

Minutes for Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 22, 2017 at 7 pm
MTA Building in Palmer

Andy Couch, Dan Montgomery, Neil DeWitt, Hans Nordstrom, Austin Manelick, Herb Mansavage, Danny Lewis, Mel Grove, Mont Mahoney Don Daggert, Eastman

Absent: Chad Lipse- excused, Birch Yuknis-excused, Bob Marshall —

Glenn Helma, Gerard McClure Representative ? Bill Stank

Public Comment — Member of the public upset with people killing a couple moose in his backyard. Wanted to know what could be done for people to know where they are hunting — is there technology — cell phone. Wanted to know if there is a way for people to tell if they were hunting on private property. Neil DeWitt mentioned that ADF&G already is working on a phone app for fisheries regulations —

Bill Stank mentioned requiring a private landowner to post every 50 feet is unrealistic — as mentioned by the earlier individual signs get taken down.

Neil DeWitt — During Anchorage AC meeting Assemblyman John Witteman mentioned considering ideas of how to harvest bears in the Anchorage area.

Dan Daggert mentioned hunting on JBER, but that his permit only allowed hunting between 6 am and 6 pm. The hunt occurred during hours when bear activity was low.

Motion to approve the agenda. 2nd. Approved without objection.

Andy gave a brief report on the Governor's Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force meeting.

Herb asked AC members what fisheries proposals they would be interested in. Hans believes we should take up all Bristol Bay fisheries proposals.

Neil suggested AC members look more through proposals and bring specific ones up at times when they are appropriate.

Hans and Birch spend some time in Bristol Bay area and they could make some suggestions.

Herb is asking AC members to make comments on up to 44 Bristol Bay Fishery Proposals on Wednesday October 24 Meeting — ADF&G Comments?. AC Comments due on November 14.

Herb mentioned southeast Board of Game proposals coming up after that with 13 proposals he would like the AC to comment on. Herb mentioned several people he knows who hunt bear and deer in Southeast, and also mentioned an interesting elk proposal.

January 2nd is Upper Yukon —

Board of Game has ACR to allow cow moose hunts in Unit 16B. Comment due Nov. 13. Committee will consider that on Wednesday.

Unit 1 Board of Game Comments due December 28. — AC meeting possible Wednesday November 28 or December 12 to address all these proposals. Andy Couch will be absent on either of these dates. Neil will be absent on December 12. Tim cannot make Meeting on December 12.

January 2nd meeting to address Upper Yukon Kuskokwim BOF.

January 23 — Meeting will address Statewide Finfish and AK Peninsula /Aleutians/ Chignik BOF proposals for comments due February 20 and 21.

Feb. 20 to discuss Southcentral AK BOG proposals — our comments will be due March 1. Potential to continue this discussion on February 27.

Feb. 27 continuation for Southcentral Game proposals AND discussion of Joint Board proposals.

Andy brought up considering a date for the AC to develop / submit Upper Cook inlet Fisheries proposals for 2020. Herb agreed— but suggested the AC come up with that as our season moves forward.

Andy brought up North Pacific Fisheries Management meeting on December 3-11 and April 1-9. Neil is planning to attend December Meeting. Chad may be available starting December 5. Andy will be gone during Dec 3- 11 timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Approved by Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 12/20/2018