

Middle Nenana River Fish & Game

Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the McKinley Village Community Center

I. Call to Order: At 8:06 by Allan

II. Roll Call: Allan Mortenson, Jacob Matilla, Andrew LaBar, Eric Haugen, Alex Buetow, Paul Nyberg, Coke Wallace, Matt Nustvold

Excused:

Absent: Leroy Sutton, John Basile, Jeremy Wolfe

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells

IV. Introduce Guests Present: Mike Green-McKinley resident, Ethan Graham-Healy resident, Nancy Bale-Former Denali resident, Olivia Erwin-Minto/Nenana AC, Alexis Eyler-Healy resident, Tiffanie

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve-Allan, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Coke, 8-0 approval

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/23/2024 Motion to Approve-Coke, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Andrew, 8-0 approval

VII. Reports

a. Chair's Report: Allan-Luke Rodgers with the Bison project would like a representative from our AC to attend the next meeting. Leroy will be representing us. Intent is for a soft release of ~70 Bison in the Minto Flats area.

b. ADFG staff reports: None

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment: Nancy- just listening in

IX. Old Business

a. Continue Elections for expired seats: Jeremy would like to step down from his seat.

i. [1] undesignated seat:

Andrew nominates Ethan Graham to the vacant seat

Coke nominates Mike Green to the vacant seat

Allan nominates Paul Nyberg to the vacant seat upgrading from an alternate to permanent seat

Voting: Paul-5, Mike-2, Ethan-2

Motion to appoint Ethan and Mike to alternate seats made by Allan, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Coke, 8-0 approval

X. New Business

a. Continue 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – Comments due March 1st, 2024

Proposal 180: Motion to discuss – Jacob, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alex. Vote 8-2-0

Tony-Population estimate of Delta caribou heard is ~3000 and annual harvest is 50-60 bulls

Proposal 113: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alex. Vote: 0-10-0

However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.

Proposal 186: Motion to discuss- Coke, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Allan. Vote: 0-10-0

Federal overreach. Tell the NPS they need to make the park more accessible for visitors instead of trying to regulate the public lands that belong to Alaskans

Proposal 181: Motion to discuss- Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alex. Vote: 1-7-2

We would like to see 20A guide pressure reduced but we aren't sure this is the way to do it.

Proposal 183: Motion to discuss- Allan, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alex. Vote: 10-0-0

Perhaps meat and hides would be more favorable in early June so the season should be extended on that end opposed to extending the season in the fall.

Proposal 115: Motion to discuss- Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Allan. Vote: 2-8-0

However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.

Proposal 116: Motion to discuss- Coke, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Allan. Vote: 9-0-1

Proposal 119: Motion to discuss- Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Andrew. Vote: 0-8-2

There are "trophy" units present in Alaska established to offer better opportunities at mature rams. Apply for those tags.

b. Review Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th, 2024

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting(s): Allan is more than happy to do it.

XII. Set next meeting date: 2/27/2024

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: At 19:58