

**Homer Advisory Committee**  
**2-11-25**  
**KBNERR**

- I. Call to Order: at 1808 by Acting Chair Tom Hagberg
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Cory Loos, Thomas Hagberg, Matt Hakala, Bob Nathanson, George Matz, Dan Anderson, Dave Lyon, Doug Malone  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Morgan Jones, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Andy Fetterhoff, Dan Miotke, Tom Young, Cory DeCook, Josh Wickboldt  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Homer Water and Soil Conservation, KPFA
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler
- IV. Guests Present: Kyra Wagner, Mike B(illegible), William Roth, Eric Nyce
- V. Approval of Agenda:
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for 1/14 meeting approved. Minutes for 12-10 approved. Minutes have not been sent to Board Support in a timely fashion this season. Discussed proposal for secretary to send minutes to Board Support after 1 week's time from draft circulation (for members to suggest edits). Members unanimous in consent. This will be the protocol going forward.
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G: Nick Fowler was present to answer questions about proposals under discussion.
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment: Kyra Wagner from Homer Water and Soil Conservation was here to report that "contracted machines are chewing up vegetation in Beaver Flats to improve moose food" She also asked about re-introducing beaver to the anchor river. We gave her a brief review of this Cmte's past discussion and proposals on this topic and suggested she review past proposals and write one for next cycle.
- IX. Old Business

X. New Business: **BOF Proposal 313 (ACR 8): Homer AC vote was in support 5-1 with 2 abstentions** citing lack of familiarity with the issue . Eric Nyce was here to provide the KPFA (Kenai Peninsula Fishermens Association) viewpoint on this issue of Beach Seines as an added gear type in UCI. He cited less overall net in the water compared to setnets, only being able to fish the flood tide, and being easy to release Chinook from the seine net. They are trying to get back to historical 50-50ish allocation between drifters and setnetters, which has become difficult in recent years with the setnet closures to protect returning Kenai River Chinook. He stressed that they are willing to work with the Board of Fish on this issue. AC Opposition to allowing beach seines included adding yet another gear type when it appears the fishery cant be well- managed as it exists; and concerning Chinook, the same Chinook will be caught and released many times on their journey up the near-shore by the next seiner, further stressing the fish.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: ATV subcommittee meeting 2-18-25 at 1800 at KBNERR; next full AC meeting 3-11-25 at KBNERR at 1800

XIII. Other

Adjourn 2022

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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>			
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels 119of human consumptive use		
Oppose	2	6	Those in favor consider sheep a food animal and support using what tools we have to help the declining sheep populations; we cannot control the weather but this is one thing we can do, as proposed by ADFG and both Sheep Working Groups. The opposition fell largely along the feeling that any Intensive Management is a bad idea, for all animals.

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111	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	0	8	The AC was unanimous on the issue of age penalty. A legal ram is hard enough to determine in the field by full curl or broomed definition, and most will say impossible to accurately count horn rings on the hoof.. In fact, many hunters will say that their harvested (full curl) ram gets several age determinations by various biologists, enforcement personnel, and other hunters. Assessing a penalty for something that is dubious in the sealing room is wrong.
112	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		
Oppose	0	8	The AC was unanimous on the issue of age penalty, same sentiment as Proposal 111. A legal ram is hard enough to determine in the field by full curl or broomed definition, and most will say impossible to accurately count horn rings on the hoof.. In fact, many hunters will say that their harvested (full curl) ram gets several age determinations by various biologists, enforcement personnel, and other hunters. Assessing a penalty for something that is dubious in the sealing room is wrong.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		
Oppose	0	7	Opposed with one abstention, citing lack of full understanding. Bison draw permits are arguably the most sought after permits for Alaskans, with a very small chance of drawing. The AC feels that allowing proxy hunters in this very limited hunt is wrong. If it were allowed, the draw pool would grow even more, further dividing the current fraction of a percent chance of drawing.
123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this idea is outlandish.
124	Define the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting		
Support	8	0	This issue has come up in the past and there are numerous complaints about being charged in violation when they were told it was OK by another officer. The land is full of abandoned cabins, trapper cabins , decrepit camps, cabins, trailers, etc. Clarification of this in the regulation is sorely needed to keep with the spirit of the law (not baiting next to somebodys real full-time home/ domicile)
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
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129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big Game		
Oppose	0	5	3 abstained, citing lack of familiarity with the issue. While we agree that there is waste resulting from poorly chosen bullets and calibers (most available ammunition for the popular 5.56/.223 is either FMJ military or fragmenting varmint bullets), the problem is lack of common sense and education. This is covered in Hunter Education. This proposal would open a very large Pandora's box with the plethora of cartridges and bullet types available on the current market. The best rule would be bullet type and energy retained at say 100 yards, but this would be an enforcement nightmare and exclude handloaders. The standard would have to be different per the big game animal...what works for blacktail deer is surely light for moose, bear, or bison and vice versa.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Oppose	0	5	3 abstained. Taken up and discussed with # 129. While we agree that there is waste resulting from poorly chosen bullets and calibers (most available ammunition for the popular 5.56/.223 is either FMJ military or fragmenting varmint bullets), the problem is lack of common sense and education. This is covered in Hunter Education. This proposal would open a very large Pandora's box with the plethora of cartridges and bullet types available on the current market. The best rule would be bullet type and energy retained at say 100 yards for moose but this would be an enforcement nightmare and exclude handloaders.
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		
Support Amended	8	0	The AC was unanimous in support of the sentiment of this proposal. Moose permits should reflect a heavy priority to Alaska Residents. However there was some disagreement with the wording in the first line (allocate 90%....) An amendment was offered (and passed 8-0) to replace the language in the first line with " IN MOOSE DRAWINGS STATEWIDE, A MAXIMUM OF 10% MAY BE ISSUED TO NONRESIDENTS" The amended proposal passed with unanimous support. It is further noted that carving up the same hunt area into 3 separate draws for different user groups (res, must- be-guided NR, and

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			NR) as exists in the upper Nowitna is noted as a clandestine way to get around this, and does not comport with the spirit of this proposal.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
Support Amended	8	0	Residents should have a 90% priority for all big game permits. We support the sentiment of this proposal. An amendment was offered (and passed 8-0) to change the wording in the first line to “ A MAXIMUM OF 10% of the big game permits MAY BE ISSUED to nonresidents as follows:” The amended proposal passed with unanimous support.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	8	0	The Kalgin any- moose hunt is used by many local residents, and the moose population there is twice what the department suggests for a maximum. We were advised by ADFG that the Kalgin herd is limited by browse and have no (4- legged) predators.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	5	3	We were advised by ADFG that there are no concerns for habitat nor population nor composition of the moose herd in Unit 15c. Those in support feel that this hunt is appropriate for the populations of both humans and moose, and it has been on the books for nearly 30 years with an average take of 25-35 cows. Those opposed do not understand why killing cows makes more moose, or moose sense in general because any lone cow has a couple babies in her belly, not to mention future breedings. A better solution for adding opportunity and moose in freezers would be to issue more any- bull permits. Opposition also felt that since DM549 was moved to the later time slot, meat quality is a concern (reportedly tough) as the cows are a month pregnant.

Adjournment: at 2022

Minutes Recorded By:  D.Malone

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:  2-12-25