

Upper Kobuk Kobuk AC Meeting
12/11/15
Ambler School
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: 11:48 am by Marvin Joe Cleveland
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marvin Joe Cleveland (Chair-Ambler), Louie Commack (Ambler Alternate), James Commack (alternate Shungnak), Billy Custer (telephonic), and Frank Downey (Ambler)
Members Absent: Theodore Tickett Sr. (Shungnak), Glenn Douglas (Shungnak), Murphy Custer (Kobuk), and John Horner Sr. (Kobuk)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add Sheep Working Group
Add Elections
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/28/15
 - a. Frank Downey: Inquired about the status of having the moose season open up early because during the summer around July people run out of caribou and need another source of meat.
Carmen Daggett: Suggested filling out a board of game proposal form by the deadline.
- V. Motioned to accept minutes Louie Commack
James Commack: Seconded
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation) and Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)
- VII. Guests Present: Harry Douglas, James Commack, Louie Commack, Sidney Cleveland, Calvin Williams, Gale Tickett, Alvin Williams, Ernest G. Lee, Roy Ramoth, Brian Jones.

Federal Staff: Ken Adkission (NPS) and Marci Johnson (NPS)
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito: Explains the problems with shadows and not getting an accurate count of caribou because of shadows in the photographs. Explained concerns over rain on snow events.
 - b. Louie Commack: Expressed concern for people in Noatak and extending the CUA.
- IX. New Business:
 - A. Elections: Shield Downey (Interim President-3 year term), Louie Commack (Two year term), Bryan Jones (1 year alternate), Alvin Williams (1 year term). Elections were conducted on paper ballots and calculated by Carmen Daggett and Sidney Cleveland and recorded on voting record. Elected AC members volunteered for their length of terms.
Joe Cleveland: Explains there have been caribou over by Hughes.
Harry Douglas: Wants to have fish and Game look into migratory patterns of caribou in response to the Ambler Mining district.

Sidney Cleveland: expresses concern over adding the new underground mine, it is like adding another net for the caribou.

Gale says that climate change is an issue.

Louie Commack: Sport hunters use planes to scout and then they move around.

Bryan Jones: Explains that there are non-licensed guides taking people out.

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	5	0	Shield Downey: If this is not already legal subsistence gear it should be that is the way to do it is rod and reel cause they will be getting in trouble now. If you don't have a net then you use a rod and reel. Louie: All my life I use rod and reel. Motioned Seconded: by James Commack. Harry Douglas: suggests a local preference.

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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	5	0	Moved by Louie seconded by James Frank Downey: Expresses support for this proposal.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Opposed	0	5	Louie Commack: Who is buying? We can't allow that up here. Brian Jones: That is a slippery slope. You have people going out and killing bears with hides and skulls and gall bladders. Jewelry is one thing, but selling the raw materials is a problem Motioned to oppose: Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	5	0	Brian Jones: If you were able to get information you could get prosecuted. Motioned to support Louie Commack Seconded by Alvin
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	0	5	James Commack: Motioned to oppose the proposals as a block Seconded by Louie
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	5	Louie Commack: Wants to be able to use a .22 for swimming caribou. Wants to make amendments later if the proposals pass at the March meeting to make amendments to these proposals for caliber size. Shield: Distance matters, a smaller caliber isn't going to get there.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	0	5	See comments from 72, 73, 74 Opposed
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	5	Louie Commack: The price of fuel and weather makes it difficult Motion to oppose Seconded by James Commack
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Support	5	0	Motion to support: Bryan Jones Seconded Alvin Williams We aren't close to a population of 1,000 people
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	5	0	Motion to support Louie Commack Seconded by Bryan Jones

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Support	5	0	Bryan Jones: Motion support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	105		Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
	5	0	Bryan Jones: Explains this is how it should be. Louie Commack: This doesn't apply to us. Bryan Jones: Explains musk ox example from Tununak. Alvin: Motioned to support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	101		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions on brown and black bears at \$250
	5	0	Motion to support by Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG Support	132		Modify the hunting season for humpback whales
	5	0	Motion to support by Alvin Seconded Bryan Jones
BOG Support	133		Modify the hunting season for belugas
	5	0	See comments proposal 132
BOG Oppose	85		Remove the exception for hunters who are over 65 years old
	0	5	Louie: People down in Anchorage and Fairbanks, have to have tags we don't. Motioned to Oppose Bryan Seconded by Louie Shield: This is going to hurt us Bryan: This is going to make criminals out of people for doing what they do every year.

Louie Commack: Sheep Working Group meeting report. Unit 23 sheep is closed. We need to slow sheep hunting because of decline of sheep because of the iced up mountains and they were talking about getting only full curl rams. They don't want to make the decline any more rapid than it is.

Brandon Saito: Explains effects of hunters in comparison to weather.

Bryan Jones: Expresses concern over the steep decline.

Louie Commack is elected to serve on the Sheep Working Group.

Shield Downey: Elected to represent the Upper Kobuk AC at the Statewide Board of Game meeting in March.

Louie Commack: Gave an update on the Ambler Road.

Adjournment: 2:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
 Minutes Approved By: Louie Commack Date: Dec 22, 15
 Minutes Approved By: Shield Downey Date: 12/23/15
 Minutes Approved By: Alvin Date: 12-23-15

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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

Bryan Jones: Motion Support

James Commack: Seconded

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack Motions to support

Seconded by Bryan Jones

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: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack: Motions to support WP 16-50, WP 16-53, and WP 16-61 as a block

Seconded: By Alvin Williams

Motion carries

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:

See comments WP 16-50

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

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments: Motion to oppose Bryan Jones

Seconded by Alvin Williams

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

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

See comments WP 16-50

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

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Public Comments or Concerns:

See comments WP 16-50

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Approved By: Louie Commack

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