

— Anchorage AC Game Sub-Committee Comments for the Statewide Cycle “A”  
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**Anchorage Advisory Committee.**

**2/18/2014**

**Location of Meeting at the King Career Center.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Vice Chair Jim Stubbs at the King Career Center.**

I. Call to Order: 6:40PM

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jim Stubbs Acting Chair, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Vince Baldauf, Grant Klotz, Kevin Taylor, Joel Donner, Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Mark Campbell, Robert Beck, Neil Dewitt, George Jacoby, Ehren Strahn.

Members Absent: Bruce Morgan (Chairman), Gary Brell, Matthew Rogero

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Alaskan Falconry Association, Alaska Bow Hunter Association

III. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda for the night’s meeting was approved.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting, on 1/14/2014 were approved

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

VI. Guests Present: Don Hundley, Tim Shell, Jack Frost, Ira Edwards.

VII. New Business:

Public Testimony;

Don Hundley- He is the Vice President of the Alaska Falconry Association, a local fisherman and hunter. He was asking for support of Proposal #174 of the upcoming Board of Game meeting. This proposal has to do with the take of non-residents in the sport of falconry. Residents and non-residents would take birds the same way. Joel asked about the age of birds that are taken. Don said that they are not allowed to take adult birds. They are allowed to take passage birds and Eyas (first year) birds. The mortality is around 80% of these birds naturally in the wild and this happens when the bird fledges and leaves the nest. The AFA has an amendment proposal that would make it legal to take Eyas. And only take fledges bird when they leave the nest, until it becomes an adult bird with the full plumage. The limit would be 1 bird per person a year and they would not be able to sell the birds.

Tim Sell- He was speaking on behalf of the AFA in which he is a member. The AFA stance is that only passage birds can be taken. The AFA was not happy about the falconry proposals. The national association put in the proposals without contacting the state association. Alaska is about the only state that does not allow a non-resident take of birds. The total of birds allowed to be taken is 3 of each species. Nine birds a year have been taken by residents in the last 5 years.

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It was discussed about the vested interest of the residents and there was concern about non-residents taking birds and just leaving the state. You are allowed to breed birds and only sell the F1 birds after that. The market has dropped down some recently for birds. It was noted that some owls are allowed to be taken.

Ira Edwards- He is a former research biologist with the state of Alaska. He spoke to us about the amount of moose in Kincaid Park. He has been attacked in Kincaid Park and he knows about many other people that have been as well. He has talked to many of the user groups of the Park and estimates there are close to 31 groups. There is strong support from those groups to reduce the population of moose in the park. He has a written proposal to have a moose hunt in the Park. He said that the department will be doing a moose survey of the population in the park next week. It had been discussed to have a hunt of about 4 to 8 permits in the Park.

Jack Frost- Member of the Alaska Bowhunters Association. He spoke to us about a few proposals in the upcoming Board of Game book that pertain to bow hunting.

Proposal #133- It was submitted by an instructor from the Kenai area. He has a problem with it in having a statewide bow hunter certification. Where would the classes be held and who would teach them. The ABA is against this proposal.

Proposal #134- This proposal is from the department and relates to bow hunting over bait. The ABA would prefer option #1 or #2 only.

Proposal #159- He spoke to us about this proposal and the ABA is in support of this proposal.

Proposal #173- This idea started in South East Alaska that any animal wounded is considered a taken animal and the limit, has now spread north. The ABA is against this proposal. He then mentioned the Kincaid Park hunt, and would be against it because of the previous Hillside hunt and the problems associated with that.

Member Joel Doner presented his report from the meeting with the Mayor’s office and the municipal parks department. The first meeting had been canceled and was re-scheduled and the department seemed to become evasive as well. Finally Joel and Frank met with George Vikalis of the mayor’s office, the head of the parks department and his top assistant, Gary Olson of the Alaska moose Federation, and Gino Difratie of the Department of fish and Game. The department is all for it and now willing to lead it up. They would help Ira Edwards with his proposal and the AC would help as well. It had been discussed that a bull hunt would not be acceptable but a cow hunt would. This hunt would be better to have as a youth hunt or a wounded veteran’s hunt. It would need to have the support of the parks Department and the public. Mark mentioned that to make it more palatable to the public submitting it as a wounded veteran hunt would be best.

Joel motioned to have the game sub-committee meet with Ira to help write the proposal. Seconded by Kevin S. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

We discussed having a meeting March 25th

We then went over the BOG proposals that the committee as the whole needed to go over.

133	Make it mandatory to receive an IBEP, or equivalent certification, to hunt big game with a bow and arrow in Alaska.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Opposed for reason that it is another unnecessary requirement on the books, most Bow Hunters already do
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		possess a IBEP Card. An individual should not be required to obtain a card. And having a card does not improve performance over the years.
<b>134</b>	Align IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait by bow and arrow in Units 7 and 14-16.	<b>Supported Option #1, 13 Support</b> , to remove the IBEP Requirement. <b>Option #2, 1 Support</b> , align the requirement, removing the work Black from the current language. <b>Option #3, 0 Support</b> , Expanding the IBEP requirement over Bait, making it State wide.
<b>135</b>	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used within this state.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Support for reason stated in the Proposal.
<b>136</b>	Create a definition for "general hunts" to mean "a hunt that is regulated in a non-subsistence area, and the game taken does not have a positive C&G finding.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
<b>137</b>	Adopt definition of “subsistence hunting” and “subsistence uses” consistent with the Alaska State Constitution.	<b>TNA</b>
<b>138</b>	Allow so many moose to be harvested in each village according to village population and moose population (to be determined). Moose to be divided and distributed by authorities.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Opposed to allowing another special hunt. The Proposal is unclear as to what establishes an Emergency Hunt. We can also conclude that if there is truly a shortage of food in a Village, moose if available would be harvested. One would hope that the Elders of the village could limit such an over harvest concern.
<b>139</b>	Remove harvest ticket requirement; require hunts to obtain a harvest report for certain species.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>140</b>	Modify Harvest Ticket to include additional information on if game was taken for subsistence uses or for recreational values.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. The members of our committee, who do harvest a Moose, do so for the filling of the freezer, not for the Recreational, or Trophy Hunt reasons. Those in the Non-subsistence area should have their harvest reported accurately.
<b>141</b>	Specify in 92.012 where locking tags must be affixed when required.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Favor seeing the locking tag requirement going away completely.

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<b>142</b>	Remove requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
<b>143</b>	Remove requirement for using the Raw Fur Shipping Permit.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>144</b>	Repeal the requirement for an export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska	<b>Support 14 , Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>145</b>	Increase the number allowed to apply for a party draw hunt to three individuals.	<b>Support 4, Opposed 10.</b> Supported for reasons stated. Giving 3 hunting partners the opportunity to get together on a hunt, and all having a tag. Opposed because they favored the current system. If changing it, then why only limit the Party permit to 3, why not 4, 5, 6, etc...
<b>146</b>	Remove the reference to proof of a guide contract and guide use area registration at the time of application for drawing hunts.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
<b>147</b>	Add five species of domestic finches to the Clean List.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Do not want to see another species of bird, let alone 5 types of Finches, into the State. If they were to escape and survive, they would then be competing with the wild birds for the available food sources.
<b>148</b>	Add the hamster genus Phodopus sp. to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed in the state of Alaska without a permit.	<b>TNA</b>
<b>149</b>	Clarify when Muridae rodent are allowed as pets, and when an emergency permit may be issued to allow uncaged rodents to enter the state due to extreme circumstances.	<b>TNA</b>

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<b>150</b>	It is unlawful, without a permit issued by the department, for a person to possess, transport, sell, advertise or otherwise offer for sale, purchase, or offer to purchase a wolf or wolf hybrid	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
<b>151</b>	Create a Migratory bird log book and end of year questionnaire for all migratory bird hunting guides.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Opposed to adding all the different reporting requirements. This proposal is asking for a lot more than just harvest data. Harvest data is one thing, but the names, and addresses of everyone involved is over the top.
<b>152</b>	Redefine “edible meat” as it pertains to waterfowl so that more than breast meat is considered edible.	<b>Support 1, Opposed 13.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal. Opposed, for reason that this is another rule that is not easily enforceable. Those who wish to boil their bird carcass for soup can already do so.
<b>153</b>	Redefine “hindquarter” to include reference to wildfowl.	<b>Support 2, Opposed 12.</b> Support for reason stated in the Proposal. Opposed, for reason that this is another rule that is not easily enforceable. Those who wish to boil their bird carcass for soup, can already do so.
<b>154</b>	Redefine "trophy" to include wildfowl and meat of trophy must be salvaged.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> The wording of this Proposal “after all edible meat has been salvaged,” is very vague in what is “all edible meat”. This proposal is unnecessary; the State already has wanton waste rules on the books.
<b>155</b>	Redefine "possession limit" for migratory birds to establish seasonal bag limits for all species instead of daily bag limits.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> This is written to include everything from in the field, to process and sitting on the self. This Proposal has the potential to make all hunters into violators of Game Laws, because your possession limit would now include what is on your shelves, and in your freezers. This is an over reach!
<b>156</b>	Redefine “processed for human consumption”.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> What is this “high percentage of harvested meat spoiling?” There are already laws against want and waste on the books.
<b>157</b>	Redefine “salvage” to remove the reference to ‘consumed by humans’.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Again, “high percentage of harvested meat spoiling.” That’s painting with a pretty broad brush. Hunters are already directed to care for their harvested game, and there are current Reg’s on the books dealing with want and waste.
<b>158</b>	Modify definition of edible meat to not exclude brown bears.	<b>12 support. Opposed 2</b> Support for reasons stated in the proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never

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		be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
<b>159</b>	Change the definition of the edible meat of a brown bear to match the definition of the edible meat of a black bear	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>160</b>	Redefine "edible meat" to include brown bear.	<b>12 Support. Opposed 2.</b> Support for reasons stated in the Proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
<b>161</b>	salvage/definition	<b>Support 12. Opposed 2</b> Support for reasons stated in the Proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
<b>162</b>	Clarify that brown bears can be taken over bait under the conditions of a permit issued under 5 AAC 92.044.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>163</b>	Redefine "Bait" so that bear meat and bones not required to be salvaged may be returned to the bait site.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>164</b>	Require the Department to compile a yearly area specific predator management/predator control report to track cost and success of the program.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Felt that the Department has fulfilled its requirement on its intensive management plans already. We are not wanting to see the Department tie up the with more reports, and costly paper work.

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<b>165</b>	Remove the requirement for the Department to issue permits to sell untanned hides with claws attached and skulls of black bears taken in active predator control areas. In addition, remove the section that allows hunters who have been airborne to harvest a black bear over bait in active predator control areas, since this is now allowed under general baiting seasons in most areas.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>166</b>	Redefine "Transporter" to include air taxis, water taxis, fishing charter outfitters, combo hunting/fishing outfitters, captains of private boats, and lodges.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Opposed to another unnecessary law, and reporting requirements on the books. The proposer did not give any real concerns for his proposal need, or comment on what will happen if nothing is done, and who would suffer from it, if nothing is done. Another paper work hurdle for businesses to get tripped up, and cited over, with no real benefit to anyone.
<b>167</b>	Establish define “Guide”, “assistant guide”, “registered guide”, “big game guide”, etc.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> Again no reason stated on who would benefit from this proposal.
<b>168</b>	Define "brow palm"	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> We all agree that the current language is clear enough, adding more language will not make it any clearer.
<b>169</b>	Redefine “broken” as it pertains to full curl rams.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> The current language is clear enough, adding more language will not make it any clearer.
<b>170</b>	Redefine "full-curl horn" to include the statement "the tip of at least one horn has grown through the plane of the bridge of the nose, as viewed from the side, and determined using the Department's standardized "sheep horn jig".	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>171</b>	Redefine "full-curl horn" to include the statement "any ram is legal until the State Wildlife Department has a specific, repeatable method that all State employees are mandated to use	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.

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	to determine if a set of sheep horns is legal or sublegal.	
<b>172</b>	Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> The author of this proposal stated that this practice has nothing to due with putting meat on the table. When in fact it is about trying to grow more Moose and Caribou for Alaskans to harvest, thus putting more meat on the table. The current bear population in Alaska is not in decline, or endangered.
<b>173</b>	Redefine “bag limit” and define “mortally wounded”.	<b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
<b>174</b>	Allow nonresident falconers to captor raptors.	<b>Proposal #174 to Amend:</b> To include a 5 mile corridor, from all State, or Borough maintained roads. In listening to a few of the local master falconer that came and testified to our AC, they all agreed that there was no biological concerns with the nonresident take of birds. <b>To Amended, Vote: Supported 12, Opposed 1, Abstain 1.</b> <b>Proposal #174 as Amended: Supported 12, Opposed 2.</b>
<b>175</b>	Review and determine the Advisory Committee, that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	<b>Support 0, Opposed 14.</b> <b>As written our AC is unanimously opposed to this Proposal.</b> As of 2012 the Anchorage AC represents close to 25,000 licensed Hunters. They make up a large percentage of hunters in many GMU’s other than Unit 14. We feel that the Anchorage AC should have its input heard on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts in Units that fall under the description in <b>5ACC 97.005</b> , which lays out which AC’s have jurisdiction regarding emergency closures of Fish and Game during established seasons. These Unit’s for the Anchorage AC are Units 6 thru 9, 11, 13 thru 16 and 19. While not all of these Units currently have Antlerless Moose hunts, it does clarify all possible areas of jurisdiction. As an example in Unit 13 Anchorage Hunters made up 40% of the Moose Hunters In Unit 16, over 28% In Unit 15, it was 5.5%, most likely due to the current low numbers of Moose on the Kenai Peninsula.

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		<p>It’s interesting to note that Anchorage hunters made up only 27% of the Moose hunters in Unit 14, where the Anchorage AC has jurisdiction, and in Unit’s 13, and 16, where we have a higher percentage of hunters participating in the Moose Hunts, there is no jurisdiction for the Anchorage AC.</p> <p><b>The Anchorage AC Amended this Proposal</b> To include all Unit’s it has jurisdiction under <b>5ACC 97.005</b>, to extend the same jurisdiction to <b>5 AAC 98.005</b></p> <p><b>Amended Proposal #175.</b></p> <p><b>Support 14, Opposed 0.</b> The Anchorage AC unanimously supported this amendment to extend that same jurisdiction for the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts to <b>5 AAC 98.005.</b></p> <p><b>Other Solutions Considered.</b> If the Alaska Department of Law continues to insist that ACs must be physically located in the GMU to have the authority to authorize Antlerless hunts, then the board should recommend an amendment to <b>AS 16.05.780</b> adding some language for jurisdiction based on a certain percentage of moose hunters in any GMU represented by an AC. Suggestion of that percentage ranged from 5 to 10 percent.</p>

I. More New Business:

We then discussed the Copper Valley Community hunt and were strongly opposed to it.

A vote was taken on it. 0 in Support and 14 Oppose, the Community Harvest Hunt

Robert motioned to accept the game sub-committee votes on the rest of the proposals, seconded by Vince. We voted and it was 14 in support and 0 oppose.

Jim thanked the people that showed up at the Board of Fish upper Cook Inlet meetings.

Next meeting to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM