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Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
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TCM/Zoom

I. Call to Order: 7:03pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call:

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X
Chad Schierman- Sec	X
Chad Lipse-Fish	
Gene Sandone	X
Robert Cassell	X
Mike Barnett	X
Melvin Grove	
Birch Yuknis	
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	X
Dan Montgomery-Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	
Aaron Bloomquist	
Hunter Hongslo	X
Casey Dinkel- ALT	
Dan Lewis- ALT	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Sylvester

Guests Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Andy motioned to approve agenda, Hunter seconded – Accepted without any objections.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: To be approved at future meeting.

V. Public Comment: None

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VI. Proposals:

Alaska Board of Fish – Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish			
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
140			
Support	10	0	Motion for AC to approve letter by Andy in support of this proposal to be finalized by Andy and Gene, Approved with no objections. Support: Post-June intercepts migrating salmon to Cook Inlet and the way down to Washington. Reduce excessive harvest.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023 Soldotna, 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
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
Oppose	3	6	Support: Oppose:
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
Support	9	0	Support: Good opportunity, no goat hunts in area currently but small goat population, difficult area.
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: More opportunity, managed effectively.
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: High hunting pressure, doesn't need archery season.
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Area pertains to a lot of us, takes away opportunity.

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90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
93	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of black bears, more opportunity.
94	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
Support	9	0	Support: More opportunity.
95	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
Support	8	1	Support: More opportunity. Oppose: Wounded bear concern for other users.
97	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity.
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
99	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
Support	8	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
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		
Support	8	0	Support: AC supports brown bear hunts.
101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: June rearing, poor hide quality.
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	7	1	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity, reduce DLP. Oppose: Poor hide quality.
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
Support	6	3	Support: High population of bears, more opportunity. Oppose: Concern for other users.
104	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Large area to take away, eliminates opportunity.
105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
Support as Amended	8	1	Motion to amend to make 1 Permit Per Species – Amendment approved (8-1-0). Support: Spreads out opportunity.

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107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Not necessary.
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Oppose	2	7	Oppose: No reason to change, department can manage as necessary.
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity.
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity.
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Low population, more pressure, would limit aerial scouting.
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
Oppose	3	6	Support: More opportunity, likely low harvest success. Oppose: Low sheep population, additional pressure concern.
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
Oppose	3	6	Support: More opportunity, likely low harvest success. Oppose: Low sheep population, additional pressure concern.

VII. Set Next Meeting Date: February 8 (TCM)

VIII. Other:

- Next Meeting – BOG Proposals 65-81, 173-188, 114-172 (Select)

IX. Adjourn: 9:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 02/01/2023

Meeting Minutes approved by AC on
02/22/2023