

**Homer Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
Kachemak Research Reserve Building & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 18:02 by Douglas Malone

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Douglas	Malone	x	
Dan	Miotke	x	
Lauren	Wolford	x	
Dave	Lyon	x	
Wesley	Humbyrd	x	
Cory	DeCook	x	
Cory	Loos	x	
Andy	Fetterhoff		U
George	Matz	x	
Josh	Volland	x	
Josh	Wickboldt	x	
Dan	Anderson	x	
Tom	Young	x	
Matt	Hakala		U
Thomas	Hagberg	x	
Sid	Wolford	x	
Billy	Hayden	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

14 Members Present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Bottom: ADFG Area Biologist GMU 7, 15

Thomas McDonough: ADFG Research Staff

Jason Herreman: ADFG Wildlife Biologist

IV. Guests Present:

Zack Porter - Runs boat in Kodiak (Wrote Proposal 203)

Josh Volland - Resident of Homer (Wrote Proposal 97)

V. List of User Groups Present:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

VI. Approval of Agenda: Approved with the addition of Homer AC roster changes

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VIII. Reports:

a. Chair's report: Douglas Malone

- i. Doug spoke with the Harbor Master regarding BOF Proposal 183, which was discussed at the last meeting. The concern centers on fish being brought in uncut and the resulting impact on cleaning stations and overall harbor waste load.

b. ADF&G:

Chris Bottom: GMU 7 & 15 Harvest summary

Bear:

Black and brown bear harvest was somewhat slow, particularly in the fall, and this trend was observed across the Peninsula. Food resources were healthy statewide. Brown bear season remained open through the fall this year.

Mountain Goat:

Goat harvest was the highest it has been in approximately the last 10 years. Late-season registration tags were offered, and Sadie Cove was opened this year. Harvest levels were largely driven by hunter participation. Nanny harvest was approximately 20%.

Moose:

Kalgin Island counts were up and represented the highest numbers seen in a long time, though survey conditions varied. Success rates were generally decent and appeared to be driven primarily by hunter effort. On the Peninsula, Unit 15C was slightly low, though reporting continues to trickle in. Overall, the department feels positive about the moose status on the Peninsula. Unit 15A remains below desired population levels. Unit 15B continues to do well and is producing good hunting opportunities following the fire. Unit 15C is still seeing good numbers.

Question (Doug): Food quality and abundance in Unit 15C.

Answer: (Chris ADFG): The department is no longer monitoring as many moose in 15C as in 15B, but conditions are closer to the end of the fire cycle than the beginning. Calf survival numbers are up, and habitat quality is good, though noticeable change is hoped for over the next 5–10 years.

Question (Tom H.): How many moose were harvested by archery?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Will look up that information and report back

Bull-to-cow ratios are not trending upward. As a result, the department plans to reduce bull permits, noting that over 20% of the harvest is now coming from those permits. Unit 15A has a relatively high bull-to-cow ratio, but overall population numbers remain well below objectives. The department is not planning to offer bull permits there at this time, but is open to discussion.

Caribou:

Good counts were reported on the Fox River and Killey River herds. No tag adjustments are planned. The Kenai Mountains herd remains below desired levels, with the cause still unknown.

Monitoring will continue, and only a minimal number of tags will be offered.

Sheep:

Eight sheep were harvested.

Question (Doug): Does the department believe the full-curl management strategy is working, and does providing opportunity remain the primary goal?

Answer (Chris ADFG): There are no biological concerns with full-curl management. Similar population declines are seen in unharvested populations, and the department believes it can continue to offer harvest ticket opportunities under the full-curl framework.

Furbearers:

Refuge areas were not open. Harvest included 69 beavers. Lynx harvest was up, while wolf harvest was slightly down.

Translocated Deer:

Nineteen deer were translocated (information previously presented to the AC). Many animals have remained near release sites. There were five mortalities and possibly one dropped collar. Monitoring will continue, with plans to evaluate fawn reproduction and overall population trends (growth, decline, or stability). One collar was dropped; two carcasses were recovered; one deer appeared in poor condition (possibly failure to thrive). One animal swam to Elizabeth Island and attempted to move toward the Barrens. Deer have been spotted in Nanwalek.

Question (Dave): Will future translocations use the same gene pool?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Afognak could be considered instead of Sitkinak, and genetic differences are likely minimal.

Question (Wes): Why was Chrome Bay selected as the drop point?

Answer (Chris ADFG): Vegetation surveys and snow records were reviewed, and the existing infrastructure made it a practical choice, especially given uncertainty around transport methods.

Moose Metrics (Thomas ADFG):

Moose health and habitat assessments began in Units 15A and 15C in 2012 and continue today in 15A and 15B. Live captures in 15C were discontinued in 2021. Data indicate that Unit 15C remains a productive population, particularly given hunting pressure. Unit 15A is well below historical numbers, which was expected due to delayed impacts from the Swan Lake Fire and habitat changes. Any population increase is expected to be slow. Unit 15B is performing very well.

Question (Tom H.): Are we still using road-kill samples for research?

Answer (Thomas ADFG): This work has been discontinued. Salvage crews were asked to collect femurs and other parts from 2014 through winter 2024, but that program has ended. Tooth data collection from permit hunts will continue.

c. Others: N/A

IX. Homer AC Roster Changes:

- Bill Brock resigned and was not in attendance at tonight's meeting
- Wesley Humbyrd is resigning, with his last meeting being tonight. He stated that ACR5 was the last straw. Wes left after resignation and was not present for voting at this meeting.

- Sid Wolford was voted into Bill Brocks full time seat - term through June 2028
- Billy Hayden was voted into Wesley Humbyrd's full time seat - term through June 2027
- Josh Volland was voted on as an alternate seat - term through April 2026

X. Old Business:

- AC proposals for next BOF cycle
 - Dan M: He's out of state right now and doesn't have anything new to report, but he and Lin are working through this together.

XI. New Business:

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- b. Advisory Committee Proposals for 2026/2027
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed, Brought Forward Prior

Discussion of Hunting Draw System and Allocation Proposals: 86-88, 93, 94, 109, 113-133, 155-158, 160-168, 188-190, 212-219, 223-229(Van Arsdale)

- Under the current draw system, all applicants have an equal chance of being selected. As written, the proposal seems to exclude nonresidents from permits with fewer than 10 draws.
- Alaska is one of the last states not using this type of allocation system and one of the last states where general hunting opportunities remain prevalent instead of draw-only systems.

Doug: Alaska residents should have priority for hunting opportunities regardless of whether a permit offers 1 or 1,000 tags.

Question (Tom H.): Are more nonresident tags being allocated to high-value hunts?

Answer (Chris, ADF&G): The Department has the numbers available and can review allocation data for specific hunts if requested.

Question (Cory L.): Is the proponent focusing only on Units 7, 15, and 8, or on all units statewide?

Answer (Doug): The proponent is addressing everything included in the current call for proposals. But his action suggests a goal of achieving statewide allocation changes.

Additional Comments:

- No members of the Homer AC are personally familiar with Van Arsdale, though Doug indicated that he attempted to contact him.

George: Having difficulty evaluating the proposals as a single package, suggested that a better approach might be for the Advisory Committee (AC) to write a statement outlining what it generally supports.

Dave: Suggested that the AC could take no formal action on the proposals and instead submit an opinion letter to the Board of Game.

George: Proposed making amendments to all of the proposals.

Motion for Amendment: Amend all of the proposals on the table to reflect a percentage of 15%
 Voting to move forward with Amendment:
 11 in Favor
 2 Opposed
 1 Abstention (Josh V)

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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
<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>			
<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	<p>The Homer AC supports this proposal with the amended language of “15%”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the current draw system, all applicants have an equal chance of being selected. As written, the proposal seems to exclude nonresidents from permits with fewer than 10 draws. Alaska is one of the last states not using this type of allocation system and one of the last states where general hunting opportunities remain prevalent instead of draw-only systems. The proponent is addressing everything included in the current call for proposals. But his action suggests a goal of achieving statewide allocation changes. <p>Doug: Alaska residents should have priority for hunting opportunities regardless of whether a permit offers 1 or 1,000 tags. 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.</p>
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	<p>See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.</p>
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		

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Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Oppose	1	11	Tom H.: Opening archery season was a mistake from the outset, noting that it allocates approximately 20% of the harvest to a minority of hunters. Allowing crossbows during archery season effectively provides an additional 10 days of hunting opportunity at the beginning of the season, which he does not believe should be granted. 2 Abstentions: Tom Y, Billy (conflicted as archery hunters)
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Oppose	1	13	Tom H.: This issue has been considered before and consistently voted down. If brow tines cannot be reliably counted, then counting points is also too technical and difficult to determine in the field. Dan M.: Determining a 50-inch spread is not easy in the field. A 10-point requirement can provide greater assurance that an animal is legal. If hunters are willing to take the time to make that determination, it could be an effective approach.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Oppose	0	14	Tom H.: The committee has previously been told that September 25th was the cutoff and that seasons should not extend beyond that date. Is that still the stance of the department? Chris (ADFG): Bulls would become more susceptible if dates were shifted, and such a change would likely increase harvest. The current dates align with much of the rest of the state. Extending the season would likely attract additional hunters seeking late-season harvest opportunities.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
Support	12	2	Billy: Asked for the ADF&G rationale for the proposal. Chris: Department supports extending the season. The management objective is 40–50 bulls, and the count exceeded 100, which provides confidence in continuing to offer an any moose bag limit. Doug: The proposal has been presented previously and discussed extensively, and supporting data has been provided.

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			<p>Tom H.: A similar approach was taken in the past, and commercial gillnetters Kalgin raised significant objections, resulting in changes to the regulation.</p> <p>Cory L: It's wrong to take away moose hunting opportunities from residents.</p> <p>Dan M.: Agreed with Cory's concern regarding resident hunting opportunities.</p>
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	14	0	No Comments
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	12	1	<p>Dave: Strong support for the cow moose hunt. The moose population is currently approximately double what it was when the hunt began. Approximately 25 animals are harvested annually. This is almost entirely a resident hunt, and statistics support it being a local hunt that benefits the Homer community. Approving the hunt does not guarantee it will occur, as the Department retains authority to close it if population levels decline.</p> <p>Dan A: Concern about moose survival during the current winter due to cold conditions.</p> <p>Tom H.: What temperature range causes cold stress in moose?</p> <p>Thomas (ADFG): Cold stress generally does not occur until temperatures reach approximately -40°F.</p> <p>Dan M.: Could adjustments be made before the hunting season if a significant moose die-off event were observed?</p> <p>Chris (ADFG): The Department has the authority to conduct in-season management actions, including shortening or closing the season. Tag numbers are required to be submitted by January 15 for the draw</p>

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			<p>process, but in the event of a severe emergency, the hunt could be shortened or canceled.</p> <p>Doug: Opposes the proposal. How could harvesting cows increase moose populations? The loss of a cow represents more than one animal due to reproductive potential. Most cows harvested are near peak productivity. Does not believe habitat availability is limiting the population and therefore does not support reducing the herd to match carrying capacity. If the issue is related to human-moose conflicts, this could be achieved through alternative approaches.</p> <p>Dave: Believes that residents of Homer support the hunt. Once a hunting opportunity is lost, it can be difficult to reinstate.</p> <p>Tom H.: Believes there is less available habitat than there was 30 years ago due to residential development.</p> <p>Tom Y.: Stated that human encroachment does impact moose populations.</p> <p>Question (Dan M.): Are the reported 1,400 resident applicants in Unit 15C including multiple entries per individual (up to six entries per person)?</p> <p>Answer (Chris ADFG): Confirmed that the total includes multiple entries per individual, as recorded in the application system.</p> <p>1 Abstention: Dan A (worried about population)</p>
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	1	11	<p>Josh Volland: Based this proposal on meetings last fall and throughout the summer. The rule for controlled use was originally developed out of concern that hunting traffic would damage high alpine meadows and muskeg. The current year-round traffic in these areas far exceeds use during hunting season. Basis for the proposal are high moose numbers, restricted hunter access, unclear wording, and enforcement challenges for wildlife troopers. Those with cabins can access the backcountry as they choose, creating user group conflicts. Josh stated that Proposal 98 would likely create additional ambiguity.</p> <p>Dan M.: Opposes this proposal. Values having fewer people using motorized vehicles while hunting, as it enhances the experience. It's frustrating when people are riding by multiple times on ATVs chasing moose. People are getting lazier, and it makes for a really good</p>

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			experience when you are enjoying the woods without interference from motorized traffic. Sid: Agreed with Dan M. and stated that a compromise may be necessary. Tom Y.: As a pilot, he observed the area before a motorized restriction was in place. Before hunting season, there were no tracks in the hills. After the season, tracks were everywhere. Motorized vehicle use has increased significantly since then, and that hunting quality has deteriorated in areas where ATVs are present. Tom H.: We held two public meetings with nearly 50 participants each. The votes on motorized versus non-motorized access were split 50/50. Enforcement is difficult, particularly issuing tickets for driving on roads that are not formally recognized as roads. Dan A.: Agreed with Dan M., stating that in the Tok area, hunters park ATVs or Argo vehicles and proceed on foot, which works effectively. 2 Abstentions: Dan A, Billy (Disability access)
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	14	0	No comments
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
No Action	NA	NA	NA
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Support	7	4	Dan M.: Has personally experienced an aircraft scaring away a bull while hunting. Sid: Asked what the Department's stance is on the "all big game" aspect of the proposal. Chris (ADFG): If the proposal limits motorized use to non-motorized methods during the specified time period, it would be acceptable without closing the actual season for species such as bears. Lauren: Would like to separate the proposal components, would support the aircraft restriction, but not motorized restrictions on all big game. Tom H.: How would this be enforceable?

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			<p>Dave: When moose season first started 30 years ago, there was significant activity from private pilots, but over the past 10–15 years, he has observed fewer private pilots and less disturbance.</p> <p>Dan M.: Enforcement challenges are not a sufficient reason to oppose the proposal.</p> <p>3 Abstentions: Dave, Tom Y, Billy</p>
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	No comments
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Tom H: The State Troopers did not like this proposal because they said it would be a nightmare to try to enforce it.</p>
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Doug: It is widely recognized that sheep numbers are down across the state, including on state, federal, and national park lands. The Department has not expressed concern based on the full-curl management strategy. Opposed to the proposal because we should be given the opportunity to get out and hunt. If the Department had significant biological concerns, an Emergency Order (EO) would have been issued long ago.</p> <p>George: Abstains from voting. He suggested caution and noted that the proposal would be improved if it included a provision to revert hunting regulations if sheep populations were to rebound.</p> <p>Tom Y.: Knows of at least one opinion within the Department advocating for the elimination of sheep hunting temporarily.</p> <p>2 Abstentions: Tom Y., George</p>
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Opposed	5	7	<p>Dan M.: Full-curl management is a good approach, but there are separate sheep populations that exist between Units 15 and 7. There may</p>

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			<p>be a legal ram or 2 but those sheep act as the guides for the rest of that group of animals. Harvesting 12-year-old rams is beneficial because they have already spread their genetics. The proposal would allow the Department to open registration hunts in specific areas with legal rams while protecting other areas. It also limits resident youth hunters to one ram per lifetime in that category.</p> <p>Dan A.: How far do sheep typically roam?</p> <p>Chris (ADFG): Collared rams (from past studies) were generally “homebodies,” especially dominant rams. There are five distinct subpopulations recognized on the Kenai Peninsula.</p> <p>Doug: Under a registration system, could the Department close or not open areas based on low numbers?</p> <p>Chris (ADFG): Objectives and quotas would need to be established. If full-curl management is maintained, quotas may not be necessary, as full-curl regulations would provide protection.</p> <p>Dan A.: Does the Department have the manpower and funding to monitor subpopulations effectively?</p> <p>Chris: Sheep and goats surveys are done by plane every year, but it is not possible to cover the entirety of their range.</p> <p>Jason Herreman (ADFG): Attempted to speak, but audio issues prevented comment.</p> <p>Dan M.: The population in these areas has declined to approximately 351 sheep. The situation is reaching a critical point, where a single catastrophic event, such as an avalanche, could eliminate a subpopulation if management changes are not implemented.</p> <p>2 Abstentions: Cory D, Billy</p>
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Opposed	1	10	3 Abstentions: George, Cory D., Tom Y.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Opposed	0	14	No comments
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

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113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

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122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

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131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Opposed	0	14	Dave: Not supportive of converting to a registration hunt. Cory L.: Based on available harvest information, there appears to be a healthy population of black bears.
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Support	14	0	Dave: Bears should be managed the same way and have more hunting opportunities in the fall. Doug: Agrees on the importance of prioritizing fall hunting opportunity.
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
Support	14	0	Dave: Bears should be managed the same way and have more hunting opportunities in the fall. Doug: Agrees on the importance of prioritizing fall hunting opportunity.
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
Opposed	3	11	George: Provided Survey Data. The Board previously reduced the long-tail duck bag limit from three to one. This proposal would reverse that decision and represents “going back in time.” Tom Y.: Seconded George’s position. Sid W.: High bird numbers observed on the Christmas Bird Count reflect birds on land, not where the long-tailed ducks actually are. He found

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			<p>information that stated there are currently over 200,000 long-tailed duck breeding pairs in the Gulf of Alaska.</p> <p>Cory L.: Favorable winter weather has reduced the movement of sea ducks into bays. In the 1970s, colder conditions pushed sea ducks into bays. Data on migratory birds is difficult to collect, and the apparent low numbers likely reflect survey limitations rather than population declines.</p> <p>Dave: Hunting for long-tailed ducks is different than other sea ducks when it comes to effort. Reducing the bag limit to one may not justify the effort. He stated that he would not support the proposal but acknowledged that there is much information still lacking.</p> <p>Tom H.: In 1982, fish processing at the dock produced large amounts of fish waste, attracting sea ducks. Since it is closed, sea ducks are less concentrated in the area. Hunters may not need a large number of ducks; a bag limit higher than one seems reasonable.</p> <p>Billy: Long-tailed ducks don't taste good; they're a trophy bird. Allowing two per hunter is reasonable for mounting purposes, in case they hit the first the wrong way.</p>
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		

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160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

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188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits as follows		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Cory L.: The person who wrote this proposal was responsible for changing the nonresident deer limit from three to one.</p> <p>Zach Porter: Three years ago, ADF&G reviewed biological evidence and found no support for the claim that nonresident hunting impacted deer populations. There is no biological justification for the current proposal.</p> <p>Doug M.: Deer populations in Kodiak and the surrounding sound areas are largely influenced by weather conditions rather than hunting.</p> <p>Dan A.: From his perspective as an out-of-state participant, he can appreciate the “wear orange” considerations in the proposal.</p> <p>Billy: Speaking to the opposition, believes the proposal is aimed at targeting guides and transporters rather than addressing biological concerns. A few years ago, there were signs in Kodiak that said, “Homer stay home.”</p>
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
No Action	NA	NA	<p>Billy: In favor of increasing the bag limit for nonresidents, but not as proposed. A two-deer limit is fair, while not sure if we should go back to three. The population can support two deer. Over the past 33 years, the business he works for has harvested more than 2,000 deer, always encouraging the harvest of mature animals.</p> <p>Cory L.: Even when the limit was three, nonresident harvest averaged only 1.2 deer. Providing the opportunity to harvest two deer seems reasonable.</p>

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			Dan A.: Going to two seems fine, but increasing it to three would create more interest and result in higher participation.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
Support	14	0	Cory L: This proposal is written the best Billy: This proposal says “2 bucks” rather than “2 deer” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In general the Homer AC supports a 2 deer limit.
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
No Action	NA	NA	NA
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
No Action	NA	NA	Billy: The three-deer limit should be clarified to mean one buck and two does. Dan M.: Can transporters sell tags during transport? Billy: Yes, if they are a licensed vendor through the state. Zach Porter (author): He would be satisfied if his proposal did not pass, provided that a two-buck limit proposal for nonresidents did pass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee decided to take no action, as they support the two-deer limit.
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		

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217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as Amended	11	1	See Proposal 86, same comments 2 Abstentions: Cory D., Josh V.

XII. Set next meeting date: February 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment: 20:47

Minutes Recorded By: Lauren A. Wolford
 Minutes Approved By: Douglas Malone
 Date: 1.19.2026