

**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Game/Trap Subcommittee Meeting  
November 15, 2023  
Fish & Game Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:01 pm by Mark Richards
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Mark Richards, Austin Smith, Gabriel Davis, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, John Wisniewski, John Siegfried, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, Mike Kramer
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell
- IV. Guests Present: Nicole Schmidt, Jacques Etcheverry, Michelle Quillin, Casey Black (doing caribou research, asking for interviews with anyone who has hunted caribou)

Adjourn 7:22pm

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<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	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in Units 23 and 26 for resident hunters when it is determined sheep hunting can be allowed in those areas.		
<b>SUPPORT as amended</b>			<b>AC OPPOSES ANY NEW BOW ONLY SHEEP HUNTS</b> Support with amendment to include all weapons, can be registration hunt with quota
2	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>*FULL AC</b>			SUPPORT lowered bag limit for residents as long as nonres bear brunt of these restrictions on resident bag limit; Proposal 2 & 3 must both pass as written (Note: see proposals 36, 37, & 38 that apply to Unit 23 only)

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3	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A.		
<b>*FULL AC</b>			
4	Align caribou seasons in Unit 26A and Unit 23 and reduce the bag limit.		
<b>TNA</b>			
5	Reduce the bag limit for caribou for RC907 resident hunters in Units 23 and 26A and change the nonresident hunt to a registration permit with additional restrictions.		
<b>TNA</b>			
6	Close the Mulchatna caribou herd to hunting for five to ten years in Unit 18.		
<b>TNA</b>			
7	Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM617 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.		
<b>TNA</b>			
8	Extend season dates for moose hunting in hunt RM617 in Unit 18.		
<b>TNA</b>			
9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
<b>TNA</b>			Note – nonres should generally not be allowed to participate in any-bull or cow moose hunts
10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
<b>TNA</b>			
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
<b>TNA</b>			
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Fairbanks AC opposes minimum caliber regulations for moose and caribou. .223 is widely used across the state for moose and caribou.
13	Increase the bag and possession limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Increasing the ptarmigan bag limit this much may lead to overharvest
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
<b>TNA</b>			
15	Allow the subsistence take of muskox in a portion of Unit 18.		
<b>TNA</b>			
16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		

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<b>*FULL AC</b>			Concerns of take during denning season and when hides are not prime <b>(Note: Dept. SUPPORTS)</b>
17			Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.
<b>TNA</b>			
18			Open the caribou season in a portion of Unit 22A.
<b>TNA</b>			
19			Change the trophy destruction requirements for muskox taken in Unit 22 subsistence hunts.
<b>TNA</b>			
20			Change the bag limit for Tier II muskox hunts in Unit 22 to one muskox every two years.
<b>*FULL AC</b>			Same people getting permits every year, other locals who have moved to Nome more recently not getting permits <b>(Note: Opposed by Nome AC)</b>
21			Establish season dates for the harvest of cow muskox in the TX095 and TX096 Tier II hunts in Unit 22C, beginning August 1st and ending October 31st.
<b>TNA</b>			
22			Establish a minimum caliber for moose hunting in Unit 22A and a portion of Unit 22B.
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 12
23			Revisit the Amount Reasonably Necessary for subsistence uses for moose in Unit 22.
<b>TNA</b>			
24			Modify the winter season for moose in Unit 22A.
<b>TNA</b>			
25			Close the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22C.
<b>TNA</b>			
26			Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22E by two weeks, to open on August 15.
<b>OPPOSE</b>			Not necessary, only 10 tags, guides and their clients should not get special seasons
27			Align the resident seasons for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E with those in Unit 22B.
<b>TNA</b>			
28			Change the Unit 22D and 22E nonresident brown bear drawing permit hunt to a general season hunt.
<b>TNA</b>			

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29	Increase the number of brown bear drawing permits available in Unit 22B for DB685 to 40 permits or change DB685 to a registration permit.		
<b>TNA</b>			
30	Extend the trapping season to year-round for muskrat in Unit 26A.		
<b>TNA</b>			
31	Liberalize the moose bag limit in a portion of Unit 26A and expand the hunt area.		
<b>TNA</b>			
32	Change the boundaries of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area and allow the City of Anaktuvuk Pass, the Nunamiut Corporation, and the Naqsrarmiut tribe to set the dates the CUA is in effect.		
<b>TNA</b>			
33	Reduce the Unit 26A sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years.		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			No need to restrict resident opportunity
34	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in portions of Unit 26A for residents only when it is determined sheep hunting can be allowed in those area.		
<b>OPPOSE</b>			See comments on proposal 1. Fairbanks AC opposes bow-only general hunts. If sheep hunting is opened in areas where it has been closed, there should be no weapons restrictions.
35	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries and expand the state hunt areas.		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			AC supports matching boundaries and expanding state hunt area
36	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>*FULL AC</b>			Refer to proposal 2 & 3
37	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>*FULL AC</b>			Refer to proposal 2 & 3
38	Close all nonresident caribou hunting in Unit 23.		
<b>*FULL AC</b>			Refer to proposal 2 & 3
39	Lengthen the brown bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to no closed season.		
<b>*TNA</b>			Revisit when Dept A&Rs are out ( <b>Dept. SUPPORTS</b> )
40	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year-round.		

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<b>*TNA</b>			Revisit when Dept A&Rs are out <b>(Dept. SUPPORTS)</b>
41			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year.
<b>*TNA</b>			Revisit when Dept A&Rs are out <b>(Dept. SUPPORTS)</b>
42			Consolidate the nonresident brown bear registration permits into a single, unit-wide fall registration permit and a single, unit-wide spring registration permit.
<b>TNA</b>			
209			Establish a target hunt for musk ox in Unit 23
<b>TNA</b>			

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards  
 Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 11/15/23