

Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 14, 2024 Meeting

I. Call to Order: 18:10 by acting Chair Mark Richards

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Richards, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, John Wisniewski, Gabriel Davis, Warren Giuchici, Lance Nelson, John Haddix

(Note: Bill Larry called into the meeting and was unable to vote)

Members Absent (Excused): John Siegfried, Austin Smith, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Tinker, Chuck Derrick

Members Absent (Unexcused): James Paine

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Lindsey ?, Andy Gryska, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen,

IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Jennifer Yuhas, Lenny & Diane Jewkes, Mark McNeely, Olivia Irwin, Katie Harms,

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by unanimous consent with the addition of:

1. Final discussion of HB 201/SB 171 Hunting License Residency Requirements
2. Replacement AC representative for the Wood Bison Working Group meeting
3. Appoint someone to represent the AC at the Region III Board of Game meeting

VI. Approval of Previous January 10th Meeting Minutes: approved by unanimous consent

VII. Reports

Chair's report: Mark Richards (vice-chair) reports that chairman Siegfried is stepping down due to personal reasons. The FAC will elect a new chairman at the March meeting.

ADF&G: Tony Hollis report on 20B moose, population down by 37% since last survey in 2021. Calf:cow ratios are very good though, at 40:100. Bull:Cow ratio a bit below the 30:100 we like to see, at 26:100. Declines likely due to the past deep snow winters, this winter so far things are looking good. No intention to propose Intensive Management control efforts at this time, we expect the population to increase under current conditions.

Antlerless authorization for 20B, we still want reauthorization but there will be no other cow hunts in 20B other than the Fairbanks management area where we try to take some to avoid vehicle collisions.

Al Barrette: How many moose are taken on potlatch hunts?

Tony: We estimate about 40 per year. Not overly concerned about potlatch harvest.

Mark R: Is the Department considering any IM proposals for 20B?

Tony: Not at this point, moose declines were from the bad winter in 2020/2021, expect population to grow.

Virgil: Do we have people from Southeast coming to the interior to do potlatch hunts?

Tony: probably some, but we don't see a lot of the records as there is no failure to report for potlatch hunts. So not everyone reports.

Mark Nelson: No updates, will be available to answer any questions on the NE Arctic proposals

VIII. Public Comment: No public comments

IX. Old Business: HB 201/SB 171 Letter (tabled til end of meeting)

X. New Business:

Gale Vick, fisheries subcommittee Chair: Report on Yukon River Panel. One of the major outcomes reached by the Commissioner and DFO, asking for a 7 year moratorium on chinook fishing.

Would like to set up a river-wide joint AC meeting, to discuss Yukon River Panel agreement. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to set up joint AC meeting, approved by unanimous consent. Date TBD

Would like the AC to support Marit Carlson-Van-Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and also to serve on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Discussion of Carlson-Van Dort's experience and standing on the side of fisheries conservation. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to send letter of support for Carlson-Van Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and to be appointed to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Announces that the next fisheries subcommittee meeting will be held in person on Feb. 21st at 6pm for a final review of the BOF proposals to be deliberated at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting that starts on Feb. 23, 2024.

We will be submitting our comments as a Record Copy, want to reconfirm that the AC gives permission for the fisheries subcommittee to send in our comments after the meeting on Wednesday.

Motion to approve fisheries subcommittee submit our comments to the Board of Fish, made by Virgil, seconded by ?, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Strategic planning for FAC Proposal 43 at the BOF meeting, all the other interior ACs are supporting it. Virgil will represent the AC at the meeting. Virgil Gale, and Chief Ulvi from Eagle Village will be submitting an op-ed on hatchery issues on their own, not affiliated with the AC. We have to start a dialogue on hatchery issues.

One last piece of legislation, SB 209, from the Governor, is something very important that we've been requesting for a long time, the monitoring of salmon vessels. Lengthy bill, haven't had time to read it all. Will discuss at upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Mark Richards: Thank you, Gale, and everyone on the fisheries subcommittee for all the work you do and time spent on such important issues.

Moving on to the Region III proposals, everyone should have a copy. The Game/Trap subcommittee met on Jan. 22nd, and Feb 1st, and spent over 7 hours deliberating on the Region III proposals. Only the proposals that we did not have unanimous consent on are flagged in red for the full AC to go over tonight. If any member wants to bring up any proposals agreed upon in subcommittee for further discussion, or any other proposals, now is the time to do that as we deliberate.

Let's start with proposal 50, to lengthen marten trapping season to March 15 we had some concerns on what the federal season was, looked it up and also ends last day in February. So this would not apply to fed lands, seasons would be different.

Al Barrette: So if passed it would apply to federal lands under state regulations.

Motion to support by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, passed by unanimous consent.

Mark R: Next proposal is proposal 82, the subcommittee decided that rather than comment on all of the Unit 19C sheep proposals, we wanted to make our position known via proposal 82, language you see in our comments of support were gone over by Mark R. and Mike Tinker, and open for changes now.

AC supports opening nonresident sheep hunting in 19C, but there needs to be limits.

Gabe Davis: don't want any biological concerns mentioned.

Lance Nelson: if we start saying crowding and conflicts are an issue, that sets a precedent for other sheep areas.

Mark R: AC can change opinion any time in future on specific proposals

Virgil: What about the other proposals, like the one from APHA?

Mark R: we did comment on that one, saying we can't support the recommendations of the 19C sheep working group as those recommendations are not yet known.

Virgil: Did they get a facilitator for the 19C sheep working group

Mark: not sure, they are working on it.

Discussion of past sheep working group and whatever came of it.

Mark R: back to proposal 82, motion made by John Haddix to support proposal 82, seconded by Warren Giuchici.

Virgil: okay, motion has been made and seconded, now I have a question. So we want up to 10 permits?

Mark R: No, we are asking to amend for a better balance of nonresident and resident sheep hunters based on what the Board thinks is best for the up-to number of permits.

Gabriel Davis: We also discussed whether this should be a draw permit or a registration hunt for nonresidents.

Mark R: I will ask for unanimous consent on proposal 82. No objection, so moved.

Mark R: I meant to mention this prior to going over the Region III comments:
It is unacceptable that the Department Analysis & Recommendations are still not published and available for review! Advisory Committees depend on Department information to make informed decisions. We need to know if there are any conservation concerns with any proposals and what the Department recommendations are. Without that information, the AC process can't work as it should, and ACs are losing trust in the Department. This can't continue to happen.

Have talked to Tony and other bios about this, it is not their fault, they have had their comments in a long time ago, Dept. comments are being held up in leadership.

Olivia Irwin, from the Minto-Nenana AC: also wanted to point out that it is a big problem not having the Dept. A&Rs out in time for AC comment deadline. Other ACs and TCC are considering sending in a letter to the Joint Board about this issues, and if the Fbks AC would like to sign on as well, would be good.

Mark R: this isn't something the joint board can fix, it's a Department issue and has happened in the past, understand that the Department is short staffed at HQ, but this needs to be fixed.

Moving on, to proposal 99. Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Virgil: I support this proposal to open brown bear hunting in the fall after August 10th, hides are in good shape, would be good to take more bears.

Discussion of liberalized bear seasons and whether the Department has any concerns with more bears being taken. Any skull size changes to be concerned about. Tony Hollis says that liberalizations have happened in steps over time, and they have not seen any negative effects in the units he oversees, however the Department does not do counts of brown bears, very expensive.

Mark R: hard to comment on this without the Department comments. Would those of you who support this proposal still support it if the Department opposes it? I don't want to get to where our AC is supporting proposals that the Department has conservation concerns on, that isn't a good look, I want us to be able to trust the Department recommendations regarding any conservation concerns. Where I'm going with this...how about if we offer support for proposal 99 and any other similar ones with the caveat that we support fall brown bear hunting seasons as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Motion to support proposal 99 made by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, with that caveat Mark mentioned. Approved by unanimous consent, to support proposal 99 as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next proposal is proposal 102 to open a fall bear baiting season in 19E, I can tell you that I don't personally support fall bear baiting seasons when moose and/or caribou hunting is open.

Virgil makes motion to adopt proposal 102, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Discussion: Virgil says he supports, brown bears good eating that time of year after eating blueberries.

Mark R: I agree! Very good eating!

Virgil: We had a blueberry bear in hunting camp once and everyone preferred it over other meats.

Mark R: We have plenty of opportunity to take grizzly bears, just don't see a need to open baiting in fall.

Gabe Davis: hunt and stalk very hard way to take bears, baiting would make it more successful

Lance Nelson: Good opportunity for residents to take a bear over bait

Gale: Lack of salmon in areas, grizzlies one of the few things to eat

Mark: just don't want to see hunters running into bait stations in the fall, that isn't a pleasant experience when you aren't aware they are there. Guides can set up to ten bait stations per GUA

Virgil: have made hundreds of pounds of bear sausage and tried to show people that fall grizzly bears in the interior are good eating

Mark R: no one is disputing that grizzly bears can be good eating. One other thing, I don't want the AC to be under the impression that this has anything to do with predator control or increasing the overall number of ungulates in an area by opening fall baiting seasons. We need to kill a large number of bears or wolves to have any efficacy in increasing ungulate populations

Question is called, vote by raised hands, 7 yays, 1 nay. AC supports proposal 102 because it provides more opportunity to harvest brown bears.

Mark R: Next is proposal 105, to take brown/grizzly bears over bait in Unit 21A, we were waiting for the Dept recommendations to support this, suggest we do as with the other proposal

Motion to adopt proposal 105 made by Virgil, seconded by Warren G.

Motion to support proposal 105 made by Lance Nelson, seconded by Warren G, to support proposal 105 as long as the Dept has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next is proposal 107, to open a spring and fall baiting season in Unit 21E

Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Warren. Call the question. Question is called, vote by raised hands. 7 yays, 1 nay. Support based on it provides more opportunity to harvest bears

Gale: would be interested in knowing what the Minto-Nenana voted on these fall baiting proposals.

Olivia Irwin: we have not voted on those ones yet.

Mark R: Proposal 112, this was discussed at the subcommittee meeting; we had questions about the nonresident harvest and how much of that was by nonresident military, had asked Jeff Gross if he could get us some harvest data.

Jeff Wells: was just sent these graphs and data by Jeff Gross (hands out the graphs to all AC members. Some mistakes on the first sheet, not quite right, the upper right graph is not correct, look on the back page where resident and nonresident harvests are detailed by individual zones.

John Haddix: my recollection, Jeff, is that we were trying to figure out how many of the nonresidents listed are first year military nonresidents because we didn't want to really limit that component.

Mark R: I did ask Jeff for that but it seems they can't break out the nonresident data by who is military and who is not.

Jeff Wells: Across all zones the last two years nonresident harvest has been 22 – 26% of the harvest

Mark R: do we know what the nonresident harvest is in Zone 2?

Jeff Wells: Yes, it's in the data on the graphs.

Gale: by nonresident do we mean non-local resident or out-of-state

Mark R: someone who doesn't live in Alaska

Virgil: question about the graphs... something doesn't add up

Jeff Wells: there was a mistake on that upper right graph, will be fixed

Virgil: I know a lot of military from Anchorage area come up to hunt caribou, as well as the soldiers here, has to be a large number of those within the nonresident harvest data.

Jeff Wells: we could break down better by looking at license data.

Virgil: motion to adopt 112, seconded by John H

Mark: the reason RHAK submitted this proposal is we were concerned with the decline of the Fortymile herd and we want to protect the winter subsistence hunt for residents. We did want to compromise with the transporters, which is why we left zone 2 open to nonresident opportunity.

Virgil: not in favor of this because I know a lot of military enjoy having the opportunity to take a caribou

Mark R: the herd is declining and at some point we will have to limit nonresidents, would like to do it ahead of time with this proposal that would still allow nonresident opportunity in Zone 2

Virgil: I was in the military at Ft Bragg back in the day when military were not treated well by the public, in the Marine Corp at Camp Pendleton....how the military used to be treated poorly, don't want to treat them like 2nd class citizens

John Haddix: Can we support this with an amendment that would say, limit nonresidents who are not military?

Mark R: We could, but I don't see a way for the board to institute that in a way to differentiate between types of nonresidents. We can certainly put something in there and let the board figure it out.

Lance: I don't support it, lots of military are up here and don't want to disenfranchise them. Am concerned with the winter hunt being closed, but don't agree with this proposal

Call the question by show of hands for support of proposal 112.
5 yays, 3 nays

Mark R: would like for whomever represents us at the March BOG meeting to make clear why the 3 nays voted that way, concern about disallowing nonresident military opportunity.

Let's take a break for ten minutes, come back at 19:52

Mark R: Call back to order at 8pm. Next up is proposal 114

Virgil makes motion to adopt seconded by Warren.

Mark R: this proposal is to allow proxy hunting of caribou in several units, and there was some disagreement among subcommittee on this, which is why it's before the full AC

Virgil: when we had proxy hunting it was abused on antlerless hunts and that abuse led to stopping proxy hunting in these units

Mark R: yes, abuse was the rationale to close proxy hunting for these hunts.

Discussion on how proxy hunting works, destruction of trophy value, number of times someone can proxy hunt for individuals.

Gale: as an elder who doesn't hunt caribou anymore I depend on my family to proxy hunt for me

Concerns that we don't want to prevent elders from getting meat via a proxy hunt for Fortymile caribou.

Virgil: I move to amend to only allow one animal to be taken by a proxy hunter per year, not have one person doing multiple proxy hunts. Seconded by Warren

Discussion of proxy hunting regulations and existing limits within the regulations.

Gabe Davis: this proposal would take opportunity away from the Fortymile caribou hunters under the registration permit

Mark R: Motion is on the table, how do we want to proceed?

Warren: Cal the question by show of hands to support proposal 114 as amended to only allow one animal per proxy hunter per year for the Fortymile herd

6 yays, 2 nays. Rationale for the nays is that too many caribou would be taken by proxy hunters on a declining herd.

Mark R: next proposal is #124, lengthen marten trapping season by two weeks, some concerns in subcommittee about fur still being prime in March.

Motion to adopt 124 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Passed by unanimous consent to provide more opportunity, believe fur is still prime in these units.

Mark R: next is proposal 139

Motion to adopt proposal 139 made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Mark R: this proposal was heard in Kotzebue and the board could not vote on Region III units within the proposal. The board amended the proposal to only include the northwestern part of Unit 23, and western portion of 26A. So I don't think the board will include these Region III units, may be best to take no action on this proposal based on actions taken at the Region V meeting.

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 139 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: next is proposal 140, again this was taken up by the Board in Kotzebue and the proposal was amended to put all nonresident caribou hunters in Unit 23 on draw only permits with an allocation of up to 300 permits.

Gale: I say we TNA this one

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 140 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: Next up is proposal 153, subcommittee had concerns over fur being prime

Lance Nelson: and denning during that time period

Discussion about whether hunting season for wolverine is open during this time frame.
Wolverine hunting ends March 31, not end of April.

Motion to support proposal 153. Proposal 153 is opposed by unanimous consent, based on the denning season happening

Mark R: proposal 154 is next, Mark Nelson or Jordan would you like to speak to the proposal from the Department?

Jordan Pruszenski: Central Arctic Herd has increased and is now at 32,000 – 37,000 which is above IM objectives, so there is a harvestable surplus. Average harvest is 420 caribou per year, which is much lower than the harvestable surplus. Proposal 154 increases the resident bag limit and season and the nonresident bag limit.

Virgil: so the harvestable surplus was supposed to be 1,000?

Jordan: the harvestable surplus is 1, 400 per year with the herd at current levels

Virgil: so nonresident bag limit goes from 1 to 2, I support this, would bring in more money to the Dept by purchasing two tags, increase opportunity.

Motion to adopt proposal 154 by Gabe, seconded by Lance

Mark R: the reason I oppose this is because when the herd drastically declined, the Department amended a proposal to increase the nonresident season to where the next year nonresident caribou hunters took the majority of the harvest of a declining caribou herd important for providing food for Alaskans. I can't support nonresidents being allowed to take more than one caribou after that, have seen meat care issues.

Mark R: can the Dept explain what the number of cows that can be taken by residents is, what upper limit of cows can be harvested before that portion would be closed

Jordan: we believe that 1% of the harvest can be cows

Mark R: are we confident that after the massive decline of the CAH in 2016 that these are all CAH animals? We've never seen a herd increase like this so fast.

Jordan: was nutritional stress initially, habitat seemed to improve, more recruitment, less cow mortality.

Lance: nonresidents I know take care of their meat, don't agree that nonresidents don't take

proper care of their meat. Shooting two bulls by nonresidents isn't going to do anything to harm this herd. Residents can shoot cows, have even more opportunity. I support this proposal.

Call the question. Show of hands.

Gale: want to clarify what the motion is

Mark R: to support the proposal as written

Show of hands: 5 yays, 3 nays, nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase

Mark R: moving on, proposal 155, to increase resident Central Arctic Herd bag limit and season

Take no action on proposal 155 based on action taken on 154

Mark R: Proposal 158

Motion to adopt proposal 158 by John H, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: rationale of this proposal is so the board can have a discussion on this issue, I think most of us agree about federal overreach issues, and the purpose of this proposal is have a discussion about why we let the feds allocate our sheep to guided hunters in ANWR. On other refuge lands, like Kodiak, or Nowitna, the board of game allocates sheep and moose via draw permits to the guide concession areas. This proposal doesn't seek to take the current allocations guides get under their contract prospectus agreement with federal land managers, only give the Board of Game the authority over those allocations so if we have sheep declines and those allocations need to be limited, the board can do that.

Virgil: the feds are going to go by whatever the management plan is, but there is no management plan for sheep in ANWR. We have an ANS for sheep, but nothing beyond that as far as allocations to user groups. What needs to happen is a management plan that outlines the harvest allocations of different user groups.

Mark R: the point of this proposal is to ask, why do we allow the feds to allocate our sheep in ANWR? Where do we want to go with this proposal?

Virgil: I think the board is aware of this already

Mark R: so if we take no action, do we want to offer any comments at all about this issue?

Lance: put a comment in there just saying that the state should have management authority, why are we allowing the feds to do this

Gale makes motion to support, seconded by Warren

John Haddix: at the subcommittee meeting it came up, is this proposal asking for up to 7 permits for each guide concession area, and does it include 2nd degree of kindred?

Mark R: yes for each concession area, would be up to the board whether to include 2DK nonresidents.

Gale offers friendly amendment, seconded by Warren to add 2DK hunters within the nonresident component, amendment passes by a vote of 7-1, amended proposal passes by a vote of 7-1

Gale: we are basically making a point on the record

Mark R: yes, that the state should manage/allocate our sheep

Mark R: proposal 166, to allow the trapping of grizzly and brown bears by bucket foot snares in Unit 25D. This was heard at the Yukon Flats AC meeting, would like Mark Nelson to speak to it. We have no Dept comments or recommendation at this time.

Mark Nelson: this is for both black and brown bears, black bears are listed as a furbearer but no trapping seasons are open for black bears in the interior. Brown bears are not furbearers so the only way this would work is if they are classified as a furbearer, or new methods and means would have to be allowed to take a big game animal with a foot snare. This was allowed in bear control areas.

Mark R: Is the Dept going to support this outside an IM bear control program

Mark Nelson: I believe the Dept would be neutral if it was just black bears, not sure since it includes brown bears. No real conservation concerns for bears in Unit 25D.

Discussion on how to avoid catching grizzlies if it was black bear only, smaller snare size.

Gale: Mark Nelson were you at the Yukon Flats meeting? And how did they vote

Mark Nelson: they supported it.

Gale: I'd like to go with their lead on it

Mark R: forgot to do a motion to adopt, someone please make a motion

Gabe makes motion to adopt, seconded by John H

Question called, proposal 166 supported by unanimous consent

Mark R: next is proposal 207

Gabe: wait, weren't we going to discuss the language of our support for proposal 181, to not include any mention of biological concerns? If we make that argument, it could come back on us to limit resident sheep hunters. And under FC management there are no conservation concerns.

Mark R: so what are you saying, do you want to change the language within our comments on proposal 181?

Gabe: I thought I made myself clear, I will not support it with language that expresses any biological concerns.

Mark R: so you support proposal 181 based on that there are conflicts and crowding with unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in 20A? But not based on any conservation or biological concerns?

Gabe: yes

Virgil: the way it works is the board has a policy that is based on the past harvests over ten years to determine allocations for draw hunts. You want them to go against their own policy for 20A. That's what proposal 180 does, the board went by their own policy that nonresidents were getting 25% of the DC 827 permits. That's how it ended up with 25% of nonresidents and 75% for nonresidents.

Mark R: do we want to bring proposal 180 on the table again,

Virgil: yes

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 180, seconded by Lance.

Question called, show of hands. 7 yays, 1 nay on proposal 180.

Mark R: back to proposal 181

Motion to adopt proposal 181 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: Gabe, so how can we deal with this

Gabe: conservation concerns is the first issue in proposal 181 and whether FC mgmt. is sustainable, can not support with that language

Lance: so going to a draw in 20A, how is this going to help?

Mark R: well there are conflicts and crowding, the guides are not happy with it either

Discussion on unlimited nonres sheep hunting, state constitution, other western states place limits

Question called, show of hands. Yays, 5, nays 3.

Mark R: if you want to include language on the rationale of the nay votes, that would be good for the board to hear

Gabe: if it was only crowding and conflicts I would support it going to draw only for nonresidents, but not with conservation concerns, the Department has no conservation concerns with FC harvests

Mark R: but the Department has said they have conservation concerns for the sheep in Unit 23 under FC management, which is why it's been closed since 2015

Gabe: that's only some of the Department and I don't agree with that and neither do a lot of biologists

Mark R: Proposal 207, from the western interior RAC, to do away with the age requirement for sheep, the rationale seems to be that if we go to FC only, it may decrease the sub-legal harvest. All of this will come up with the Unit 19C working group.

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 207, seconded by John H.

John H: question to Tony H about sublegal harvests, what is the percentage

can't hear the answer

Question called, proposal 207 opposed by unanimous consent

Mark R: old business, we had a meeting to discuss HB 201/SB 171, and it seemed like we were opposed to it if it didn't include any amendments to cover specific individuals who may be gone more than 180 days.

Gale: I'd like to support it with that type of amendment

Mark R: it seems that amendments would open a can of worms for legislators. It's had two hearings in House Resources so far.

Unanimous vote to approve Lance sending a letter opposing HB 201/SB 171

Mark R: We need someone to represent us for the wood bison working group meeting coming up next week for three days. Jeff Lucas is our representative but is traveling

Everyone is busy, no one can represent us at wood bison working group regarding release of wood bison in the Minto Flats area.

Mark R: do we want to let them now we approve the release of wood bison in Minto Flats

Motion by John H to approve release of wood bison in the Minto Flats areas, seconded by Lance. Approved by unanimous consent.

Mark R: we need to appoint someone to represent us at the Region III board of game meeting. Jeff has volunteered but he is gone right now.

Mark R: I nominate Jeff Lucas to represent us, approved by unanimous consent, with Austin Smith chosen as alternate

Lance: were we going to talk about the language for weapons-restricted hunts?

Mark R: Yes, thank you Lance, the language you see in all of our comments on archery only hunts is before you.

Lance: I would oppose adopting that as a policy, because we may want to approve weapons restricted hunts in future.

Mark R: the AC has typically opposed new weapons restricted hunts when they weren't necessary due to proximity to public trails, near roads, and in urban areas

Discussion on new weapons restricted hunts, providing more opportunity for a special class of hunters.

Lance: going forward, look at individual proposals to make decisions on whether we support new weapons restricted hunts.

Mark R: I appreciate the discussion, we need to move on, it's late, do we want to change the language on archery only and weapons-restricted hunts.

Lance: I am okay with leaving that language in now but in future we should vote on each proposal individually and not have one blanket statement on weapons restricted hunts

Mark R: all we were doing here was adopting language for why we opposed all the archery only hunt proposals, and agree we should look at each proposal individually down the line

Motion to adjourn 21:44

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

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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
<p><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></p> <p>(Please note: all votes taken by the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee were unanimous unless otherwise noted in red)</p>			
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		
OPPOSE			New limits on resident sheep hunters should never be imposed until there are strict limits on all nonresident sheep hunters
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		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
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		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
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		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
OPPOSE			Very limited bison hunting opportunity and would reduce opportunity for those who want to participate in the hunt
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	Support		
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
SUPPORT	Support		Not certain if language has been changed in 5AAC 92.044
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		

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SUPPORT			Fur still prime, more opportunity
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT	Support		Aligns with beaver season
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		
Support			This is a Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee proposal
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
TNA			
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
TNA			
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
SUPPORT			
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
SUPPORT			
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
SUPPORT			
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
TNA			
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			
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		
TNA			Based on support for proposal 80
62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
TNA			
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		

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TNA			
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
OPPOSE			Makes no sense to put residents on a draw permit
65			Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue
66			Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D
SUPPORT			We agree with the rationale of the McGrath AC
67			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
TNA			
68			Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online
SUPPORT			All registration hunts should be available online
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
TNA			
70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
TNA			
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
TNA			
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
TNA			
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
TNA			
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
TNA			We believe this is an issue for the Big Game Commercial Services Board that regulates transporters
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
TNA			
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts

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TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
SUPPORT AS AMENDED			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to see nonresident sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C opened, but that opportunity needs to be limited via a permit system to avoid crowding and conflicts among user groups. With current sheep population declines, there is currently a harvestable surplus of 30 rams in Unit 19C according to the Department. We support the intent of this proposal to limit nonresident sheep hunters but the up-to number should be increased to what the Department and board believe will lead to a better balance of both resident and nonresident sheep hunters.
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
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
OPPOSE			Resident sheep hunters do not need to be limited
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
OPPOSE			FC rams under eight years old are legal. This would add a penalty to taking a legal ram.

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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		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 85
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 82
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		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			The Department erred when they initially closed the winter subsistence sheep hunt but not make any recommendations to restrict the general hunt. At no time should any subsistence hunt be closed without restrictions on the general hunt component.
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 89
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
TNA			This proposals asks to support something that has not yet been written or recommended to the Board
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 82
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the		

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	sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make

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			informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED			FAC supports this proposal as long as the Department has no conservation concerns
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
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		
SUPPORT			
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
SUPPORT	7	1	The one nay vote has concerns with fall bear baiting affecting moose and caribou hunters
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, defer to Department recommendations
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT			We support this proposal as long as the Department gets adequate harvest data that they need
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
SUPPORT	7	1	See our comments on proposal 102
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT			
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	7	1	See our comments on proposal 102
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
SUPPORT			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee supports IM efforts

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			when necessary to benefit ungulate populations
109			Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .
SUPPORT			This would allow more opportunity to take wolves
110			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
SUPPORT			
111			Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
112			Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd
SUPPORT	5	3	The yay votes believe nonresidents should be limited at this time, but not eliminated completely. The nay votes have concerns about restricting nonresident military members stationed here
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
OPPOSE			Not enforceable
114			Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	2	Support as amended that there can only be one proxy hunter per animal per year, no multiple proxy hunts for any individual. Nay votes concerned that it takes opportunity away from other hunters.
115			Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field
OPPOSE			
116			Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep
SUPPORT			The Department did a special bear control program for muskox in Unit 26B even though muskox are not an IM species, so it's possible something could be done for sheep
117			Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits
OPPOSE			No applicability with current permit allocation of 1 permit. Leave the permit structure the way it is.
118			Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area

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OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
OPPOSE			This would be an unworkable regulation, as there are legal full-curl rams that are 6 and 7 years old
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks AC proposal
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT			Support to increase the resident brown bear bag limit
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
OPPOSE			We have concerns about the lack of any value of hides at that time and it is during denning
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
OPPOSE			
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
SUPPORT			more opportunity, fur still prime at that time in these units
125	Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit		
SUPPORT			The Dept. needs more accurate harvest reporting and data, and it's a requirement under a registration hunt to report that comes with a Failure-to-Report (FTR) penalty whereby a hunter who does not report is ineligible to receive the same permit the next year.
126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT			
127	Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791		
SUPPORT			We communicated with the Delta AC on this and support their rationale
128	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull		
TNA			Based on our support of 127. We do not support the motorized suggestion
129	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792		

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TNA			Based off support of 127
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents		
SUPPORT			We communicated with the Delta AC on this and agree that the permit structure for the DCUA hunts needs to return to the way it was
131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents		
OPPOSE			We don't want any changes to the nonresident allocation of permits
132	Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only		
OPPOSE		Oppose	The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
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		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
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		
OPPOSE			Oppose There are only 2 DS 206 permits available and we question why nonresident opportunity is still allowed. We do not support a one-every-four-years sheep regulation for residents
135	Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents		
SUPPORT			With only two DS 206 permits available for this isolated and very low sheep population, we don't understand why there is currently any nonresident opportunity.
136	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit		
TNA			Based on our support for proposals 137 and 138
137	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20		
SUPPORT			We support providing more brown bear hunting opportunity
138	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River		
SUPPORT			We support providing more brown bear hunting opportunity

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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		
TNA			Based on actions taken by the board at the Region V meeting
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
TNA			Based on actions taken by the board at the Region V meeting
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
OPPOSE			
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 144. We don't support eliminating the resident component
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
SUPPORT			Nonresident sheep hunting in these units needs to be limited
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25		
SUPPORT			
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
SUPPORT			This would provide more opportunity to take wolves
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
TNA			Based on support for proposal 146
149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open		

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	October 1		
SUPPORT			Aligns with trapping season
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE			Hides of no value, is during denning
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE			Hides of no value, is during denning
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		
SUPPORT			Allows more opportunity
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
OPPOSE			Concerns with fur being prime and it's during denning
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
SUPPORT	5	3	nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase
155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		
TNA			Based on action taken on proposal 154
156	Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available		
OPPOSE			Not necessary with a nonresident one-bull bag limit
157	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas		
SUPPORT	Support		Support with Department Amendment
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	1	Amend to add 2DK hunters and clarify it is per guide concession area. FAC doesn't understand why allocations in ANWR are determined by feds when that isn't the case on other Refuge lands
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		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts

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160	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 159
161	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 159
162	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
OPPOSE		Oppose	See comments on proposal 159
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		
OPPOSE			Meat care is the responsibility of the hunter and this doesn't consider hunters transporting meat from the field via aircraft who would like to lessen the weight
164	Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged		
OPPOSE			Harvest methods are the responsibility of the individual hunter. While we support utilizing the liver, heart, and tongue, we don't support making it a requirement for everyone
165	Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D		
TNA			No efficacy, is mostly federal land
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		
SUPPORT			
167	Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10		
SUPPORT			More opportunity during sheep season
168	Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents		
TNA			See 169
169	Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B		
SUPPORT			We support this Department proposal and rationale. There is no need for this to continue to be a registration hunt for residents.
170	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15		
OPPOSE			Goes into the denning period
171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A,		

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	20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 125
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			Passage of this proposal would mean less conflicts with enforcement , allow use of the mining trail and prevent tearing up the tundra
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			Based on support of proposal 174
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
SUPPORT			We do not support nonresident antlerless and any-bull moose hunting opportunities in these areas. Those should be reserved for resident hunters to put meat in their freezer.
177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	Support		
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
TNA			
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	7	1	Allocation to nonresidents is too high, should be up-to language
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
			Unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A has led to nonresident

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SUPPORT	5	3	sheep hunters taking the majority of the ram harvest. Most all of those nonresident sheep hunters are guided. This is also causing crowding and conflicts between guides and guided and unguided hunters.
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		
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee proposal
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
TNA			Based on support of proposal 182
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
OPPOSE			Hide isn't really good then, and June extended season in proposal 182 is a better option
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		
TNA			Extending until June 30 was not supported by the Dept.
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
OPPOSE		Oppose	We do not support, nor is it necessary, to close wolf trapping in Unit 20C
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
OPPOSE			Goes into the denning season
188	Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B		
OPPOSE			Beaver trapping in this area with many riverbank houses and public use along the Chena in winter would lead to problems and conflicts. If beavers are causing any damage, there are nuisance permits available.
189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
SUPPORT			
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		
TNA			
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
TNA			
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
TNA			

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194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
TNA			
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
TNA			
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
TNA			
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
TNA			
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl ram horns for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Regions		
OPPOSE			
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
TNA			
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
SUPPORT			
211	Change the hunt area boundary for Unit1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements		
TNA			

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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	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPPOSE			The current public noticing requirements are sufficient
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPPOSE			We oppose making call-in options a requirement, but would like board support to continue to offer that option to Acs that want it
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
OPPOSE			We don't believe this is necessary, things working fine the way they are
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
TNA			
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
TNA			
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
SUPPORT			We agree with the rationale of the Minto-Nenana AC and the Dept and support both proposal 6 & 7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 6
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
TNA			
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE			If passed, this proposal would harm rural Acs that have a hard time finding members within their communities to serve on the AC
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
OPPOSE			We can't find any definition of what a "non-consumptive" user is. Does that mean they don't hunt? Don't eat meat? Currently the Anchorage AC has three members who are part of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, so we see no need for designated seats for a "non-consumptive" user
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and		

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	Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 11
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
SUPPORT			No one should be blocked from serving on an AC as long as they meet the requirements to serve
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
SUPPORT			
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
TNA			
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
TNA			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
TNA			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
SUPPORT			Board-generated proposals should be rare, and when necessary we should go through an appropriate public process as we do with publicly submitted proposals
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
SUPPORT			The Board of Game should adopt the same policy as the Board of Fisheries on amendments that are the opposite of what the proposal asks for
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
SUPPORT			This is a housekeeping issue

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