

Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 6th, 2023
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	6:17pm		
Ray	DeBardelaben			X
Mike	Smith			
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby			X
Joe	Thomas	X		
Lisa	Gariel	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller	6:18pm		
Todd	Smith	6:10pm		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Ron	Petty	X		
Scott	Deletist	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

IV. Guests Present: Kevin Meyers

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting minutes from November 28th are approved.
 - b. Meeting minutes from January 9th & 23rd meetings are approved.
 - VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
 - VIII. Public Comment
 - IX. Old Business
 - X. New Business
 - XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting February 16th, 2023 at CIAA starting at 6pm
 - XIII. Other
- Adjourn

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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>			
55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		

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Support	11	4	<p>This would pertain to hunting regulations which would allow for better recover. This is already allow for big game as long as the dog is leashed and a single animal.</p> <p>How do you define and enforce hunting versus recover and tracking.</p>
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support as Amended	15	0	<p>Education is good and helping hunters to learn more is good. Goats are already difficult and having this requirement</p> <p>Amendment – all goat hunters to take a one-time ADFG goat education test, quiz, for all goats hunts in the state of Alaska.</p> <p>Unanimous consent on Amendment.</p>
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		

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68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak
72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193
81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms

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82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
83	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
93	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		

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94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15
106			Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C
Opposed	5	10	Kevin came to talk about proposal 106 Caribou Hills atv access. Horse access vs ATV access came about during the rise of 3-

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			<p>wheelers. There are restrictions for a motorized use during moose hunting season in 15C.</p> <p>Rule is currently very difficult to enforce and there is a loop hole within the rule.</p> <p>The non-motorized time is quieter and the quality of the hunt is much better. The population is stable to growing, though this could potentially increase harvest opportunity.</p> <p>This could also potentially increase access during the early rut. This is contentious and much like the airplane closure for sheep.</p> <p>Closing this could also set precedence for opening other closed controlled use areas.</p> <p>This is not only a horse vs motorized group, as there are now lots of hikers, bikers and other groups that are getting out into the area without either.</p> <p>Vote on Proposal options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Remove all restrictions – Some AC Members are in favor of this. b.) Every other week unrestricted access - Could be interesting, though the last week of the season would have to change between user groups so not one group received the last week of the season. c.) Every third day with unrestricted access - No weight, least enforceable and adds more confusion. d.) No Motorized hunting during
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		

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109			Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15
110			Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder
111			Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder
112			Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder
113			Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder
114			Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt
115			Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons
116			Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested
117			Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C
118			Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers
119			Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents
Opposed	0	14	Area is not monitored for moose population. Density is low and terrain is limiting. No major burn has come about to increase moose population.
120			Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15
No Action			Based on Action on 121

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121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Supported as Amended	14	1	<p>August 22 – August 29 Amendment – Open all of unit 15 to archery only from August 22 to August 29th and leave current resident & non-resident as is</p> <p>Vote on Amendment 2 – Opposed like it how it currently is, seems like a special user group, also would like to see it open to both residents and non-residents across the board.</p> <p>13 - Supported</p>
	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
No Action			Based on Action on 121
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
	15	0	Fish and Game is trying to get rid of the yearly extensions and the requests that come in from the community. Support to change of the dates is warranted to help keep the population stable plus meat quality is not great during the rut.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		

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131			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
132			Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area
Supported as Amended	14	1	<p>Amendment to Remove Sealing Completely in units 15 & 7</p> <p>Vote on Amendment</p> <p>Support – 4</p> <p>Opposed – 11</p> <p>Overall decrease on Kenai sub-legal has dropped from a high of 24% down to 8%-9%. Sealing is another enforcement tool to help keep sub-legal moose harvest down.</p> <p>Confiscation and legal judgement is held with officer discretion. Moose antler sealing is time intensive. 34 citations in 2022 season out of an estimated 400.</p> <p>Biological sampling is total voluntary</p> <p>Amendment to include any-bull hunts from antler sealing in unit 15</p> <p>Support – 14</p> <p>Opposed - 1</p>
133			Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C
134			Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15
Opposed	5	10	<p>Current Season September 1st to May 31st</p> <p>Extending the season could potentially close the season earlier and decrease opportunity during the fall season.</p> <p>Black bear season goes through June 30th, this would align brown bears over bait with the black bear season.</p>

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			The August opening would allow more opportunistic hunting during early mountain hunts. But if the spring bear harvest was high, this fall season could be closed by then.
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
No Action			Based on 136
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Supported	13	2	Increased opportunity to extend through some of the baiting season. Opposed Vote – Season is adequate for our area and bear management.
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
No Action			Based on 136
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
Opposed	0	15	No need for another special use hunt, bow can be used during the regular season.
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
Opposed	3	12	This would allow the use of equipment prior to the spring melt. All baiting in the state except for unit 18 starts April 15th
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
Opposed	2	13	Keeping rules aligned across units
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
Opposed	4	11	Decrease from public use facilities could have a negative effect and or perception. Distance is not a factor as the bear is going regardless of where the bait is. The Kenai Peninsula is getting harder to find an area that is 1 mile from anywhere. This is a statewide issue

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144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	15	0	Statewide regulation for specific units is going to be hard to implement. Getting a better definition would be nice statewide. This would help clarify some ambiguity within the regulations.
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		

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158			Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15
159			Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15
160			Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers
161			Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay
162			Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31
163			Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C
164			Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15
165			Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C
166			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15
167			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C
168			Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15
169			Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C
170			Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15
171			Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15
172			Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C
173			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A

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174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
178			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
179			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
181			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford and AC
Date: 02-16-2023