

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Comments for the
Arctic/Western Region BOG meeting

Anchorage Advisory Committee met and discussed the proposals December 3, 2013.

Members Present: Bruce Morgan,(Chairman) Jim Stubbs,(Vice Chair) Kevin Sparrowgrove,(Secretary), George Jacoby, Grant Klotz, Joel Donner, Kevin Taylor, Mark Campbell, Vince Baldauf, Robert Caywood, Frank Neumann, Robert Peck

Region V Comments

Discussed, and voted on proposal's #27 through #37.

Kotzebue Area – Unit 23

Proposal 27

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.

Discussion: We support the current Regulation, and see No reason for change. The Department studies show no evidence of over Harvest of Bears, or a decreasing Bear population

Proposal 28

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal, would like to see this as a State wide Proposal

Proposal 29

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal. Once you legally harvest your Game it becomes your property, and you should be able to do what you want with your antlers. However enforcement would be difficult if this is not a State Wide Regulation.

Regional and Multiple Units

Proposal 30

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.

Discussion: We do not favor a Head-Start program for Resident Hunters. Adding more hunting days to the season could result in more stress on the Sheep, and increased Harvest, which could then lead to over harvest concerns.

Proposal 31

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V

Discussion: Same Discussion as Proposal #30.

Proposal 32

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Create a bowhunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.

Discussion: We are Opposed to adding a special season, by lengthening the season with an early opener for Bow Hunters. That would create a 51 day season. Again we have concerns for the sheep population, the additional pressure, and long season adding stress to the population.

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Proposal 33

AC Vote: 11 Support, 1 Oppose

Description: Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V

Discussion: Supported for reason stated in the Proposal, Most hunts outside of Alaska that have draws limit the Nonresidents to 10% of the draw. The majority felt it would be best to limit nonresident first, before we have to limit Resident Hunters. The one opposed felt it was wrong to limit nonresident if there wasn't a population concern, and if there was, then the hunt would have to be a draw for both Residents, and Nonresidents.

Proposal 34

AC Vote: Take no action

Description: Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Unit 26.

Discussion: TNA See comments on Proposals # 33, 36, and 37.

Proposal 35

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.

Discussion: Currently there is no Legal Bear Snaring in Region v. Snaring is only permitted under Predator Control Programs, which currently there are none in Region V. We also don't favor limiting the Department by taking this tool out of their tool box

Proposal 36

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.

Discussion: We support the idea that if a resource is being limited by a draw, then there should be cap, not to exceed 10% for Nonresidents.

Proposal 37

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in Proposal , Same comments as Proposal #36.