

COASTAL LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 3, 2016

ADF&G Office, 8:30am

570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

- I. **Call to Order:** Ray Oney, Chair, 8:35am
- II. **Roll Call:** Ray Oney, John Lamont, Daryl Manumik, Eric Olsen
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve 10/27/2015 meeting minutes.
Motion passed (unanimous)
- V. **Introductions:**
 - a. Fish and Game Staff: Phillip Perry (Unit 18 Wildlife), Patrick Jones (Unit 18 Wildlife), Holly Carroll (Comm. Fish/ Summer Yukon), Jeff Estensen (Comm. Fish/ Fall Yukon), Jen Peeks (Boards Support)
 - b. Other Agency Representatives: Marc Cloward (Alaska State Wildlife Trooper), Ken Stahlnecker (USFWS).
 - c. Members of the Public/ Other:
- VI. **Public Comments/ Testimony:**
- VII. **Old Business:**
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - **2016 Lower Yukon Fishery Report: ADF&G Comm. Fish**
 - Jeff Estensen (ADF&G) reported that 2016 preliminary estimates indicated a run size of 1.4 million fall chum and escapement goals were expected to have been met. Districts 1 and 2 caught approximately 440,000 fall chum salmon in the commercial fishery. Overall, Mr. Estensen reported a good year for fall chum and coho salmon on the Yukon.
 - Holly Carroll (ADF&G) commented that 2016 subsistence reports indicated that people more than doubled their harvest from 2015. Ms. Carroll reported that the Chinook salmon boarder goal with Canada was met. Ms. Carroll commented that the drainage-wide escapement goal for summer chum was expected to have been exceeded and the commercial fishery for summer chum, which was restricted to dipnet and beach seine gear, had a record harvest of summer chum and pink salmon. Ms. Carroll invited the public to share traditional knowledge and information with ADF&G.
 - **Western Region, Game Management Unit 18, BOG Proposals and AC comments:** (See p. 3-4)
 - **ACR 12: Extend the Moose Hunting Season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30.** (See Proposal 160 on p. 4))
 - **Elect AC Representative and Alternate to Attend 2017 BOG/ BOF Meetings.** Ray Oney was elected to attend the BOG meeting in Bethel. Eric Olsen and Daryl Manumik will serve as alternates.
 - **Federal/ State Subsistence MOU Revisions:**
 - **Comments:** John Lamont commented on conservation and mapping projects that occur looking at different issues such as over land traffic and studies on the natural resources. Ray Oney commented that the state and federal governments should be working closely with the tribes; often times the tribes work on projects that the state and federal governments are unaware of. Eric Olsen commented that Elders are very resourceful and the state/ federal governments should be working with the Elders on renewable resources.

- o Committee requested more time to discuss the MOU with their Tribal Councils before submitting comments.
- **Next meeting date:** Next face-to-face meeting suggested to occur in Hooper Bay or Emmonak.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting			
January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Some members discussed possibly amending the proposal to include the entire bird. Members pointed out the importance of subsistence and teaching the younger generation. No friendly amended was added. Proposal was voted on as is.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Support	5	0	Some of the members commented that residents in the proposal area should be able to go hunt [in the winter] to catch the rest of their quota if they weren't able to hunt earlier [in the season].
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Support as Amended	4	0	Some members discussed their concerns that this proposal would bring in more non-local hunters to their region. Other commented that there were enough moose in the area and an additional hunt would be okay. Proposal was supported with the following amendment: Amendment- The proposal will be for an antlerless moose for meat only and for no sport hunters. • <i>AC member Joseph Uisok had left the meeting due to personal reasons. A quorum was still met with 4 members.</i>
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	4	0	One member commented that if the moose population was good, then they would support the proposal in order for people to fill their freezers. Another member commented that winter was a good time to go hunting for moose.
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Oppose	1	3	Members discussed that if this proposal passed, there were concerns that it may bring in other people to the area. Some members commented that they did not agree with bear baiting.
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	1	3	One member commented in opposition since the herd number had been dwindling and it was important to feed the residents first and not open a nonresident hunt.
156	Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	4	0	

157	Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for Emperor geese		A member commented in opposition considering that local residents had a long period of not being able to harvest them and it is too early to allow this proposal to happen.
Opposed	0	4	Other members agreed to oppose.
160	Extend the moose season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30		One member spoke in support of the proposal and commented that it was hard to hunt in a 10 day season because of weather or other things that may come up. He also pointed out that the moose population had increased in the Kuskokwim area and ONC and other Kuskokwim residents had a good relationship working with Fish and Game.
Support	4	0	One member discussed that the federal government had their own boards that should be commenting on this proposal and suggested that the State change their openings to occur after the Federal season is closed.

IX. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 11:48am. Motion passed (unanimous)

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