

Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 26th at 11:00am

Join via Zoom at:

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I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call

First Name	Community	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Jacob Ivanoff (Chair)	Unalakleet	
Renae Ivanoff (Secretary)	Unalakleet	
Kelsi Ivanoff	Unalakleet	
Wes Jones	Unalakleet	
Gary Eckenweller	Unalakleet	
Perry Burress	Unalakleet	
Morris Nassuk (Vice Chair)	Koyuk	
Randy Takak	Shaktoolik	
Vacant	Shaktoolik	
Morris Nashoanak	Stebbins	
Dominic Richardson	St. Michael	
Gage Ivanoff	Alternate, Unalakleet	
Shyler Johnson	Undesignated, St. Michael	
Vacant	Stebbins	
Vacant	St. Michael	
Vacant	Koyuk	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda:

VI. Elections:

- a. 1 seat from Koyuk

- b. 4 seats from Unalakleet
- c. 2 seat from Shaktoolik
- d. 2 seats from St. Michael
- e. 1 seat from Stebbins
- f. 1 Alternate seat

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: Overview of the Statewide BOF meeting in March
- b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Report
 - ii. Wildlife Report
- c. Board of Game Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 23-26, 2027 Kotzebue, 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
<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>			
5	Add a new section to 5 AAC 92 regarding consideration of environmental change in game management decisions.		
6	Amend 5 AAC 85.025 to add a population-based closure for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd		
7	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in GMUs 23, 22, 26A to four bulls and restrict cow harvest		
8	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 22, 23 and southwest portion of 26A to four caribou per year per hunter, only one of which can be a cow.		

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9	Modify the current caribou bag limit in Units 22, 23, and the southwestern portion of 26A to four bulls per regulatory year and close the cow caribou hunt.		
10	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Units 22, 23, and the southwest portion of 26A for resident hunters to four bull caribou and no cows for all open and 'to be announced' seasons.		
11	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in GMUs 22, 23, 26A to 4 bulls per year		
12	Modify the caribou bag limit in GMUs 23 and 26A to 5 bulls and eliminate cow harvest		
13	Eliminate the cow caribou season for the Western Arctic Herd (WAH) in Units 22, 23 and the SW portion of 26A, as follows:		
14	In Units 22 and 23, caribou taken by nonresident hunters and hunters ineligible for federal subsistence harvest under drawing permit hunts may be taken by bow and arrow only.		
15	For all non-local, non-subsistence hunters participating under RC907 registration permits and general hunt conditions, restrict methods and means to bow and arrow only.		
16	Restrict nonresident caribou harvest in GMUs 26A, 23, and 22.		
17	Close caribou hunting to non-residents in units 22, 23, 26A		
18	Close all nonresident caribou hunts in Units 22, 23, and 26.		
19	Limit the WACH bag limit in Unit 22 and 23 to four caribou total, with the same season dates currently in the subunits.		
20	Establish an Intensive Management plan for the Western Arctic caribou herd in Units 22, 23, and 26A.		

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21			Establish and implement an Intensive Management plan in Units 22, 23, and the southwestern portion of 26A, for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH)
22			Establish an intensive management plan within the range of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH)
23			Create an Intensive Management Plan to benefit the Western Arctic Caribou Herd
24			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
25			Restrict nonresident caribou hunting in GMU 23
26			Allow the use of artificial lights and bait to hunt grizzly/brown bears in GMU 23
27			Modify the resident season for caribou in GMUs 22B and 22D.
28			Close the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 22
29			From Sanaguich river drainage to York mountains to be closed state and federal
30			Modify the hunt areas for caribou in Unit 22B and 22D
31			Align the caribou hunting seasons in Unit 22 by extending the “May Be Announced” bag limit in Unit 22
32			Revise the GMU 22 moose ANS to 350–450 moose annually up from the current ANS of 250–300

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33			Limit moose hunting permits to one permit per household in Units 22B Remainder, 22C, and 22D; and Require hunters to select a designed hunt area at the time of permit issuance.
34			Extend the RM843 winter antlered bull moose season to January 1 – February 28.
35			Change dates of DM845 from Nov 1st- Dec 31st to Aug 25-Sep14
36			Change moose hunting season dates to Sep 6- Sep 20
37			Establish a resident registration permit hunt for moose in 22E.
38			Amend hunting season in 22E for "one antlered bull" from August 1-March 15 to August 1-December 31
39			Lengthen the season of DM855 from September 1-14 to August 25-September 14
40			Change hunting dates for Musk Ox hunt in GMU 22 to August 1-March 31
41			Extend the musk oxen hunting season in Units 22B, D, E and 23
42			Extend the muskox hunting season to end on March 31
43			Make the GMU 22 Musk ox Tier II permit a household permit
44			Add unit 22A to the acceptable places in which hunters can establish a black bear baiting site
45			Permit for hunting bear with the use of bait or scent lures within Unit 22.

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46			Reduce the minimum distance from 1 mile to 3/4 mile from a house or permanent dwelling for setting up a bear bait station
47			Allow the sale and/or barter of gall bladder of brown bear in Units 22A, B, D, and E
48			Align the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 22B, 22C, 22D, and 22E for nonresidents.
49			Convert nonresident brown bear hunt DB690 in Units 22D and 22E from a Drawing Permit hunt to a Registration Permit hunt
50			Do away with the DB690. Make the non-resident brown bear tags in 22D & E a registration hunt that allows hunters to obtain tags annually.
51			Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 22 to no closed season and no bag limit.
52			Change the trapping season for coyote in Unit 22 to no closed season
53			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
54			Extend the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Moratorium for an additional Three (3) years.
55			Establish a subsistence registration permit hunt for caribou in the Cape Newenham and Goodnews Bay region.
56			Allow the take of caribou from a motor driven boat in GMU 18
57			Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM620 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.
58			Modify the RM615 hunt boundary description

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59			Create a Draw Hunt for Youth hunters from the ages of 10-17 in Unit 18 Zone 1 with season dates of August 1 to August 15.
60			Move Unit 18, Zone 1 hunt boundary.
61			Create a Lower Yukon River Management Area within GMU 18
62			Establish the Andraefski Wilderness Controlled Use Area (CUA) within Unit 18 and restrict the use of aircraft in the new CUA.
63			Lengthen the resident moose hunting season in GMU 18 remainder to open July 16.
64			Shorten the non-resident fall moose hunting season in GMU 18 remainder to open Sept. 10.
65			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
66			Restrict the sale of moose antlers in Unit 18, unless naturally shed or used in handicraft
67			Limit the sale of moose antlers in unit 18 to only those that are naturally shed.
68			Upon harvested moose or at time of kill, a portion of the antler must be sawed off to destroy the trophy value.
69			Allow the take of moose from a motor driven boat in GMU 18.
70			Modify the Musk Ox hunts DX001 and DX003 resident and nonresident allocations.
71			Modify Musk Ox hunts DX001 and DX003 to resident only hunts.

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72			Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 18 Muskox drawing hunt DX001, to "up to" 10% of the available permits.
73			Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 18 Muskox drawing hunt DX003, to "Up To" 10% of the available permits.
74			Change the location of Nelson Island muskox registration permit availability to reflect the change from Newtok to Mertarvik.
75			Open a mainland musk oxen hunt in Unit 18
76			Add muskoxen in Unit 18 to game that is allowed to be taken by proxy hunt
77			Amend Bear baiting in Unit 18 to two seasons July 1 - Oct 31 /Apr 1 - Jun 30.
78			Allow the use of cellular trail cameras for spring bearbaiting in unit 18.
79			Increase the wolf harvest limit in GMU 18 from 10 to 15 wolves.
80			Increase the coyote hunting bag limit in GMU 18 from 2 to 4 coyotes and extend the hunting season to Aug. 15 – May 31.
81			Allow the use a motorized boat under power to position a hunter for a shot on a beaver in a river, lake, or pond in GMU 18.

d. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. New Business

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

a. Any meetings this season?

i. Board of Game Western Arctic and Western Interior will be in Kotzebue from Jan 23rd-26th

ii. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic will be in Fairbanks from March 19th-26th

XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Dates to look out for

a. Board of Game Work Session Comment Deadline is Jan 15th

b. Board of Game Western Arctic and Western Interior Comment Deadline is Jan 9th

c. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Comment Deadline is March 5th

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____