

March 25, 2014 Meeting

Members Present:

Frank Neumann George Jacoby Kevin Taylor Joel Doner Robert Caywood Grant Klotz Vince Baldauf
Jim Stubbs Kevin Sparrowgrove Mark Campbell Gary Brell Neil Dewitt Robert Peck
Ehren Strawn Phil Calhoun
Members Excused: Bruce Morgan Matt Rogero

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Vice Chair Jim Stubbs at the Fish Hatchery
A quorum was established of the members present
The agenda for the night's meeting was approved.

Department guests: Sherry Wright, Jessie Coltrane, Dave Battle

Public Testimony:

Dan Montgomery, Vice-Chair from the Mat-Valley AC spoke to us about some of the upcoming game proposals there AC has.

- 1) Remove the sealing requirements for black bears
- 2) Allow bating for black and brown bears in Unit 13C.
- 3) Change the sheep requirements to full curl in Unit 13D and 14C for firearms and also the bow hunts.
- 4) In Units 15 and 16, require just a harvest ticket for brown bears with a harvest report.
- 5) Allow same day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 9

He feels that residents should at least put something for out harvest tickets and tags.

Rick Merizon He spoke to us about the ongoing Hatcher Pass small game research projects and also on the education program on grouse hunting in that area. He has been working with the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Mat-Su Borough about a youth hunt in that area from August 10 to the 20th. It will be presented as a proposal in the upcoming proposal booklet as from the Mat-Valley AC.

Ira Edwards spoke to us about the report back on the Kincaid moose hunt. It would be a proposal that would have a disability hunt with 50% to 70% of mobility. It would possibly be from 6 to ten permits a year and it would be held in October. The actual timing would still need to be decided. The park would be divided into 4 quadrants and it would close off possibly up to 3 quadrants for the hunt to take place. The Municipal Parks Dept. views the park as highly developed recreational park and not a wilderness area. He said that most groups would not support it being run by a government group or entity, but a private group or person. It would be a single cow hunt with muzzleloader or shotgun. Blaze orange or the like will be in the proposal. Motorized vehicles would be allowed for the hunt. He has been working to get as many of the park users/animal conflicts to be reported to have a public record of them.

Jessie from the department reported that the dept. is drafting a proposal for drawing permits for up to 25 black bears to be taken on a hunt on JBER.

Sherry then spoke to us and presented to us a letter with items about the AC general meeting policies and rules. Neil motioned to go over the items and policies and discuss them at our next meeting. Seconded by Grant and it passed unanimously.

Neil volunteered to be the point man on the letter to Don Young on the possible federal legislation on the AHTNA region.

Sherry mentioned about the schedule of the elections and when to hold them, but we stalled them until our April meeting.

Frank gave us the synopsis of the Board of Game meeting that had been held.

On the AC jurisdiction areas, they did not pass for the Anchorage AC having expanded say over other areas. But in the next 2 year cycle they will look to see if people or AC's participated in meetings outside of their area.

Then we discussed out letter to Don Young about the AHTNA legislation.

Joel motioned to add Frank's data about the areas that Anchorage residents are using to hunt that 40% of the moose hunters in Unit 13 are from Anchorage. Seconded by Mark and the vote was unanimous.

Robert motioned to vote electronically in a quorum and by a majority on the final version of this letter only, to be submitted by our Chair person. Seconded by Grant and it passed unanimously/

Next meeting will be the 15th of April at a place to be determined and Frank asked members that if they had any game proposals for the Board of Game to bring them to that meeting and Sherry mentioned that proposals can now be submitted on line to both Boards.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM