

Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
25 October 2018
UAS Egan Building 225

- I. Call to Order: 6:04 by Atlin Daughtery
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jason Kolhause, Thatcher Brouwer, Mike Bethers, Ed Buyarski, Jesse Ross, Melanie Brown, Mike Cole, Krstine Trott, Jesse Walker, Nick Orr, Henry Webb
Members Absent (Excused): Chris Miller, Richard Yamada, Terry White
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: sport fish/hunt; charter freshwater; processor; non-consumptive, personal; trapping.
- III. Elections: Henry Webb resigns his seat, effectively immediate. Thanks AC for important work, exits the building

Ed Buyarski unanimously reelected to sport fish/hunt/personal use seat.
Richard Yamada charter unanimously reelected to saltwater charter seat.
Chris Miller unanimously reelected to commercial fishing seat.
Jesse Ross unanimously reelected to trapper seat.
Atlin Daughterty unanimously reelected to hunting guide seat.
Forest Wagner (alebiet not present at meeting) unanimously elected to commercial fishing seat.

Kevin Maier elected Chair, Atlin Daughtery as Vice Chair, Thatcher as Secretary—effective for next meeting.

- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Lena Gilberston, *Publications Specialist & Southeast Regional Coordinator*, Roy Churchwell, Area Mgmt Biologist

- V. Guests Present:

Jake Abbot, Alaska State Troopers; Jos Bakker, Irene Morris with Alaksa Wildlife Alliance; Brian Erickson, with Hecla Greens Creek, Peter Robertson (citizen)

- VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

<p align="center">Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals January 11-15, 2019 Petersburg, AK</p>			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
1	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region		
S	9	1	Ed Buyarski speaks in favor of the proposal, notes that training is now required. Atlin notes that it is not a bow. (3 abstain)
2	Allow the feeding of deer in the Southeast Region		
O	0	12	Kristine T speaks against the proposal, noting the possibility of wasting disease, and impacts on deer health (grazers vs. feed eaters). Some concern about winter diet impacts on deer.
3	Modify the salvage requirement for deer in Units 1–5		
O	1	11	Nick Orr, AC member, speaks to his proposal. Pros: safety concerns around bears. Trade-off is that there's limited meat available. AWT oppose the proposal. Not a huge issue/very few citations in SE. Regulations are uniform from game animal to game animal, save for bear. Would prefer to avoid confusion.
4	Allow the harvest of game from a boat in Units 1–5		
O	3	8	Nick Orr, AC member, speaks to his proposal, noting that this would make the law uniform across the state. Mike Bethers: suggest it's a common practice, but doesn't like it as an idea, has seen too many wasted animals. Mike Cole: could be a safety threat, given the way guard timber works. (1 ABSTAIN)
5	Shorten the hunting seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region		
O	0	12	ADFG need regulatory flexibility to manage different populations. ADFG and AWT note that a lot of sublegal moose are shoot in SE.
6	Change the salvage requirement for black bear in Units 1–5		
O	0	12	Jesse Ross speaks against proposal. Noting hides are valuable, and part of the animal that should be used. AWT opposes.
7	Eliminate the black bear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region		
O	0	12	Treated Proposals 6 and 7 together.
8	Rescind the guide requirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast Region		
O	0	12	Atlin speaks against proposal, too many non-residents were hunting. Thinks current system is working.

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9	Change the nonresident black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general season hunts		
O	4	8	Some confusion over the necessity of proposal. Draw represents a deterrent to non-resident harvest. Mike Cole speaks in favor of the proposal, noting it creates opportunity. Jason speaks against the proposal, noting that this is conservative, and that it's hard to get ahead on conservation issues.
10	Require sealing of coyote in Units 1–5		
S	12		Good data from sealing hides.
11	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Units 1–5		
S	10	1	Jesse Ross supports, doesn't think fur quality will decline in May. Mike Bethers: doesn't think it'll have impact on population. (1 abstention)
12	Modify the trapping season for beaver in Unit 1		
O	0	12	Jesse Ross says too broad of a proposal. Speaks against it.
13	Require identification tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5		
S	9	2	AWT supports the proposal, wishes that it were statewide. Jesse R speaks against, notes that trappers get harassed by anti-trappers. Jesse Walker: notes that it's not a huge burden, speaks in favor of it. Most people do it anyway. (1 abstention)
14	Require trappers to post identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5		
O	2	7	Mike Cole notes that anti-trapping sentiment could mean that this would lead to vandalism. AWT supports, creates transparency, lets other usergroups in area know that trap are near. JDAC: NOTES THAT REQUIREMENT OF ONE SIGN WITH A MAP MIGHT IMPROVE PROPSAL? (3 absentions)
15	Lengthen the hunting season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region		
N/A			
16	Shift the hunting season for migratory game birds in Units 1–4		
S	9	0	General consensus that alternating seasons isn't a good idea.. Creates more opportunity, especially for youth hunters who hunt before and after school. More opportunity for teal. (3 abstain)
17	Reserve waterfowl hunting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters		

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18	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 4 Remainder		
S	9	2	Nick speaks in favor of his proposal, noting that this brings regulation in to line with federal subsistence users. Atlin worries this could have impact on heavy snow years. (2 abstain)
19	Close an area around the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit 4 to hunting		
S	10	1	Hecela representative notes that this a series safety issue. Primary usage is from hunters. Not legal to shoot from the road under state law. Jesse W: notes that he appreciates leaving A Road open, B Road is dangerous. Ed and Mike: suggest putting signage up as an alternative to closing the road. VERY LONG DISCUSSION. Lots of risks, consensus is prudent to take action, this seems reasonable. Kevin speaks out strongly against the proposal, noting that this sets a bad precedent for private entities to annex public land, reducing hunter access, suggests it is incumbent on the mine, which leases public land, to take necessary precautions to protect public access. (1 abstains)
20	Change the bag limit for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C		
S as Amended	7	4	ADFG notes: Most hunters take only 1 doe. Nick proposes making it no does. Jesse Ross notes that we don't have good measures of population through pellet surveys, notes Douglas has a wolf problem. Mike B notes that CBJ road impacts the best habitat, wolves, means douglas deer population is down. General concern over enforcement. AWT notes it would have to be on the honor system. General concern over the population of deer on Douglas. LONG DISCUSSION. Amended: four bucks only for Douglas Island. 7, 4, 1 abstain. (1 abstain)
21	Amend the area closed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C		
S	12	0	Unanimous support.
22	Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C		
S	10	1	Jesse R speaks in favor of proposal. Notes that wolves have an impact on deer. ADFG would need to see drastic declines in hunter

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			success, but support this proposal in general. Important to note that we haven't met the trigger points in the Douglas Island MGMT Plan to increase wolf take, but would prefer to not micro-manage Douglas . Douglas isn't enough to support a full pack. (1 abstain)
23	Expand the archery-only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C		
TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING			AWT is neutral. Concern about hunting near heavily used areas, including the Mt Roberts Tramway. Amended: to OCT 1-Nov 30 Season.
24	Clarify the boundary description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C		
25	Restructure the moose hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence regulations		
26	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
27	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
28	Issue permits for using bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C		
29	Shift the hunting season for waterfowl in Unit 1C		
30	Create a youth hunt for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge		
31	Allow the use of submerged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C		
32	Modify the regulations to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads and trails within the Skagway Borough in Unit 1D		
33	Open a drawing hunt for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B		
34	Open a registration hunt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B		

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35			Change the hunt structure for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A
36			Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 1A
37			Reduce the harvest objective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400
38			Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 1A
39			Shorten the hunting season for deer in Unit 2
40			Decrease the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2
41			In Unit 2, require harvest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest
42			Increase the annual harvest of wolves in Unit 2
43			Change the harvest management strategy for wolf in Unit 2
44			Extend the trapping season for wolf in Unit 2.
45			Extend the resident deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3
46			Extend the resident deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in Unit 3
47			Eliminate the general season elk hunt in Units 1–3
48			Change the bag limit and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3
49			Increase the “up to number” for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear hunters without a guide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3

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50			Increase the “up to number” for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black bear hunters on Kupreanof Island in Unit 3
51			Modify the black bear sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3
52			Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3
53			Modify the hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3
142			The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 concerning brown bear in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board’s consideration.

Adjournment: 9:46

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Kevin Maier _____

Minutes Approved By: _____ AC _____

Date: _____ 12.6.18 _____