

**Name of Advisory Committee**

**Date**

**Location of Meeting**

I. Call to Order: [6:01] by [Atlin Daugherty]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 8

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

In attendance: Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide), Thatcher Brouwer (Comm fish), Ed Buyarski (Sport fish/hunting/personal), Jesse Walker (sport), Chris Miller (Comm fish), Terry White (charter-salt), Nicholas Orr (Alternate), Kevin Maier (charter-fresh), Kristine Trott (non-consumptive).

Apologies: Jason Kohlhase, Henry Webb (comm fish), Michael Bethers (sport fish/hunt/personal), Jesse Ross (trapping), Richard Yamada (charter-salt),

III. Approval of Agenda: n/a

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dan Teske, Juneau Area Mgmt. Biologist for Sportfish; Dave Love, Asst. Area Mgmt biologist for sport fish; Dave Harris, Juneau Area Mgmt. Biologist for Comm. Fish. ; Scott Forbes, Ass Juneau Area Biologist for Comm Fish.

VI. Guests Present: 3 (Eric Daugherty, Ron Summerville, and Cole (gillnetter)?)

VII. New Business:

UPDATE FOR ADFG on Taku King Salmon:

Dan Teske report: low recruitment is primarily a function of poor ocean survival. Brood stock 2010—2016 adults never returned, mixed up the forecast. Stock is mixed with 2-6 year old fish that are returning.

Harvest exploitation rate is relatively small relative to population dynamics.

Bottom line: ocean survival is impacting stocks.

Forecast have been low the last couple of year; ergo, conservative sport fishing mgmt. measures. In 2015: 1 fish limit (for all of District 11) instead of 3 fish, and in 2016 added in portion of District 15 too (up by Berner's Bay). In 2016, in-season emergency closure of Taku and Stephen's Passage. Forecast for 2017 is *the* historic low.

Escapement goal (established by Board Process and International Treaty) of 19-36,000 fish. Forecast for “terminal run” is 13,000—below escapement goals.

District 11, parts of 12 and 15: regulatory package that could include closure to Chinook retention mid-April to mid-June. Under review at the commissioners office at the moment.

Poor production and poor ocean survival is happening SE AK wide, esp. on Transboundry Rivers. We will see similar closures and/or conservative measures to protect stocks on Chilkat, Stikine, and Unuk—that this is region-wide offers another indication that ocean conditions are the primary issue.

Dave Harris adds: it is true that 2 of 11 rivers with escapement goals made their escapement goals in 2016.

Kristine asks: escapement for other salmon OK? Answer from TEske: yes, they are doing ok—not great, but not as bad as Chinook.

Jesse Walker: what’s the typical sport harvest of Taku Fish? Since 2005, average has been about 600 fish. Sport harvest represents ~1-5% of total terminal run.

Last year, for example, escapement of Taku Kings was 14,000, sport caught 650.

Ed Buyarski: what happens to the May King Salmon Derby?

As of now, looks like we won’t have a spring derby—and Charter Sport Fish is aware that this is coming, too.

#### **Dave Harris report:**

For Taku Gillnet fishery, about 90% of the run has already passed through the area. Or first week of the season, there will be net-size restrictions (6” maximum net size). No retention in the personal use fishery in July.

No directed troll fishery in District 11—going to delay opening dates in nearby waters to June 11, hoping most of the Taku Run has passed through. Conservative mgmt. of all troll fisheries.

Some question about Canadian commercial fishing impact. Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Teske notes: Salmon stock assessment team is considering stopping tagging for tag-recapture studies, as there’s some mortality. This would leave aerial survey as the only metric of escapement.

Kristine asks about acid mine drainage. Dave Harris notes that it doesn’t have a huge impact.

Kevin asks about terminal/Enhanced fisheries: Teske notes that there’s been a poor return on hatchery Chinook. Going to push back terminal opening area to June 15, and will reduce bag limit to 2 fish. Might allow DIPAC to get some broodstock from fish Creek Pond. (side note: Almost all SE Chinook are almost all Andrews Creek stock in origin).

Discussion of harbor seal population at mouth of Taku (one instance: 900 counted on sandbar in lower river).

Discussion on whether JDAC can do anything to enable conservative regulation.

**Ed moves: JDAC will support another King Salmon event in conjunction with Territorial Sportsmen. Jesse Walker seconded. Friendly amendment: Terry notes that we should try to gather as many other user groups as possible to attend. Passes unanimously.**

Chris Miller: will state budget reductions impact ability to assess Taku stocks? Short answer is no. Lot of federal \$ supports this effort, as there are Pacific Salmon Treaty implications.

Canadian test fishery—takes 1200 Taku Chinook. Written into Pacific Salmon Treaty that that can take 1400 fish.

A good resource. <http://www.seator.org>

**Adjourned 7:55pm**

14	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region		
15	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years		
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
17	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		

18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
20	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
support	9	0	3 abstentions.
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
33	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
34	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26		
No action	3	1	9 abstentions.
35	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
No action	4	1	8 abstentions.
36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
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40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
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			kindred for the Interior Region
51			Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met
52			Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou
53			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions
54			Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings
55			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24
56			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26
57			Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
58			Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
59			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
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62			Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
63			Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
64			Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years

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65			Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
66			Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
67			Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region
68			Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
69			Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20
70			Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region
71			Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60
72			Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
73			Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20
support	8	1	4 abstentions
74			Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B
75			Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E
76			Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E
77			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E
78			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C
79			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A
80			Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A
81			Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use

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	Area		
82			Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits
83			Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19
84			Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E
85			Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E
86			Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits
No action			Would recommend better enforcement of existing game regulations along the Taylor Highway.
87			Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season
88			Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage
89			Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12
90			Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12
91			Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12
92			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C
93			Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
94			Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D
95			Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement
96			Expand the winter hunting season for moose to include all of Unit 24B
97			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region,



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			and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B
98			Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21
99			Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26
100			Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A
101			Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events
102			Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd
103			Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds
104			Expand the bag limits for caribou in Units 24A, 25A, 25D, 26B and 26C
105			Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B
106			Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B
107			Lengthen the hunting seasons for brown bear in Unit 26B, and change the nonresident drawing permit to a registration permit
108			Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for brown bear in Unit 25D
109			Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26
110			Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B
111			Open a snaring season for black bear in Unit 25D
112			Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D
113			Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C
114			Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26
115			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25

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116			Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D
117			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D
118			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D
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121			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D
122			Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
123			Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D
124			Require proof of qualifying status prior to awarding disabled veterans' drawing permits in Unit 20D within the Delta Junction Management Area, and implement other changes
125			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A
126			Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A
127			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
128			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
oppose	0	13	Atlin speaks in favor of current regulations. Has hunted this area a lot. Ryan Scott speaks in favor of extant regulation; doesn't know the State's position yet.
129			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
130			Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B
131			Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B
132			Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder

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133			Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20
134			Create a management area for the Eielson Farm Road area in Unit 20
135			Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20C
136			Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd
137			Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd
138			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder
No action	4		8 abstentions.
139			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F
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141			Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf
oppose	2	7	4 abstentions
142			Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf
oppose	2	7	Atlin speaks against the proposal. Kristine speaks in favor of the proposal. 4 abstentions
143			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 1C
Support	13	0	
144			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt
Support	13	0	
145			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 6C
146			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the Twentymile/ Portage/ Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
147			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13
148			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
149			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C
150			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A
151			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Units 14A and 14B

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