

## **Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**The Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee discussed and voted on Board of Game proposals on February 15-16, and again on February 26, 2024. All of our votes on proposals are included in the comments below.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 10:04 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**  
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Ray Woods, Robert Erhart, Curtis Sommer, Cliff Wiehl
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Olivia Irwin, Serena Fitka, Brooke Woods, Diloolo Erickson
- V. **Adjourn**  
February 16, 2014 11:25

**Monday, February 26, 2024 at 1:00pm**

- I. **Call to Order:** 13:20 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**  
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Robert Erhart, Millena Jordan
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Allen Barrette
- V. **Adjourn:** 14:10

# Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

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>			
171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
Support	6	1	The committee agreed the department would benefit from more accurate data via permit reports, but opposition felt the 100% change in 20F and 25C from harvest tickets to registration permits would inevitably result in the loss of hunting privileges for local people. While online permit reporting has made reporting significantly easier, barriers to reporting in rural communities include broadband inaccessibility, no postmaster to send/receive/sort mail, and department inaccessibility. Permit reporting compliance (and likely regulation compliance) would increase significantly with a department-paid community member to issue permits, collect reports, and possibly help address any regulatory uncertainty.
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	The committee unanimously opposed proposal 172 as the passage of this proposal would create additional opportunity for a limited group of hunters who are already eligible to hunt in the general moose hunting season. The committee believes additional hunting opportunities should be accessible to everyone impartially.
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	The committee unanimously opposed proposals to alter the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area. Our committee recognizes the negative impact boundary lines pose on hunters; one such example is the division of 20F at Hess Creek. To reiterate the department's reminder on page 7 of the 2023-2024 Alaska Hunting Regulation book, "Remember, ignorance is no excuse; YOU MUST KNOW THE LAW! Read and understand the hunt regulations BEFORE YOU HUNT. If you violate a game law, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS."

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175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	Refer to comment for proposal 174
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Oppose		8	<p>The committee unanimously opposed antlerless hunts, with the exception of ceremonial cow moose harvests. With the environment changing rapidly, the committee did not feel that the department had sufficient and recent enough data to utilize this tool (antlerless hunts) without posing biological concerns. Without an empirical understanding of recent (no more than 6 years old - 2 BOG cycles) departmental data highlighting moose mortality due to predation, disease, and accidents, the committee must rely on their observation of increased wolf and bear presence, sign of moose mortality due to predation, as well as the increase prevalence of disease in the moose harvested.</p> <p>The committee discerns the take of cow moose in ceremonial hunts from antlerless hunts due to the additional steps and effort our local hunters take (and are taught/passed on) to search for a bull moose before taking a cow, and taking ample time to assess whether the cow has calves or is pregnant. In essence, the taking of a cow moose is not done simply because it is permitted under law, but because it has gone through a filter of multiple cultural considerations that suggest the population can be sustained without risk.</p>
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Oppose		8	refer to comment on proposal 173
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
Oppose		8	Ideally, the committee would like moose hunting dates statewide to be shifted later as the weather is becoming increasingly warmer and unpredictable during the current season. Ultimately, the committee would not support this proposal without moose hunting seasons being reconsidered statewide for fear it would increase hunter pressure and pose biological concerns.
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	8		The committee cites increased local observation and presence of brown bears, posing risk to their communities and moose populations. The committee unanimously supports this proposal
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		

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Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
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		
Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
Support	8		The committee unanimously supports this proposal as we would like all non-consumptive users who visit Alaska to experience something largely non-existent in much of the continental US.
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
Oppose		8	The committee unanimously opposed the changing of the subunit boundary as they recognize frequent channel changes are and have been the inevitable nature of these water systems for thousands of years. The committee believes the passage of this proposal would set a precedent for continual and repetitive boundary changes, thus creating perpetual uncertainty and confusion for hunters.

Minutes Recorded By: Samantha Zuray and Janessa Newman

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