

CENTRAL BERING SEA

Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 10-11, 2017

ADF&G Office, 9:00am

570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:15pm

ROLL CALL: Roll call by Stan M. Atchak with 6 present No quorum, asking to review the musk ox first. Musk ox discussion and HB 199 were discussed first. A quorum was determined after these discussions.

INVOCATION: Annie Cleveland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Passed on Oct. 11, 2017

Stanley Tom made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes, all minutes approve by everyone.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Patrick Jones, Dave Runfola, Walter Blajeski (ATS), Jen Peeks
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Melanie Brown, Emily Andrew, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Hooper, Sarah Mutter

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017/18 Board of Game (BOG) Proposals:**
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
 - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC 92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
 - **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
 - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
 - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
 - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
 - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.

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- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals.**

- **Musk Oxen:** Hunt opportunities for ceremonial purposes, proxy hunts and for widows/widowers. – *David Bill Sr.*

Patrick Jones, ADF&G report: On the island counted by Patrick Jones with 755 musk ox. Wants to keep them at 500 and there is enough food. 2014 was the last year they've been giving lots of permits to lower the population. Try to do 3 surveys Nunivak, Nelson Is.

Musk ox are spreading out all over the area. On Nelson Island, 300 total permits: 44% in Cheforak, 44% in Bethel, the rest in Bethel.

David Carl noted that there are lots of musk ox and want to let Fish & Game issue more permits.

Reindeer and musk ox are afraid of open water. Patrick Jones said if you see musk ox on the open water they could take a picture and it is legal to kill it.

For funeral/mortuary harvest it has to be moose, caribou, and deer. Patrick Jones said someone could make a proposal to let musk ox be on the list.

Proxy regulations are available to hunt for other people only for moose, caribou, and deer.

Have to be in person to get musk ox permit. Whoever gets the permit has to hunt it.

Permits rotate between the villages, Nelson Is. cooperative with the five villages.

Only Alaskan residents can have the permits for the musk ox.

Option to add musk ox to the proxy form or mortuary for funerals or celebrations through a proposal. ADF&G can help with this.

Florence from Toksook Bay asked about the number of permits.

For the proxy or mortuary could be rough drafted in the villages or Advisory Comm.

And Fish and Game could help to fix the draft.

Florence from Toksook Bay stated they don't see caribou and deer and wanted to change it to musk ox for proxy.

Add musk ox to proxy and mortuary request.

No amount to the population to the musk ox

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- **Board of Fish (BOF) Agenda Change Requests (ACRs).**

Aaron Tiernan F&G – Allow the F&G to allow with set net with 5.5 mesh sizes. Raise the mesh size from 4 inch to 5.5 on the Kuskokwim river. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for **no action for ARC 03-07**, seconded by Benjamin Lozano, question called. Motion passed for no action proposals ARC 03-07.

- **House Bill (HB) 199: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection.** – *Melanie Brown*

Melanie Brown- Tribal person with the Bristol Bay area

HB199 to strengthen the salmon run.

Emily Anderson director of the salmon runs.

Explanation of HB 199

Training in law in Alaska and fish habitat.

HB199 put together

1. Expands fish and game habitat. To develop a fish habitat they don't need a permit. Navigable waters for the fish habitat
2. Habitat protection waters for the salmon fish.
3. Create II tier permit tracks.
4. Creates a way to say no if it's going to harm the salmon permits.

David Carl stated that there are animals hunting the salmon habitat and there are the Sportsman. They are the ones to look at that ruins the salmon habitat.

This law is only aimed at developers.

To get a permits if you are going to develop sometime that will damage the salmon habitat, like building a something along the salmon habitat.

David Bill, Sr. stated that the bottom fisheries are not hurting anything when the fish on the bottom. David has seen floating halibuts and other fish damaged by the bottom fishermen. The Eltion Strait is the trail for the fish and sea mammals and we used to fish halibut and get lots and now a days we don't get much fish. Walrus too have disappeared from that area. It is not only the Sports Fishermen that are damaging the fish habitat it is the Bottom Fishermen.

It's time to fix this problem before it is too late to the Bottom Fishermen.

Tommy K. there are lots of seals and fish on the sea. The elders said that if the bottom food is gone so will the fish. This summer there are not much for the families. These were cleaned by the Bottom Fish Trawlers. When the bottom fish net goes down to fish they really clean the bottom. When it is clean then there are no fish available for us.

You as F&G should somehow help us to get rid of the bottom trawlers who are damaging the habitat.

Evan Anderson with Alaska Center supports the salmon habitat the HB 199. Better protection the salmon habitat for all user groups to increase the number of fish in Alaska.

Need letters from support from our organizations to Juneau to the lawmakers.

- **Elect AC representative and alternate to attend 2017/ 2018 BOG/ BOF Meetings.** David Bill,
David Carl alternate

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ADJOURNMENT: Annie Cleveland made a motion to close the CBSA, seconded by Stanley Anthony
All in favor of the motion.

CBSA meeting formally close 12:20pm.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting			
November 10 – 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	8	0	<p>Jennifer Hooper Regional Reps from Most of the areas of Alaska. A group of people that made this proposal.</p> <p>Andrew – History is that they have seen good edible meat in the dumps and want to make a law to change all this. To include leg and thighs of the big animal. On the birds to take the edible meat. He is with ONC and supports this proposal.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland makes a motion to the proposal 4 to support it. Seconded by David Carl. All in motion of the proposal. Passed.</p>
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose			<p>F&G is opposed to this proposal. Would not affect this area but the other ones. Like Lynx close early and will be a loop hole for them.</p> <p>Stanley Tom makes a motion to oppose. Seconded by Annie Cleveland.</p> <p>Discussion: Interior trappers like for lynx closes early for the trappers would catch a lynx and want to keep it and not to give to F&G.</p> <p>David Carl asks why the prices of the licenses are getting high and F&G stated that the law makers are the ones that sets the prices.</p> <p>Willie Atti – Asks about this proposal and wouldn't affect this area on the YK delta.</p> <p>Wants to be neutral on this proposal.</p> <p>Question by Tommy K.</p> <p>Roll call by Jenn. Opposed final.</p>
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Support as amended	8	0	<p>Unlawful methods for taking furbearers: Exceptions remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.</p> <p>Be able to shoot wolves and wolverines and F&G is neutral on this proposal.</p> <p>Peter Julius made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by Annie Cleveland.</p> <p>Could amend just to include wolves.</p>

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			Mr. Andrews said that wolverines are slow runners and wolves go fast. Too much wolverines would be taken if this proposal passes. F&G said wolverines and wolves live along where caribou and moose live and during the spring the ski planes could land anywhere. Amendment just to include the wolves. Amended by Annie Cleveland seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Unanimous.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
No action: See comments			On texting or emailing for the game. Tommy K. sort of don't like using walkie talkies or cellphones for hunting. Annie C. stated that to let the use of cell phones for the locals for the subsistence hunting and not the sports hunters with commercial services. AC agreed that they were okay with the use of cell phone for emergencies and when subsistence hunting, but not for guided sport hunts.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
No Action			To define the equipment use for bear hunting like barrels, cameras, or tree stands. F&G is neutral on this proposal. No action on this proposal recommended by the AC boards.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	Require harvest tickets all brown bears. Most of the state don't require that. September-May opened for now. And needs to be sealed and F&G is neutral on this. Tommy Kusaiak makes a motion to oppose the motion, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote. Motion failed.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	9	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts. Would only affect musk ox on Nunivak Island. Many people apply to get musk ox and this proposal wants a point system. Merkoyuk resident says it might be ok like for the other people that have been applying for the draw permits and never gets it and some people have applied gets it. They said they don't support the proposal. Stanley Tom make a motion accept seconded by Annie Cleveland. Roll call vote

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			by Jenn. Motion failed.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support as amended	9	0	<p>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.</p> <p>Rural residents don't need federal stamps now.</p> <p>ONC opposes all duck stamps and with the egg gathering. They don't want duck stamps. F&G is neutral on this.</p> <p>, seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote. All in favor of the motion passed as amended.</p> <p>Peter Julius made a motion with amendment exempt from April 1- Nov. 1</p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	10	0	<p>Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunt. F&G neutral on this proposal. Bethel AC supported as the way it is. This would apply statewide.</p> <p>Stanley Tom make a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by David Carl.</p> <p>Next year sports hunters will be allowed to hunt emperor geese.</p> <p>This only apply to Sept. to December not during the subsistence spring hunt.</p> <p>Question called. 10 yes to the motion.</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	10	0	<p>Customary and traditional uses of game population want to include the waterfowl.</p> <p>Bethel AC supported this proposal.</p> <p>State wants to recognize the customary and traditional use on the waterfowl.</p> <p>Annie C. makes a motion to approve, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. All in favor of the motion, motion passed.</p> <p>How many subsistence information on bird harvest on the books. This information will be given to the Board of Game and next step is to develop ANS.</p>
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	10	0	<p>Taking of big game for religious ceremonies and potlatches when the season is closed.</p> <p>Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept proposal 55, seconded by seconded by Annie Cleveland.</p> <p>Question called.</p>

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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	10	Hunting season and bag limits for caribou. Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 & 19. The Mulchatna herd is going down. Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Motion fails with 10 roll call votes.
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
No Action			The current population for the moose in the remainder of Unit 18 is about 20,000. This would be reauthorized every year. ONC Andrews stated F&G is right that there are too many moose on the Yukon area. To take no action on proposal 157.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	Brown bear tag fee exemption for the residents. Annie Cleveland moves to support the motion, seconded by Peter Julius. Motion passed.

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WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

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18-21			
Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

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Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
18-23			
No Action			
18-25			
No Action			Stanley Tom made a motion for no action. Seconded by Edward Lozano. Roll call vote with 11 yes votes, motion passed.
18-27			
No Action			Establish a customary and traditional use for muskox on Nunivak Island for the residents of Nunivak Island. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for no action on this proposal, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Motion for no action passed by roll call vote.
18-28			
Support	10	0	Add winter moose hunt in and Platinum. Peter Julius states that he supports this proposal. Annie Cleveland made a motion to support the proposal seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote, motion passed.
18-29			
Support	10	0	Annie moves to support this proposal, seconded by Peter Julius. Question called. Motion passed with 10 roll call votes.
18-30			
Support	11	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18.
18-31			
Support	10	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18. Annie Cleveland make a motion to support, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes & 1 abstained. Motion passed.

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Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
18-51			
Support	10	0	Bear bait on Federal lands. Peter Julius made a motion to support, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Question Called. Roll call vote with 10 yes votes, and 1 abstained.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date: