

Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Game/Trap Subcommittee Meeting
January 31, 2022
JP Jones Community Center

- I. Call to Order: 6:12pm by Mark Richards
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, John Wisniewski, Mark Richards, Mike Tinker, Virgil Umphenour, Kirk Schwalm
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A
- IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Karen Gordon, Jim Simon, Dave Lorring

Meeting is to go over the Statewide proposals for the upcoming Statewide Board of Game Meeting March 4-12, 2022. Meeting is hybrid with some members of public and AC joining via phone.

AC would like to note that the Department A&Rs on Statewide proposals are not out at this time, which is becoming more frequent, making it extremely hard for the AC to make informed decisions on certain proposals without Department information and opinion.

Public comments: Karen Gordon would like to comment in opposition to Statewide proposals 230 & 267, Proposal 230 (change the definition of full curl horn) is not needed, oppose. Proposal 267 to limit nonresident sheep hunters in Unit 19C, oppose. 95% of the funding from sheep hunting in Unit 19C comes from nonresident hunters that helps fund the Division of Wildlife Conservation. Limiting nonresident sheep hunters there would cause that funding to be reduced greatly. Funding is necessary. There is no conservation concern for sheep in 19C. Proposal is not necessary.

David Lorring will speak to the falconry proposals as president of the Alaska Falconers Association: Proposal 108 (increase opportunity for nonresident take of certain eyas raptors for falconry), explains what “eyas” means, birds born still in the nest, different falcon species, that this proposal would allow increased opportunity for nonresidents to take eyas goshawks and Peale’s perigrines, no conservation concerns and shows willingness to allow more nonresident take of these falcons. Proposal 109 (modify microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents), explains one aspect of the proposal is to require that any microchipped birds be registered in a recognized database, which is not currently happening. Subcommittee has concerns that the proposal would remove the microchip requirement for all raptors exported from the state, and then only apply to gyrfalcons exported from the state, would like input of the full AC. Proposal 110 (Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors), explains what “passage” means, bird has left the nest, captured in passage.

Proposal 110 identical to the Department proposal 114, changing season dates to a more conservative approach based on conservation concerns for Gyrfalcons. Proposal 111 (limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year), explains that Gyrfalcons, particularly white Gyrs, are the main raptor nonresidents are after, and the chances of a nonresident drawing a capture permit are low, and some of the same nonresidents are drawing a permit in consecutive years. Similar situation to big game draw permits, but with those the board of game has set limits on how many times one can successfully draw and participate, such as one brown bear every four years, and if one successfully draws a big game permit that person cannot apply again the next year. This proposal seeks the same for nonresident raptor capture permits. Proposal 112 (increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors), points out that both resident and nonresidents must have a current hunting license before applying for a capture permit, and that this proposal is overly broad with no quotas on nonresident take of raptors.

Subcommittee moves on to the proposals, all votes on proposals are by unanimous consent unless otherwise noted. The full AC after seeing these minutes will decide whether to accept the votes and recommendations of the subcommittee at the next full AC meeting. Notation “**FULL AC**” under any proposal indicates that proposal will be heard and voted on by the full AC at the next AC meeting.

Proposals that the subcommittee took no action on, with a bold asterisk (*), may want to be reviewed by full AC based on comments from Al Barrette that the Board of Game values input from ACs, and some proposals we took no action on we had opinions that the board may want to see.

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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>			
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
FULL AC			
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
FULL AC			

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103			Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”
SUPPORT			Hay & grain should not be considered “hunting gear”
104			Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes
TNA			
105			Add roof rat (<i>Rattus rattus</i>) and house mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
TNA			
106			Provide a definition for “feral”
TNA			
107			Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”
TNA			
108			Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry
SUPPORT			No conservation concerns, allows slight increase of nonresident take of eyas Goshawks and Peale’s peregrines from nest sites
109			Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents
FULL AC			Concerns on removing other raptors from microchip requirements when exported from the state
110			Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors
SUPPORT			Season changes promote better conservation of Gryfalcons
111			Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year
SUPPORT			Makes sense, allows more fairness in opportunity for nonresidents to draw a capture permit, similar to current regulations on big game permits
112			Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors
OPPOSE			Asks for too much, no quotas on nonresident capture, conservation concerns, as well as concerns of lucrative capture and breeding programs by nonresidents
113			Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around
OPPOSE			Based on comments on proposal 112
114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
SUPPORT			Based on comments on Proposal 110
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters

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SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC Proposal, see our comments within proposal
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue, aligns with other exceptions for users of longbows, recurves, compound bows
117			Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field
FULL AC			
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
SUPPORT			Aligns with other existing application requirements
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
SUPPORT			No reason not to allow proxy hunting of Muskox under a Tier II permit, would like to see proxy hunting of other species in other units revisited
120			Allow proxy hunting for moose
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 119
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
*TNA			
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
*TNA			5 lbs not much of a difference, don't think change is necessary
123			Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game
OPPOSE			Seems unnecessary, handheld range finders in wide use, no need to mount one on bow, doesn't align with primitive weapon definition
124			Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 123
125			Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts
FULL AC			
126			Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 123, similar rationale doesn't align with primitive weapon definition, proposal doesn't define scope, whether a dot sight, power magnification etc.
127			Allow air rifles for hunting big game

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*TNA			Too broad, no definition of bullet weight, energy, as we have now for center-fire rifles for different species
128	Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices		
*TNA			Some have not heard of these body suits, others have, military design, allows carry of heavier loads, longer distances before tiring, subcommittee not sure of actual availability and expense
129	Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine		
*TNA			Overly broad, concerns about availability of ammo in certain areas, what about hard cast lead bullets, what real benefit if passed
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures		
SUPPORT			Concerns of spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, per Dept. comments
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
SUPPORT			AC fully supports salvage requirements, but it is an individual ethical choice on the consumption of bird wings and backs, fine if one wants to utilize those parts for human consumption or bait, as long as rest of bird is salvaged for human consumption
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 131
133	Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver		
SUPPORT			Wherever it allowed to take beaver with a firearm, it should also be allowed to take beaver with a bow
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
SUPPORT			as long as this only applies to trapping locations, we support to help protect trapper interests
135	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
SUPPORT			This is Fairbanks AC proposal, our AC fully supports the repeal of the restriction on use of aircraft to spot sheep during hunting season, is not enforceable, can lead to bad piloting decisions, and is contrary to other board allowances to spot caribou from the air for the purpose of taking during same-day-airborne hunts in other parts of the state.
136	Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 135
137	Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting		

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SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 135
138			Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons
*TNA			We want the restriction on aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting repealed, but if it stays in place that restriction should apply to ALL open sheep seasons, including the youth sheep hunt Aug 1-5
139			Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting
*TNA			AC supports full repeal of restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep during sheep seasons. This proposal seems to already be in place with wildlife harassment laws, is also unenforceable.
140			Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area
OPPOSE			This is too many bait sites for each guide use area, no definition of "temporary" as to when it would sunset, guides have plenty of opportunity now with 10 bait stations per GUA
141			Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart
OPPOSE			No clear rationale on why 1 mile between bait stations, what about bait stations across rivers less than 1 mile apart, 1 mile can be a world away depending on terrain/location
142			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
TNA			
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TNA			
144			Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
TNA			
145			Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations
TNA			
146			Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year
OPPOSE			Would unfairly limit hunters, other species besides goats would be included, don't believe it's necessary
147			Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit
SUPPORT			We don't have any concerns this would lead to selective overharvests or abuse, agree with proposer that all Alaskans

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			should be allowed to sell a prepared big game trophy legally taken
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
SUPPORT			Similar to proposal 147, we support the concept
149	Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters		
OPPOSE			All nonresidents should be treated equally, with no distinction between a nonresident using a guide or a nonresident hunting with second-degree-of-kindred resident relative as their guide. AS 16.05.407 is clear in that regard and makes no distinction on treating the two differently
150	Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species		
OPPOSE			We believe that increasing to 10 draw permit applications per species is too much.
151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period		
FULL AC			
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
RESCINDED BY PROPOSER	Replaced with proposal 239		See our comments on proposal 239
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
OPPOSE			Overly broad, Department has opposed in the past
154	Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit		
SUPPORT			Corrects an error in how party permits are awarded when there is only a "last" permit available
155	Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts		
SUPPORT			AC has always supported more "any bull" hunts in areas where we have no conservation concerns for those hunts, request amendment for "up to 10" any-bull permits if passed
156	Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts		
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue, agree with Department

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157	Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute		
TNA			
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food		
SUPPORT			More options to utilize road kill or other inedible for human consumption meat
159	Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days		
SUPPORT			This should have always been the timeline for sealing, when ADF&G offices are open for sealing
160	Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption		
TNA			
161	Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs		
*TNA			Not hard to take rib meat between ribs; "rolling" the rib meat off the bone gets all the rib meat, including between ribs, all in one piece
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
SUPPORT			Was a mistake to not include salvage requirements for snowshoe hare, we support requiring salvage of meat or hide
163	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game		
*TNA			Impossible to enforce, don't always know when animal is wounded
164	Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years		
*TNA			See comments on proposal 164
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
SUPPORT			Governor's tags bring in much needed revenue to the Department, we don't believe the bag limit should apply to any Governor tag hunts that are auctioned/raffled off
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		
TNA			

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167			Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit
TNA			
168			Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear
*TNA			More of a legislative issue to redefine AS 16.05.407
169			Prohibit the harvest of white animals
*TNA			Overly broad, no definitions, Dall sheep are white
170			Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries
TNA			
171			Divide Unit 19A into two subunits
TNA			AC believes this is best decided and worked on by the two ACs in differing parts of 19A
172			Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC proposal 173 seeks to resolve some of these same issues, board needs to address these as stated during last cycle and fix the problems outlined by the Department
173			Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
FULL AC			Not supported by all AC members
174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
179			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.

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180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
181			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
182			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
184			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
185			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
186			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
187			Reauthorize a winter any moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
188			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
189			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
193			Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A
SUPPORT			Department proposal, no conservation concerns with this limited number of permits
196			Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25
FULL AC			Needs more clarification, expansion of hunt areas with caribou now moving farther west outside current hunt boundaries
230			Change the definition for "full-curl horn"
OPPOSE			Not necessary, conservation concerns with excessive harvest of 7-year-old rams
231			Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans .

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OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
*TNA			Not needed, waterfowl are not furbearers
233			Eliminate the requirement for peak draw weight of bows or establish peak draw weight for taking species
*TNA			See comments on proposal 122
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly.
TNA			
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit
SUPPORT			No conservation concerns, meat or hide should be salvaged per Department proposal 162
236			Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location
*TNA			Too broad, some bait stations across rivers may be less than one mile apart
237			Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation
SUPPORT			Bait station registrants should not be held liable for bait stations approved by ADF&G that are near prohibited areas, responsibility of the Department to NOT issue permits for locations near prohibited areas
238			Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit
TNA			
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
SUPPORT			All resident hunters should be treated equally, regardless of where they live in the state, unless in Tier 1 or II hunts
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 147
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
FULL AC			See comments on proposal 149, all nonresidents should be treated equally
242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"

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OPPOSE			Too broad, should only apply to mandatory deployments
243			Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
*TNA			AC does not support repeal of ALL CSH Hunts
245			Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC proposal, see our proposal comments, AWT comments in opposition don't make sense because many other areas do NOT have requirements to salvage rib meat on bone from big game animals and there are no issues. Rib meat is still fully salvaged, but off the bone making for much lighter loads.
246			Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns
TNA			
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
OPPOSE			IM Law mandates predation control for certain big game populations when they are below population objectives and predator reductions are reasonably expected to improve those populations
248			Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder
FULL AC			Concerns of abuse, adult permit holder should be resident Alaskan
249			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
250			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
251			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
253			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18

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TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
254	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			AC supports based on information from AB Hollis there will be no antlerless hunts in 20A in 2022
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
*SUPPORT			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
*SUPPORT			
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
259	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview
261	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT			
262	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.		
SUPPORT			
263	Allow the harvest of sea otter.		
TNA			
264	Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power		
TNA			
265	ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
TNA			
266	ACR 3 - Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas		
TNA			
267	ACR 4 – Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		

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FULL AC			
268 TNA	ACR 5 - Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>		
269	ACR 6 - Create a tiered hunt structure and open a hunt for the Unimak Island caribou herd		
SUPPORT			There is a need to harvest caribou on Unimak Island that are overgrazing the habitat
270	Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E		
TNA			Any reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons outside our AC authorization areas are not within our purview

Adjournment: 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 2/1/22