

Central AC Meeting
December 2, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Central Museum

Meeting started at 2:07 p.m.

Community members present: Sarah Behr, Laurel Tyrrell, Rick Tyrrell, Olee Arnold, John Hendrickson, Dean Willis, Sally Navarre, Jim Cutting, Jake Hendrickson, John Brown, Joe McWilliams, Christi McWilliams.

Zoom Participants: Kyle Campbell ADF&G Staff, Jeff Wells ADF&G Staff, Jeff Gross ADF&G Staff, Mark Richards Fairbanks AC Chair.

Per request, Kyle led the meeting/election process. He provided an overview of AC purpose, yearly participation, and meeting requirements with accompanying slides. He also reviewed the roles of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary roles.

Six community members indicated that they were interested in serving on the AC (Sarah Behr, Olee Arnold, John Hendrickson, Jake Hendrickson, Joe McWilliams, and Christi McWilliams). Two community members stated they would like to serve as alternates (Dean Willis and Sally Navarre). No elections were necessary for these seats since all nine weren't filled.

Joe McWilliams agreed to be AC Chair, Christi McWilliams indicated she would be Secretary, and Olee Arnold said he would be Vice Chair — meeting participants were unanimously in favor.

Jeff Wells gave an overview of the newly implemented registration permit moose hunt in units 25C, 20A, 20B, 20C, and 20F. According to preliminary data for 25C, 332 people reported hunting in the area, 56 moose were harvested (success rate of 17%), which is similar to previous years. The management objective is that 20% of bulls harvested be over 50 inches — this year, 52% were over 50 inches.

Jeff Gross provided an overview of the 40 Mile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan, provided historical information on herd population, and an overview of the most recent herd data. Jeff addressed several questions from Central residents including whether or not harvested caribou were part of the declining herd numbers, why the herd was not allowed to expand into its historic range prior to the large quotas, and whether or not the herd had expanded into Minto (?).

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Sarah Behr expressed interest in participating in the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition. She stated she would not be back in Alaska until March 1st and was concerned if in person meetings were to be held in February. ADF&G staff pointed out that in person participation was best.

Kyle reminded participants of **important upcoming deadlines:**

Decide on a spring Central AC meeting date to review BOG Statewide Proposals. Comments must be submitted by March 7, 2025.

Board of Fisheries proposals concerning the Yukon River are due April 10, 2025.

After the zoom call ended, the Central AC discussed who should participate in the Fortymile HMC. All agreed that Sarah Behr should be the representative with Joe McWilliam's as the alternate. Sarah Behr notified both Kyle Campbell and Lincoln Parrett of this decision.

Meeting adjourned at **XX**.