Marci Johnson NPS, Brendan Scanlon (ADF&G), and Ken Adkisson (NPS)

- VII. Old Business: Caribou Herd Update:
Raymond Stoney: Explains the knowledge of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd.
Glenn Miller: Expresses concern over golden eagle predation on calves.
Larry Westlake: Expresses ideas for increases in technology.
William Zibell: Inquires about an impression of the herd.
Brandon Saito: Explains Jim Dau's opinion, based on cow and calf survival.
William Zibell: Explains that the caribou were healthy and fat.
Glenn Miller: It seemed like the caribou were in large numbers and in good conditions.

- VIII. New Business:

Elections: Added Janice Richards onto the advisory committee pending her accepting the position, and re-elected Larry Westlake, Glenn Miller and Raymond Stoney onto the Lower Kobuk AC and to re-elect Raymond Stoney as the Chairman.

Raymond Stoney: Attended the sheep working group meeting and outlines a summary of the sheep working group meeting. There are very few young sheep versus adults. They are looking for a way from the working permits.

Wilbur Howarth: I would like to hear from the North Slope Area.

Carmen Daggett: Expresses that he could participate in the North Slope RAC meeting and the North Slope AC meeting if he wanted to.

Larry Westlake: I would like to comment on the caribou herd. Most of the herd in the Buckland and Deering area.

Glenn Miller: Suggests to have volunteers help with the caribou.

Larry Westlake: I think this would be a good idea.

Wilbur Howarth: Explains there is one spot by Noorvik where all of the caribou go through. It is not as easy to do fish.

Glenn Miller: I want to help.

Larry Westlake: My concern is our leaders, the count is not working, we need to get better cameras we need to try to fix these problems.

Wilbur Howarth: Discussion has occurred about limiting our caribou to a number of caribou per year, instead of per day.

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	Proposal 141: Make rod and reel legal subsistence gear. Brendan Scanlon presents the proposal. Raymond Stoney: Explains about being glad to be using rod and reel. Larry Westlake: Our people used a hook and line all of our lives and didn't have a pole. We hooked fish using the hook and line. I would say that it is still a subsistence way of life. Lonnie Tebbits: Move to support proposal 141. Seconded by Larry Westlake. 6 Supported, 0 opposed

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
Support	6	0	<p>Wilbur Howarth Sr.: Inquires about increasing the brown bear bag limit to two.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains we have a lot of bears, and this bear problem becomes a moose problem. Explains wanting to allow proxy hunting for elders for brown bears.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: There has been a lack of berries, these past years and they have been a dangerous problem.</p> <p>Lonnie Tebbits: move to support</p> <p>Seconded by Wilbur.</p>
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Support	6	0	<p>Glenn Miller: Discusses wanting to increase bears to two a year.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Explains the trophy statewide, here the black bear is good eating and prized and the brown bear is a nuisance and is a predator for caribou fawns.</p> <p>Wilbur Howarth Sr.: Doesn't want to see this sort of proposal passed, it is going to get out of hand.</p> <p>William Zibell: Most people don't like hunting bears and people don't know how to handle.</p> <p>Wilbur Howarth Sr: Explains you can eat and share black bear.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: The seasons for prime time hunting.</p> <p>William Zibell: I like the idea of allowing this.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains underground illegal hunting.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Motioned to support as amended: If it is tagged and handled right and with paperwork from a reputable furrier then maybe this is allowed.</p> <p>Proposal 57: un-amended:</p> <p>William Zibell: Explains that some of the amended information is already in the law. The furrier wants to handle it green, and won't commercial value.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains home tanning. Glenn withdraws the amendment and motions to support proposal 57.</p>
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	5	1	<p>Glenn Miller: I agree with this.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: Inquires about dealing with a boat.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: Explains seems like this scenario might happen.</p> <p>William Zibell: Inquires about getting information inadvertently. I had</p>

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			<p>experience with hearing things from other people and someone getting in trouble. I am leery about it. I am going to oppose it myself.</p> <p>Lonnie Tebbits: I support this they have taken a lot of our game away from us because of this. The thing would be reporting.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Explains his point on the side of the hunter with the information.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Move to accept proposal 71 as written.</p> <p>Seconded by Bill Zibell</p>
BOG Opposed	72	0	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts</p> <p>Glenn Miller: I have seen people hunting with .2250. That is taking the hunter ability to make decisions on the ground. I don't want people telling me what decisions I should make. Different hunters have different ability, distance.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: We don't make long shots here so the distance is a big factor.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains different regions have different conditions.</p> <p>Motion to oppose proposals 72, 73, 74.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Ammo is hard to come by here. In the spring I carry a .2250 in the spring when I am trapping. Shot placement is the most important. That ammo is hard to get and it is expensive.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: I go for one shot and one kill. Caribou people use .223 because it is so cheap. The bigger caliber is going to ruin half of the meat.</p>
BOG Opposed	73	0	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts</p> <p>See comments proposal 72</p>
BOG Opposed	74	0	<p>Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts</p> <p>See comments proposal 72.</p>
BOG Opposed	79	0	<p>Require traps to be checked every 24 hours</p> <p>Bill Zibell: CRAZY.</p> <p>Raymond Stoney: So if you have a set that is really far away.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: That is a lot of fuel every day, it would make trapping impossible. You are doing a 12-15 hour run in a day. You would have to keep doing the same thing over and over. Body grippers kill most of your animals are dead anyways.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: There is no way I could follow that.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains there are different types of traps, and the different patterns. I check snares and leg holds every day, but for conibear traps, I don't check them every day and it would ruin the scent area.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: Motion to oppose</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Seconded</p>

BOG Support	80 6	0	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more I say we don't deal with this. This doesn't affect us. Wilbur: I thought about although we are at 700, I see people setting fox traps in town. Larry Westlake: They had a trapping class here in town a couple of years ago.
BOG Support	81 6	0	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Glenn Miller: I have seen traps like this. We have a lot of beavers around here. Larry Westlake: Motion to support 81 Seconded by Bill Zibell.
BOG Opposed	85 6	0	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Glenn Miller: We do enough paperwork in our lives. One of the reason we live out here because we are a freeman. Move to oppose 85. Seconded by Larry Westlake. Raymond Stoney: This is going to be difficult to go through
BOG Opposed	104 0	6	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report State opposes Larry Westlake: Move to oppose Seconded by Wilbur
BOG Opposed	105 0	6	Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system. Department opposes. William Zibell: Motions to oppose Larry Westlake: Seconds
BOG Support	127 6	0	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 Larry Westlake Moves to support Seconded by Glenn Miller
BOG Support	131 6	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Glenn Miller: motion to support 131 Lonnie: Seconded
BOG Support	132 6	0	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Lonnie: Moved to support Seconded by Bill Zibell
BOG Support	133 6	0	Modify the hunting season for cormorants Bill Zibell: Moved to support Seconded by Wilbur

Adjournment: 15:18

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Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments: It is important to know the law. I like this proposal. I think you should always push in a good position to have a better shot instead of doing crazy things. You can be in a bad position.

Larry Westlake: Moved to support

Seconded by Bill Zibell

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Brandon Saito: Explains the differences between the state and federal side.

Larry Westlake: It is good to keep the state and federal the same.

Glenn Miller: Explains we wanted to support people in the Upper Kobuk.

Bill Zibell: Move to support

Seconded by Glenn Miller.

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Ken Adkisson: This hunt has been undersubscribed. Outlined the proposal.

Wilbur Howarth: Moved to support

Seconded by Lonnie.

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Ken Adkisson: Presents the proposal and explains details.

This would throw us in the mix if we wanted to apply for the musk ox permits. You can't go wrong with that.

Larry Westlake: This is something we want to support

Wilbur: Motion to support

Seconded by Glenn.

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support as amended: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Glenn Miller: The Lower Kobuk wants to amend with the State and Federal down to 5 caribou a day to show we are stewards of the country.

Seconded by Bill.

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains
Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Larry Westlake: There has been a real decline in sheep we need to support the herd.

Glenn Miller: We are having better weather not that freeze thaw.

Raymond Stoney: Went to sheep working group meeting.

Ken Adkisson: Reviewed the proposal and the history behind the closing of the sheep hunts.

Wilbur Howarth: Motion to support

Seconded by Bill.

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 6 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Larry Westlake: I don't see any problem with this proposal.

Lonnie: Moved to support 16-61

Seconded by Larry

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