

**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee**  
**01/06/2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:10pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Dan Lewis
- Dan Montgomery
- Aaron Bloomquist
- Andy Couch
- Chad Lipse
- Dom Nickles (Left at 9:25pm)
- Don Dygert
- Neil DeWitt
- Chad Schierman
- Austin Manelick
- Herb Mansavage
- Chris Alderman (Joined at 8:15pm, Left at 9:00pm)

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**III. Fish and Game Staff Present:** Tim Peltier

**IV. Guests Present:** Mark Richards, Rod Arno

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Dan motioned to amend to include BOG Proposal 3/4, Andy seconded – Accepted as Amended w/o Opposition

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Dan motioned, Neil seconded – Accepted w/o Opposition

**VII. Guest Comments**

- Rod Arno –
  - Asked for AC's opinion on potential changes to BOG meeting. Specific proposals that should not be deferred. Expressed the importance of in-person attendance and meetings should not be postponed if able.
- AC Comments

- Antlerless moose, brown bear exemption, and other housekeeping/sunset proposals need to be addressed and could be done over Zoom.
- In-person interaction is key to the BOG meeting, especially with different BOG than prior.
- Andy motioned that Dan write letter to address BOG meeting and Herb approval to submit to BOG, Aaron seconded.
- Mark Richards –
  - RHAK originally opposed postponement of BOG meeting but has changed to support postponement if not safe. Allow new proposals if meetings are postponed. Village participation will be difficult in meeting goes through so maybe consider Zoom for them.
  - RHAK submitted Proposal #146 at BOG 2020 Meeting to limit number of non-resident draw permits. BOG deliberated and amended it to the complete opposite of the original intent of the proposal which should not be allowed. RHAK submitted letter to BOG (to be distributed to AC via Charity) and asked that the AC support this letter.
- AC Comments
  - Neil motioned that Aaron write letter address for policy to not allow BOG to amend to completely contrary from proposal's original intent and Herb approval to submit to BOG, Andy seconded.

**VIII. Proposals:** Danny motioned proceed with proposals, Neil seconded.

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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>			
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
Oppose	6	6	Support – Does not conflict with youth, more opportunity, full curl/8-year/double broom requirements.

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			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.
<b>4</b>	<b>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</b>		
Support	8	4	Support – More opportunity, potential economic benefit for guides. Oppose – Potential for trouble with winter weather, Low populations don't need more pressure, multiple failed stalks creates more pressure.
<b>13</b>	<b>Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A</b>		
Support	11	1	Dept – Supporting, moose population above objective Support – Too many moose, currently 2 moose limit for residents.
<b>14</b>	<b>Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 &amp; RM576 in Unit 17A</b>		
Support	10	2	Dept – Over objective, 2373 population, 800-1200 objective Support – Too many moose, flexibility to announce for snow coverage, remote and hard to access, subject to emergency closure. Oppose – Too liberal, risk to population around river corridors
<b>15</b>	<b>Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B</b>		
Support	9	3	Dept – Current season closes Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> , population 1497 (2017), 0.38 square mile, 16% calf, population stable, neutral, extended season added pressure, 3000 population, 4000-6000 objective, old data (2008 for E, 2017 for W) Support – More opportunity, hard to access, stable population. Oppose – Risk to moose population.

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<b>16</b>	<b>Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder</b>		
Support	7	5	See Proposal 15 comments
<b>17</b>	<b>Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B</b>		
Support	8	4	See Proposal 15 comments
<b>18</b>	<b>Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C</b>		
No Action	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	<b>Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows</b>		
Oppose	2	7	Dept – No action, not in position to take action, priority region, Togiak mapping project underway but unknown status, premature Support – Worth bringing it up to board to look, needs to be investigated/revised. Oppose – Mulchatna at lowest numbers ever, Togiak has one of best biologists in the state Abstain (2) – Not enough information.
<b>20</b>	<b>Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)</b>		
Oppose	0	11	Dept – Neutral, allocative if adopted then close during rut Oppose – Enough opportunity currently, restricts non-local residents from hunting.
<b>21</b>	<b>Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18</b>		
Support	11	0	Dept – Supports Support – Strongly supported by AC and should be priority proposal, population decreasing, predator control has been tried on state land, this would help population.
<b>22</b>	<b>Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay</b>		
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<b>23</b>	<b>Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17</b>		
Support	9	1	Support – Consistent with GMU 18,23, 26 that allow this, practice already used, low risk to wolverines that stay in the trees, predator control tool to use to help caribou population. Oppose – Agree with wolves, not wolverine.
<b>24</b>	<b>Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17</b>		
No Action			

## IX. Closing Comments:

- Herb
  - Requests consensus of proposals we want to take up to better use our time.
  - Department comments not out so suggests we wait until after BOG meeting on 1/21 for next meeting. Proposes 1/27.
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## X. Adjournment: 10:04pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman  
Date: 01/06/2022