

**Nak/Kvi Advisory Committee minutes:**  
**Naknek/Kvichak AC Meeting 2/9/17**

Call to order: 7:10pm by Chairman William Regan  
Number needed for quorum: 6

**Members Present:**

Joey Klutsch  
Joe Klutsch  
Richard Wilson  
John Wise  
Ralph Zimin  
William Regan  
George Wilson  
Gustie Tallekpallek- by teleconference  
Patricia Edel- ALT seated after election  
Graham Morrison- ALT seated after election

**Members Absent:**

Everett Thompson  
Mark Watson

**ADF&G Staff Present:**

Dave Crowley (Wildlife)  
Taryn O'Connor-Brito (Boards) – by teleconference

**Guests Present:**

Patricia Edel  
Graham Morrison

**Approval of agenda:**

Motion to approve by John Wise, Seconded by Ralph Zimin  
Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**Elections for AC Alternates: (two seats are available)**

**Nominations-**

Patricia Edel  
Graham Morrison

No other nominations. Nominations are closed. Nominees are unopposed, and are **seated by unanimous consent of AC and public in attendotions.**

**Update from Dave Crowley:**

See attached printout

**Moose update 9b and 9c**

- Dave did a survey in December
- 9c local hunter success rates are up, but number of permits issued are down.
- Snow conditions causing lack of access
- 9b and 9c bull cow ratio good, calf comp better than any since early 2000s. Calf survival good.
- Beginning in April the Department will be collaring cows, and following calves throughout the year. Department will be looking to find out what is killing calves, and will look at twinning rate, nutrition and habitat. Will be looking at pregnancy rate of cows, and looking to see how much they move into and out of the park. Have funding for a couple of years, hopefully more. Starting with 24 collars. Hope to be able to fund up to 40 in the future.

Richard is interested in 9c moose survey

Dave- 340 moose counted in 9c, 210 were in park or on boundary. The comp survey was a sample, not good enough for a population estimate. Last population estimate 2012, but it seems stable. Department wants to get a new one. 9c is the next priority.

**Department proposals:**

Dave- 2 possible proposals, but wants to hear from AC before putting them in.

1. Alaska Hare-
  - Pretty rare
  - Currently no bag limit
  - Considering proposing a reduced season and bag limit

George wants to know about migration and mortality.

Dave- there is virtually no data. There is a hare study starting in unit 14 this year. Department doesn't know the survival rate, and doesn't track hunting.

Richard wants to know more about the proposed season dates, why they were chosen?

Dave- wants to shorten the season up. Pretty arbitrary.

2. Ptarmigan-
  - Reduce season by one month so we aren't harvesting on spring breeding grounds in April.
  - Reduce the bag limit by 50%

Richard- has noticed the decline in Ptarmigan and would be in favor of something in print. By April there are water fowl for subsistence. Bag limit seems reasonable. He has been telling people not to hunt them unless they really need to.

Ralph- wants to know if Dave has spoken with other biologists seeing this problem.

Dave- Yes, but not to this extent.

**2017/2018 game proposals are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

William- Does the AC want to submit any?

Richard- is interested in 9c caribou. 9c between Alagnak and town says "to be announced".

Dave- currently area is opened by EO. Would need to go through Board of Game to go back to routine seasons.

**Richard- NAP numbers have come up enough to issue permits for south side of Alagnak, but this section is still closed. We should generate a proposal to re-open this section.**

**William- doesn't see why it shouldn't be open, and would support the AC generating a proposal.**

Rick- Right now NAP 1 caribou, Mulchatna 1-2 depending on dates. Should we follow NAP or Mulchatna rules? Rick was thinking Mulchatna rules.

Ralph- question of co-mingling.

William- If the NAP crosses it could be closed by EO, if not it could be left open for opportunity, William thinks the majority will be Mulchatna caribou.

Richard and William will work on it and get it submitted before the deadline.

**AC Approves by unanimous consent**

**Miscellaneous business:**

Predator Control-

Dave- predator control was suspended. NAP has widely dispersed calving, and calving on Federal lands. Tried to use private gunners. Logistics and weather made that unsuccessful. 40 permits were issued, but none were used. Lots of work for small gain, so it was suspended. Has to be permits (rather than just a hunting licence) because of the federal same day airborne hunting act. Gunners have to be "contracted deputies of the state".

Joe- in the 50's and 60's the feds practiced this. The state is suing the feds, and has good standing. Will have to see what courts decide.

**Old Business:**

**Draft Federal/State MOU-**

Dave- MOU applies to boots on the ground. Often the feds have funding, so a lot of work gets done together. He has always been in favor of a MOU.

Joe- Some of the language is not consistent with the constitution, a new draft is needed.

**Richard moves no action on MOU**

**William wants AC to throw support behind the state and wants to see a new draft. Agrees, proceed with comments but take no action.**

Joe- personally plans to write a letter. He will share it with the AC.

**AC supports no action unanimous consent**

Next Meeting: Call of the Chair- Mid October

Adjourn: 8:40pm

Approved by Naknek / Kvichak AC  
4/4/2018