

Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at 6:30 pm by web/teleconference

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/koyukukriverACjan11>
Dial in: (669) 444-9171 or (888) 475-4499 Toll-Free
Meeting ID: 854 2000 0391
Passcode: **BOG**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call: Undesignated: Jack Reakoff (chair)
Huslia: Darrell Vent (vice chair), Jack Wholecheese
Allakaket: Vincent Simon, Charles Ned
Hughes: Hugh Bifelt
Alatna:
Bettles:
Alternates:

III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 11th, 2023

VII. Reports and updates:

- a. Chairperson's report
- b. ADF&G staff

VIII. Comments and Concerns from the public

IX. Comments and Concerns from AC members

X. Old Business

- a. Board of Game proposal submitted by Koyukuk River AC (Proposal 152)
- b. Vacant seats:
1 from Huslia, 1 from Hughes, 1 from Allakaket, 2 from Alatna, 2 from Bettles, and 2 Undesignated

XI. New Business

- a. Discuss 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals
 - a. Proposals 154, 155, and 156 concerning Western Arctic Caribou – comments due 3/1/2024
 - b. Other Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals – comments due 3/1/2024
- b. Select Representative for Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group
- c. Planning and scheduling for face-to-face meeting in Fairbanks
- d. Other committee, fisheries, and wildlife business as needed

XIII. Adjourn

2023-2024 Board Meetings Dates and Comment Deadlines:

January 25th, 2024 - Board of Game **Work Session:**

*Comments due January 18th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-25-2024&meeting=kotzebue>

January 25th, 2024 - Board of Game **Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting:**

*Comments due January 12th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-26-2024&meeting=kotzebue>

February 23rd - March 7th, 2024 - Board of Fisheries **Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting:**

*Comments due February 8th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-23-2024&meeting=anchorage>

March 15th-22nd, 2024 - Board of Game **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting:**

*Comments due March 1st, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks>

March 25th-28th, 2024 - **Joint Board Meeting:**

*Comments due March 11th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=03-25-2024&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Fisheries 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **April 10th, 2024**

Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp); Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish; and Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues

Board of Game 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **May 1st, 2024**

*Central/Southwest Region (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, 17)
Statewide Regulations*

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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>			
43			Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years
44			Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
45			Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years
46			Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups
47			Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20
48			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
49			Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting
50			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15
51			Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C
52			Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C
53			Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19
54			Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19

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55			Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C
56			Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E
57			Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19
58			Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program
59			Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier
60			Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C
61			Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C
62			Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C
63			Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17
64			Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents
65			Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan
66			Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D
67			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
68			Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online

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69			Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage
70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
72			Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only

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84			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
85			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams
86			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams
87			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
88			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
89			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
90			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
91			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
92			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
93			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10
94			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30
95			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C
96			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .
97			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C

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98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .		
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		

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113			Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20
114			Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts
115			Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field
116			Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep
117			Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits
118			Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area
119			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested
120			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
121			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
122			Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15
123			Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks
124			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15
125			Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit
126			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
127			Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791

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128			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull
129			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792
130			Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents
131			Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents
132			Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only
133			Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt
134			Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime
135			Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents
136			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit
137			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20
138			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River
139			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
140			Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A
141			Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A

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142			Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only
143			Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
144			Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season
145			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
146			Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A
147			Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne
148			Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A
149			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1
150			Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25
151			Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25
152			Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B
153			Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30
154			Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B
155			Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder
156			Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available

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157			Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas
158			Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C
159			Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area
160			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
161			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
162			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
163			Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1
164			Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
165			Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
166			Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
167			Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10
168			Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents
169			Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
170			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15

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171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
182	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15		
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		

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186			Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping
187			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C
188			Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B
189			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
191			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
192			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
193			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .
194			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E
195			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
196			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
197			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
198			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
199			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
200			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A