

Minutes

Oct 25, 2024 | [Minto/Nenana AC Meeting](#)

Attendees: Olivia Irwin (Nenana), Carl Frank (Minto), Eva Daw Burk (Nenana), Cameron Winfrey (Minto), Louis Silas (Minto), Kathleen Demientieff (Nenana), Diloola Erickson (TCC), Tarn Coffey (Local), and Kyle Campbell (ADF&G)

Call to Order

6:12pm - Olivia Irwin

Check-Ins

- Cameron: No successful hunt
 - Every moose I saw was not legal
 - Went fishing in Kenai for 1 week, rod-and-reel and dip net to supplement fish
- Carl: Successful hunt
- Louis: No successful hunt- only saw cows
- Eva: Participated in early youth hunt- there were so many people out there. Charlie was successful up near Tanana, he got some whitefish this fall in Rampart, helped people fish with 4" nets. You can still get a female King at this time, maybe give them an extra week or two to pass? Dip netting might be a better solution below the mouth of the Tanana and along the Yukon.
 - Chinook numbers are slowing increasing slightly, better passage of Chinook into Canada than Fall Chum, fall chum third lowest run on record
- Kathleen: Fished by dip net, didn't catch anything, 4" net maybe three chums and caught 1 King and let it go, couldn't catch any whitefish, we've been given fish- King caught first week in July
- Diloola: Applied for the new 20B permit just to get to know the process; successful hunts in Kaltag
 - Process was a little confusing online, reporting deadlines were confusing but ADF&G staff in person were helpful
- Tarn Coffey: From Nenana, Nenana Council member, property on Kantishna River

Adoption of the Agenda

Louie-Motion

Cam- Second

Unanimous Consent

Setting a Date for In-Person Elections/Meeting in Minto

Cameron: Nov 17th or 18th

Carl: Nov 18th works best

Eva: Nov 18th works

Louis: Nov 18th

Kathleen: Anytime works

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November 18th- Charlie Titus call to ask Minto

Reports from Hunting Season

Louis: Went out chatinika towards cash, it's known to have a lot of people. We saw so many people, boat after boat, I used to hear a lot of moose calls and scrapes, only heard a Bull hit its horns once when we were heading back down river. Not the bulls like there used to be. Lots of people, not as many bulls.

NPFMC AP Nomination

Craig Chythlok- Native Peoples Action

- Advocate for Indigenous Knowledge
- Has worked hard to engage in the NPFMC process; has built relationships with Council members

Unanimous Support

Commissioner DVL Letter Discussion, RE: Antlerless Moose & Memorial Potlatch Proposals Submitted to BOG by Minto-Nenana AC, TCC, and Nenana Native Tribe Deemed Outside the Board's Authority

- Louis: Let's not poke the bear
- Diloolo: TCC is thinking along the same lines
- Jim Simon: 92.017 Koyukuk Potlatch Ceremony resulted from Will Mayo's efforts to get statewide regulation changes so you only need to report after the take, because to say that you are going to go take an animal that's not the Native value and way of going out to get an animal.
- Kathleen: Case our leaders fought for in 1995, I think it was the one with the Memorial Potlatch situation, I think we need to table this and check into areas of who went and fought that fight, we need the history
- Carl: Can the religious regulation be abused in a way? Can non-Natives use this regulation?
- Jim: The way the regulations are written it does not exclude a non-Native to participate in a potlatch hunt or prohibit a non-Native being buried as long as it's an Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony. The state might be itching to get sued, that's Sky's thought, but I do think you should seek additional legal review
- Olivia (thought): Closing opportunities for Alaska Native religious ceremony take like putting them on the prohibited list should not be a management tool
- Louis Silas: The State will most likely attack this, so making sure we're ready for when they do. I could foresee the State coming at us at some point.
- Diloolo: It would be good if we were prepared, especially with a more friendly administration.

BOF Work Session; ACR13

- Add ACR13 to the Agenda (Eva- Motion, Cameron- Second)
- Support ACR13 (Eva- Motion, Cameron-Second)

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- Discussion:
 - Eva Burk: Low chum escapement, conservation concern
 - Louis Silas: I would support this
 - Kathleen: When is the next meeting for NPFMC?
 - Eva: Dec 3-10, Board of Fish work session Oct 29-31
 - Olivia: I support it
 - Kathleen: I think this is a good proposal. I'd like to see people get rid of bottom trawling.
 - Carl: I'm in support
 - Cameron: I agree with Kathleen, and I support regulations that doesn't allow bottom trawling
- Unanimous Support to accept ACR13
- Minto-Nenana AC will submit a Record Copy of support for the BOF to take up ACR 13

Motion to Adjourn

Eva- Motion

Cameron- Second