

## Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes of December 3rd, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the NERRS building.

Members Present: Michael Craig, David Bayes, Ty Gates, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Tom Young, Gus Van Dyke.

Members Not Present:., Joey Allred, Pete Wedin,.  
Agency Staff Present: Jason Herremen (ADF&G)

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Jason Herremen gave a review of the Fall 2013 Wildlife Harvest and Survey Data for the Kenai Peninsula as well as the results from the recent Kenai Peninsula moose composition count. Biologists observed 1,177 moose and found a bull:cow of 19. There were 26 calves for each 100 cows. The average has been 24. The survey found some of the lowest numbers of moose on the Homer bench which was attributed to lack of snow and moose being higher.

Dave Lyons gave a report on his attendance at the Kenai NWR meeting in Soldotna regarding closure of brown bear hunting on the refuge. He basically said the same old players are making the same old arguments and that those present are stuck.

We began discussing Proposal 186, but the discussion turned to how ineffective it is to spend time talking about details that miss the point. There was general agreement that our comments need to address the broader issue, not trivia. Dave suggested that as an alternative to continue to writing comments on proposals that the board mostly ignores we should just write a letter that addresses the crux of the issue with Kenai River kings. The focus will be the lack of ability by the board to limit the amount of traffic/fishing on the spawning grounds. Everyone seemed to be in agreement. So, after much discussion, we agreed to have Dave draft a letter and then circulate it to the AC for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

The next meeting is Monday Jan. 13th.