

Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
12/02/2020
Teleconference

I. Call to Order: 7:04pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Herb Mansavage
- Birch Yuknis
- Austin Manelick
- Andy Couch
- Mel Grove
- Neil Dewitt
- Dan Montgomery
- Danny Lewis
- Dom Nickles
- Don Dygert
- Aaron Bloomquist
- Chad Schierman
- Chris Alderman

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charity Leman, Toddy Rinaldi, Tim Peltier

IV. Guests Present: None

V. Approval of Agenda: Andy motioned, Neil Dewitt seconded – Accepted w/o Opposition

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: To Be Done Later

VII. Proposals: Dan motioned to start with Proposal #1, Neil seconded.

Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 22-29, 2021 | Wasilla, AK

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
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14		
Oppose	2	10	<p>Dept – Changing moose season dates, would extend season for 14 days in Unit 14 and 19 days in Unit 13, more hunting pressure, interference with rut, Dept is opposed, evaluated by subunit if changes were made, bull to cow ratio within objectives in 14A and extension may affect objective, have not seen change to rut timing (rut is primarily triggered by daylight/biology and not by temperature), peak of calving has not shifted,, season in 14 changed in 2008 (Aug.20-Sept.20 to Aug.25-Sept.25).</p> <p>Support – Witnessed less bulls with cows, calving happening later in 16A, possible amendment to Sept 25th for Unit 13, opportunity for bow season last 5 days.</p> <p>Oppose – Reasons given by Dept, more hunting pressure, possible impact to population.</p>
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Dept – Overlap with youth hunt, not likely to impact sheep harvest, hard to tell participation/success, no biological concern, Unit 11 positive CMT, Dept is neutral.</p> <p>Oppose – Does not like interference with youth and aerial</p> <p>Abstain (2) – Potential to maximize sheep hunting opportunity, unsure of youth participation.</p>
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
Oppose	5	5	<p>Dept – Extend by 20 days, potential harvest effect.</p> <p>Support – Does not conflict with youth, more opportunity, full curl/8-year/double broom requirements.</p> <p>Oppose – Extension is too long, low current sheep population and lack of legal rams, do not need more pressure, more woundage lost, long season already, opportunity is there.</p>

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			Abstain (2) – Registration as proposed in Proposal #4,5 gives better control
4	Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16		
Oppose	6	5	<p>Dept – 50% of harvest in first 10 days, Dalton corridor harvest remains same with new bowhunting season.</p> <p>Support – More opportunity, potential economic benefit for guides.</p> <p>Oppose – Potential for trouble with winter weather, Low populations don't need more pressure, multiple failed stalks creates more pressure.</p>
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Dept – More Complex, interfere with youth hunt, allow aircraft spot, not likely effect harvest, allocative, no biological concern, positive CMT for Unit 11.</p> <p>Oppose – Complex, agree with Dept comments.</p>
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	13	0	<p>Dept – Depts proposal, administrative, locking tag not required for resident, greater opportunity, less economic impact.</p> <p>Support – Agree with Dept.</p>
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		
Support	11	2	<p>Dept – No biological concern, few will take more than 1, corridors add complexity (public safety and enforcement), no info on impacts of bear on ungulate population, Dept is neutral.</p> <p>Support – Large population, helps moose/caribou populations, no current predator management.</p> <p>Oppose – More pressure and decline on road system in Unit 13, limits good as is.</p>

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8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	13	Dept – Reduce bycatch, simplify/align seasons, Dept in support, no trapping during denning/pupping, Unit 9 coyote population is slim, coyotes move dens, no conservation concerns. Oppose – Not a lot of coyote trappers, liberalize season, coyotes have impacts on sheep lambing, damage to other populations, coyotes are overrun in other states.
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
Supported as Amended	11	2	Dept – Deteriorating pelts, bycatch possibilities, pupping concerns Amendment to change from Trapping to Hunting, Unit 13/16 Season Aug.10-May 31 st – Dan motioned, Aaron seconded. Amendment Passed 12-1-0 Support – More opportunity for wolves Oppose – Bycatch of bears, hides are deteriorating, population under control.
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
Support	12	0	Dept – Aligned with other areas, harvest may be difficult with arrow, no concerns, decline in effort, beavers are abundant, no biological concern, dept neutral, suggest bow retrieval gear for harvest Support – Agree with Dept comments.
11	Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
Oppose	4	8	Oppose – No requirement for salvage of hide

VIII. Closing Comments:

- Herb
 - Quick meeting next week (12/9) to test out Zoom.
- Andy
 - Suggested AC may want to consider Statewide Game Proposal #155 and Statewide Fish Proposals #234,235,236.

- Neil DeWitt
 - Will be attending Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Meeting on December 9th if anybody has any comments.

IX. Adjournment: 9:17pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman
Date: 12/02/2020