

MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019

Teleconference

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 10:15 a.m. Bill Alstrom, Chairman

ROLL CALL: 4 quorum: Stan Sheppard, William (Bill) Alstrom, Basil Larson, Peter Tyson.

Mathew Waskey (alt.) Rex Nick (excused). Mildred Fitka, Margaret Guidry (unexcused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Passed Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: November 8-9. 2018. **Passed Unanimously**

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Patrick Jones, Keith Oster, Jen Peeks, Christy Gleason
- Other Agency Representatives: Jennifer Hooper (AVCP)
- Members of the Public/ Other: Isaac Prince (St. Mary's), John Agwiak (?) (Mt. Village)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on Board of Fish (BOF)/Board of Game (BOG) meetings**
 - Christy Gleason (ADF&G): Provided an overview of the AYK BOF meeting.
 - Stan Sheppard: Asked in regards to the BOF making decision to change the 24 hours after commercial for subsistence, what is the department going to allow for hours after commercial? Christy- that is probably not going to change too much, but during the summer/fall chum we will keep it about the same hours we have been. Depends on how run comes in and subsistence schedule.
 - Bill Alstrom: Regarding dipnetting, it is confusing. Can you still subsistence dipnet when commercial fishing? Christy- anytime subsistence salmon fishing is open, you can use it. When closed, dipnets will be closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

GMU 18 Overview: (ADF&G staff)

- Moose: Pat Jones reported that starting around April 11, two moose projects would start. ADF&G would be capturing moose calves: putting on collars, ear tags, and getting weight. ADF&G would also be conducting brows survey looking at willows and digestible protein. Area upstream of Marshall had declining moose population. Lower Yukon moose were growing. ADF&G will share data to discuss in the fall. Stan Sheppard asked if they will transplant moose once they are

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tagged. ADF&G commented that weather conditions had made doing count difficult and ADF&G were looking at other ways to get a good idea of how many moose are on the landscape.

Stan Sheppard commented that when he had traveled during the winter it "struck" him the amount of wolf kills and that it would be nice to know percentage of wolf kills.

Pat Jones commented that ADF&G does take notes on wolf tracks, but the way that the moose surveys are conducted are not great at estimating number of wolves. Mr. Jones said that over the last 14 years it was clear that the wolf numbers were up in between Mt. Village and Marshall. Also in spring, more black bears.

Bill Alstrom asked if ADF&G had an estimate on how much an adult moose would consume per day? Pat Jones estimated 50-100 lbs., he commented that anything thicker than a "#2 pencil" wasn't nutritional, nutrition is in the bark. Mr. Jones commented that they have noticed when moose start eating up to 40% of last years' new growth, they see more moose starvation, twinning declines, pregnancy declines, and age of maturation increases.

Bill Alstrom asked about the moose population in other nearby game management units.

- Ptarmigan: Pat Jones reported that they would be collaring ptarmigan to better understand behavior. [For the record Mathew Waskey joined.]

Draft Board of Game Proposals: Deadline May 1, 2019. ADF&G provided an overview of upcoming BOG proposal deadline and process. The Mid-Lower AC had submitted two proposals.

- Bill Alstrom commented that the Yupiit of Andreafski had a meeting coming up and will share the info.
- Pete Tyson asked if there was an MOU on state/federal proposal process? Pat Jones explained a similar process. State regulations were typically what ADF&G followed. All Unit 18 regulations were state regulations.

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- Stan Sheppard asked for clarification on trapping. He commented that some animals were still in their prime when the season closed. He asked if ADF&G would extend the closure to trap those animals to mid-April. Pat Jones commented that that was a proposal that Mr. Sheppard could submit, however, ADF&G doesn't like to have open season on animals that are nursing pups/babies.
- AC members would take BOG proposal information back to their communities. No proposals were submitted at this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: N/A

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD **Location:** St. Mary's

ADJOURNMENT: 11:23 a.m.