

**Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**12/5/2013**  
**Glennallen High School**

I. Called meeting to order by Chuck McMahan, Chair at 6:10 pm.

II. Roll Call      Members Present: Chuck McMahan, Chair, Gakona; Don Horrell – Tazlina; Alysia White – Copper Center; Christopher Gene – Gakona/Gulkana; Elmer Marshall – Tazlina; Jim Odden – Lake Louise; Dave Sarafin – Tazlina; Brad Henspeter – Copper Center; Mike Roscovius - Glennallen

Members Absent Excused: Bruce Dickerson – Tolsona; Nick Jackson – Gakona/Gulkana; Karen Linnell – Kenny Lake; David Bruss – Chitina; Dale John – Glennallen; Katherin McConkey – Alternate; Leif Sorlie - Alternate

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda was done

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Becky Schwanke, Frank Robbins, Sherry Wright,

VI. Guests Present: Bruce Cain, Kathryn Martin, Dale John, Dennis Tietzel, Carol Teitzel, Tim Hand, Mark Schlenker

VII. New Business:

Chuck McMahan gave a brief overview of the Community Hunt meeting held in Anchorage December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will hold the next meeting January 27. Chuck solicited ideas from the group to bring to the next committee meeting. Don Horrell had some comments and will write them up. Mike Roscovius also offered to assist with that.

Elections were held with the following results: Jim Odden – Lake Louise; Dave Sarafin – Tazlina; Gakona/Gulkana – Nick Jackson; Glennallen – Leif Sorlie; Kenny Lake – Karen Linnell; Undesignated - Chad Gerlach (which are all three year seats); Darin Gene and Katherine McConkey were elected as one year alternates.

Officer elections was held with Chuck McMahan elected as Chair; David Bruss – Vice Chair; and Karen Linnell as Secretary.

<b>Comments on Board of Game proposals</b>			
All motions must be made in the affirmative.			
<b>BOG</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
	81	Modify the nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area	
<b>Support</b>	11	0	There are some local guides that this would benefit. Some people have hunters apply for the hunts, then the guides apply for the area. This would eliminate some of that.
	85	Change bag limit of moose for residents in Units 12.	
<b>Support</b>	11	0	This will not hurt the local area because the hunt won't take place unless there is extra quota. The caribou go right through Tetlin's back yard and they don't get a chance.
	127	Unit 13 antlerless moose re-authorization	
<b>Support</b>	11	0	This requires the majority of the AC support to remain on the books. The committee spoke about harvesting in an earlier time and discussion about moose hunting generally. When you only shoot bulls, you end up with an abundance of cows which affects the bull: cow ratios. This is an area that has an abundance of cow moose. The goal is to cap the moose population before they reach their carrying capacity, rather than see them crash because of over-population. The use of this management tool needs to be closely monitored. People remember the 1960's open season mentality and the crash that occurred afterwards. This is managed by a limited draw. 10 does not accomplish the desired objective and this committee believes anything less than a harvest of 50, if 10 only took 2 this past fall. There was some discussion of doing this as a registration antlerless hunt.
	133	Requires IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.	
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	This would limit rural hunters where training is not easily accessible.
	134	Modify IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait statewide	
<b>Support as amended</b>	11	0	The committee supports Option 1 – because it would simplify the bowhunting opportunities and make it easier on rural residents that don't have any opportunity for training. Amended to removed Option 2 and Option 3
	139	Remove harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts	
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	This would leave opportunity for multiple harvest if you don't validate your harvest ticket.
	140	Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide a wild food harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational values.	
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	Harvest ticket is used for biological purposes to determine where the harvest is occurring. Recreation occurs up until you shoot the animal, then

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			it becomes a subsistence hunt. It appears they are implying if you don't live in an area that you hunt you are a recreational hunter. Most people would indicate subsistence hunting. It's too vague.
	142	Remove the requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	
Support	8	0	Improves the wording of the regulation to match the intent of the law. 3 Abstained because they were not clear what was going to be gained.
	143	Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits	
Oppose	0	11	The blue card provides good information on non-sealed harvest. There are tanneries that require them. Concern of not being able to get the forms and needing them. Most of the committee that traps don't mind filling them out. The form could be posted on the ADF&G web site and biologists should use the data. This committee would like the form be made available somewhere.
	144	Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits	
	0	11	Reference comments on Prop 143
	146	Remove the reference to a proof of guide contract and guide use area registration at the time of application for drawing hunts.	
Oppose	0	11	If this is not the department's issue, whose is it? People who have the knowledge of the guide client agreement are more likely to actually use their permit. This helps in the efficiency and logistics of the hunt for those long term guides that utilize the same area.
	159	Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.	
			There will probably be a lot of bait stations this spring. If you shot a bear and left it, it would make a pretty good bait for the next bear. Most likely the salvage requirements are more about public perception than biology.
	160	Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear taken over bait.	
Support	11	0	Most brown bear taken over bait are near an ATV so you are able to get that meat out. This doesn't clarify brown bear over bait, but any brown bear harvested. The committee supports this for a brown bear harvested over a bait station, but not in any other hunt scenario. The definition for brown bear has always been different. If you are going to get the ribs you have to gut the bear. If you just take the four quarters, you don't have to do that. This would reduce the amount of brown bear meat required.
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Support	11	0	Reference comments on Proposal 160.
	164	Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.	
Oppose	0	11	This is already happening and would require excessive additional work for

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			staff.
	<b>167</b>	Establish a definition guide and assistant guide.	
			In the past, this was defined as someone in the field assisting in the take. Remove the word “present” from and add the words attempting to take somewhat as follows: Guide and assistant guide means those assisting or directing in the actual attempt to take for compensation that are not a paying client. Committee gave several examples of people who might be present, but not a guide. The horse wrangler is not an assistant guide, the camp cook is not an assistant guide. If everyone present had to be licensed, it would greatly add to the expenses incurred by the guide.
	<b>169</b>	Establish a definition for broken, as it pertains to a full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.	
			This issue needs to be addressed. A horn that has been broken and rubbed smooth over the years is clear that it has been broken. When both sides look the same it is harder to judge. The vast majority of sheep that are sealed are 95% legal. The 5 – 7 year sheep and trying to say they are double broomed is the problem.
	<b>174</b>	Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors	
<b>Oppose</b>	3	7	Concern of setting a bad precedent. Concern of additional pressure on the resource. If any capture occurs, they would prefer it be very limited. Nonresidents bring a lot of money to the state. There was some support for this proposal. Abstain doesn’t know enough about it.
	<b>175</b>	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
<b>Support</b>	7	4	Unit 11 is right in our back yard. Unit 12 borders Unit 13C and along the Nabesna Road – Copper Basin AC has always. Concern of larger sizes may also open the door for other areas to also speak to this area.  13A,13B, 13C, 13D and Unit 11 would be the priority for Copper Basin AC.

### Federal Subsistence Proposals

WP 14-01 Parks Service has a trapping – checking, marking snares, identifying traps

Oppose – 0 – 11 Six day trap checks in our area is not realistic. Weather has as much concern of trap checks as anything. Valdez is starting something like this because of a problem with a local dog running loose. Once this type of thing starts it never stops and only gets more cumbersome. People are getting out on the trails more – trapline signage that states “Active

Trapline” goes a long way for prevention of problems. The last thing a trapper wants to catch is someone’s dogs.

Another proposal about winter moose hunt is still pretty much in the discussion stage. The folks in McCarthy are asking for some kind of winter moose hunt with limited permits in December. They have moose pretty far out and a difficult Unit to hunt, but the moose come out of the river in the winter time. They would like to harvest a few of those animals. The Resource Commission supported it, but there have never been any surveys by the Park Service or the state. They are asking for a registration hunt that would be eligible for the resident zone communities. Because of the time of year and where it’s at, will self-limit those that are interested in participating.

Ruth McHenry 5 year land permit Southcentral Region Butte Lake – Susitna winter road DOT comment (would be open to the public). Think it will be restricted to no hunting. Application for use of state land – crews will be grooming cross country trail. Early November when things aren’t frozen too hard, perhaps narrowing the time frame.

Barbara Cellarius provided a map of the federal hunt area for moose caribou.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_