

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery; 941 N Reeve Blvd
January 28, 2014, 6:30 PM

1. **Call meeting to order,**
2. **Roll Call to establish a quorum.**
3. **Advise Guests of public testimony signup sheet and protocol for testimony;** the local Fish & Game Advisory Committee serves as a local forum for people to come and express their views on resource issues. We intend to foster an environment that encourages communication, and will not tolerate personal attacks on committee or staff members or language that does not promote open communication
4. **Approve Agenda**
5. **Approve Minutes of last meeting**
6. **Introduce Department Guests;**
Sherry Wright; AC support
Jessie Coltrane, Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist
Dave Battle, Wildlife Biologist
7. **Public testimony.**
8. **New Business.**
 - a. **Final discussion and vote on BOG Cow Moose Authorization hunts;**
 - b. **Review and finalize Anchorage AC Sub-committee findings and comments; for BOG, Region III**
 - c. **Notify Committee of upcoming UCI BOF meeting in Anchorage**

Adjourn.

Bruce Morgan, Chair	George Jacoby	Kevin Taylor	Neil Dewitt (alt)
Jim Stubbs, Vice Chair	Grant Klotz	Ehren Strahn	Phil Calhoun
Kevin Sparrowgrove, Sec	Frank Neumann	Robert Caywood	
Vince Baldauf	Robert Peck	Joel Doner	
Mark Campbell	Gary Brell (alt)	Matthew Rogero (excused)	

Next meeting time and place; Feb 4, 2014 (King Career Center)

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee 1/21/14, and 1/28/14
William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery
941 N. Reeve Blvd.
Anchorage, Alaska

*Sent to Robert
1-31-14
@ 1:52 pm*

- I. Call to Order: 6:40PM By Chairman Bruce Morgan
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Bruce Morgan, Jim Stubbs, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Vince Baldauf, George Jacoby, Grant Klotz, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Rob Peck, Kevin Taylor, Ehren Strahn, Joel Donner, Phil Calhoun, Neil Dewitt, Gary Brell.

 Members Absent: Mark Campbell, Matthew Rogero.

 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 List of User Groups Present: None present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 1/21/14....
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Director Doug Vincent Lang, Jesse Coltrane, Dave Battle, Dave ?.
- VI. Guests Present: Steve Flory
- VII. New Business:
 On 12/18/13, and 12/30.13, the Anchorage AC Game Subcommittee met. There were four members attending these two meetings, Robert Caywood, Robert Peck, Georange Jacoby, and Frank Neumann, to go over all Proposal for Region III. They forward their comments to the full AC on the meeting dates mention above. The full AC took action on all the following proposals

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS			
BOG	39	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents in Region III.	
	15	0	Support for reason stated in Proposal
BOG	40	Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Units 24, 25 and 26B	
			TNA Due to action on other proposals
BOG	41	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III.	
	0	15	Opposed to early hunts, and other head start proposals. Adding length to the season could be adding stress to the Sheep population.
BOG	42	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region III.	

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	0	15	Same reason as stated in Proposal 41
BOG	43	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III.	
	0	15	Same reasons as stated in Proposal 42
BOG	44	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.	
	15	0	Favor Limiting Non-residents pressure, and harvest on the Sheep population. Would increase opportunity for Alaskan Hunters, and create a better overall hunting experience. .
BOG	45	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents for big game hunts and distribute remaining permits in Region III.	
	15	0	Favor setting a limit of, and not to exceed 10% allocation for ALL draw hunts for Non-residents.
BOG	46	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III.	
	15	0	We would like to see the Board take some action on this proposal. With all the same proposals that are constantly being submitted to the BOG on Sheep allocation we would prefer limiting the nonresidents to 10% of historical harvest average.
BOG	47	Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.	
	0	15	Opposed to early hunts, and other head start proposals. Adding length to the season could be adding stress to the Sheep population
BOG	48	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.	
	0	15	Would have liked more Data as to what this would equate into for numbers. We do favor restricting nonresidents Sheep tags to the 10% of historic harvest average.
BOG	49	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.	
	0	15	Not in favor of lengthening the Sheep season. We did talk about, and liked the idea that if we had to start the residents first, we would then have the nonresident's season start later.
BOG	50	Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.	
			TNA
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
	0	15	We favor the lengthening of the season by 20 days, increasing a hunters opportunity to harvest a wolf.
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	53	Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D	

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	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	54		Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.
			TNA*** We did note that this proposal was submitted by the Area AC's.***
BOG	55		Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region III.
	0	15	We favor keeping this tool in the Departments tool box.
BOG	56		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	57		Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	58		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A & 21E			
BOG	59		Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	60		Modify moose hunt requirements in 21E.
			TNA
BOG	61		Reallocate moose drawing permits in Unit 21E.
	0	15	Favored leaving as is.
BOG	62		Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	63		Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	64		Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19.
			TNA
BOG	65		Establish a registration sheep hunt for residents in Unit 19C.
	0	15	Against adding a winter hunt for Sheep. We would like the BOG to address the nonresident hunting pressure concerns. And absolutely against the taking of ewes, they are carrying tomorrows Sheep.
BOG	66		Create a musk oxen hunt in Units 18 & 19.
	0	15	We favor the creation of a Draw hunt open to ALL Alaskans.
BOG	67		Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21.
			TNA
GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D & 24			
BOG	68		Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.
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BOG	69		Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client. TNA
BOG	70		Reauthorize the winter moose registration hunt in Unit 24B, RM833. TNA
BOG	71		Reinstate the previous dimensions of the Kanuti Controlled Use Area. TNA
BOG	72		Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D. 15 0 Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	73		Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21. TNA
NORTHEAST ALASKA – UNITS 25A, 25B, 25D, 26B, & 26C			
BOG	74		Increase resident-only hunting in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt. 0 15 Opposed as written. Author of this Proposal didn't state if this would be a youth only BOW Hunt, or if he is looking to create a rifle hunt in the corridor.
BOG	75		Change the resident-only hunting periods in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt. 15 0 We favor giving Alaskan Residents a window to hunt without nonresidents being in the field. This would encourage Alaskan youth to participate in hunting. Favor restricting nonresident hunters along the road system.
BOG	76		Allow sidelock muzzleloading rifles using round ball only in Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area. 0 15 Object to the idea of creating another special hunt.
BOG	77		Clarify the subunit boundary between Unit 26B and 26C. 15 0 Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	78		Modify antler restriction bag limit for moose in Unit 25. TNA
BOG	79		Create a new hunt area for moose in Unit 25S and establish season dates and bag limits TNA
BOG	80		Allow harvest of brown bears over black bear bait in Unit 25D 15 0 Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
TOK AREA – UNITS 12 & 20E			
BOG	81		Establish a nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area in Units 12, 13C and 20D, with conditions. 15 0 Support as Amended. Remove the Bullet Point #3, the limiting the second degree kin portion to no more than 50%, no limits to the number of Second Degree Kin Tags.
BOG	82		Limit Glacier Valley Mountain Controlled Use Area to walk-in only for sheep hunting. 4 11 Those Opposed, thought that this area is difficult to access, and that horses

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			where a must, and makes this an attainable hunt. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	83		Limit guides to two black bear bait stands in Units 12 and 20E. TNA
BOG	84		Allow permits to use inedible game meat for bear bait. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
	15	0	
BOG	85		Establish a registration hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 12. Not in Favor of establishing any more Tier I hunts.
	0	15	
BOG	86		Modify resident bag limit for moose in portions of Units 12 and 20D. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
	15	0	
BOG	87		Reauthorize the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
	15	0	
BOG	88		Modify the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
	15	0	
BOG	89		Establish a wolf control program in Unit 12. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
	15	0	
DELTA AREA – UNIT 20D			
BOG	90		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D. TNA
BOG	91		Modify the season and bag limits for DM795 in Unit 20D and change the qualification for disabled hunters. Asking for too much in one Proposal. All members are strongly against the Nonresident Cow moose Hunt portion.
	0	15	
BOG	92		Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per household. The Majority Opposed because they didn't want to see the limit put in place on the Party Permit for a family. The Minority Supported the Proposal thinking that it would slightly increase one odds of drawing, and supported the idea of one Tag per household.
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BOG	93		Correct a discrepancy in bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd in Unit 12. TNA
BOG	94		Modify the season and bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd registration hunt in Unit 20D. TNA
BOG	95		Modify the Macomb caribou registration hunt season and bag limits in Units 12 and 20D, and require locking tags. TNA
BOG	96		Include Johnson Slough Island Unit in a portion of Unit 20D moose hunt boundary. TNA
FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F & 25C			
BOG	97		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A. Those Opposed disliked the idea of Cow Hunts, and felt that in Unit 20A there
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			has been an excessive over harvest of Cows in the past few years. A couple of AC members who have hunted in Unit 20A in the past share what they have seen there from their personal hunting trips. They express concerns that the Department has been over reacting in the killing of cows, that the area brows didn't show signs of over browsing. The Supporting votes wanted to keep the hunt on the books, and noted that the Department did suspended next Falls Cow hunts due to the lower than expected winter survey results.
BOG	98	Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.	
	7	7 & 1	Committee was split over this. Those supporting this, thought it would help with the want and waste issues. Those Opposed like the Regs as is. When in doubt, don't shoot.
BOG	99	Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Giving Alaskans more access.
BOG	100	Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Giving Alaskans more access.
BOG	101	Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.	
			TNA
BOG	102	Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B	
	0	15	Opposed, thought the current Regs were sufficient. That this would be an impossible Regulation to enforce.
BOG	103	Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	104	Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	105	Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	106	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.	
	7	6	Supported for reasons stated, the Opposing votes disagree with the idea of Cow hunts, and believe Department is allowing to many cows to be harvested in 20B
BOG	107	Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Mint Flats Management Area.	
	0	15	Opposed to opening a new hunt for non-residents in the MFMA.
BOG	108	Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.	
	13	2	We favor access for All Alaskan hunters. The Department comments show a positive Bull to Cow ratio, with a surplus for Moose. We would rather see Alaskans having access by Airboat before giving consent to nonresident hunters in the MFMA. The opposing votes view is that Airboats are just too noisy.
BOG	109	Change the Muzzleloader Draw Moose hunt in 20B to a Registration Hunt.	
	15	0	Support for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	110	Eliminate the muzzleloader hunt for bull moose in the Middle Fork of the Chena River and	

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			upper Salcha River in Unit 20B.
	15	0	Supported as AMENDED. We favor the elimination of the Draw Hunt, and Amending it to a Registration Hunt. See Proposal 109.
BOG	111		Lengthen the moose season in Salcha River Drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek in Unit 20B.
			TNA
BOG	112		Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area.
	0	15	Opposed because Young Hunters can already apply for a Antlerless Draw Hunt just like any other Alaskan. Also, some on the committee object to all Cow hunts, period.
BOG	113		Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20B Remainder.
	0	15	Opposed to lengthening any of the Sheep seasons for any reason.
BOG	114		Repeal the requirement for leaving evidence of sex (gender) on black bear until sealing has taken place in Unit 20B.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Make the reporting requirement the same for all of Region III
BOG	115		Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.
			TNA
BOG	116		Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Nenana-Totchaket Resource Development Corridor.
	0	15	This Proposal is a land lock proposal, denying Alaskans equal access due to suppositions that something unfavorable might happen. The Departments comments show that there is a harvestable surplus of moose in the area.
BOG	117		Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area.
	1	14	The 1 support vote was due to a dislike for Airboats. Those who Opposed did so because they are Pro access for All Alaskans, and would like to see more access not less.
BOG	118		Change season dates for fall moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	Opposed due to concerns that too many moose would be taken in the last 10 days of the season. Agreeing that extending the season by 10 days is excessive, and pushes the season into the rut.
BOG	119		Change season dates for winter moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	Favor the current Regs, and dislike the season being extended another 5 days. There seems to be enough opportunity to harvest moose between the current fall, and winter openings.
BOG	120		Require trophy value of moose to be destroyed in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	See no reason to destroy the Property of Hunters for Moose taken Legally.
BOG	121		Create a Controlled Use Area along the Manley to Tanana road.
	0	15	Opposed to denying Alaskans access. This road is not even built yet, and they are

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			requesting the BOG to deny other Alaskans equal access due to concerns that haven't taken place yet.
ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III & V			
BOG	122		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Berners Bay and Gustavus in Unit 1C.
			TNA
BOG	124		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A.
			TNA
BOG	125		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
			TNA
BOG	126		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
	11	4	After a long discussion, and with Input from the Department in this discussion, over the accuracy of the Moose population within 14C. Committee members do base their decision on the testimony of the Department. During this discussion the Department rebutted the testimony of a member of the public who stated the Department's sustainable harvest management level of moose is 5%. The Department stated that in our area the sustainable harvest is 15%, which includes hunting and "road" harvest. With a Moose population estimation of 1540 in14C, and a total take of 227 Moose, including traffic kills, it works out to be 14.75%. Questions were raised as to what other areas of the State had a sustainable harvest level of 15% for Moose. Others opposed the Antlerless hunt because they do not believe in Cow Hunts period. Proposal passed.
BOG	127		Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.
	2	13	On our committee there are a lot of members who hunt Unit 13. For the year 2012, Anchorage hunters made up 43% of the total number of hunters in Unit 13. The Committee members didn't see the need for Antlerless hunts in the area. They express concerns that the Department was over reacting with the Cow hunts. Others would like to see a E.O. Registration winter type hunt, if the Moose in certain areas seem to be stressed due to heavy snow fall, and lack of feed. Those Supporting the Proposal want to keep the hunt in the tool box for the Department.
BOG	128		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 14C.
	9	6	Same comments and concerns as mentioned in Proposal 126.
BOG	129		Reauthorize the drawing permit hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 14A and the targeted winter hunt for antlerless moose in Units 14A and 14B.
	9	6	Proposal passed for reason stated in the Proposal. Those Opposed dislike Cow

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			hunts.
BOG	130		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	2	13	Proposal Failed, members of the committee who have hunted in 15C shared what their experience was like down there. The committee favored growing more Moose, and Opposed the Cow hunts. The supporting view was to leave the hunt in the tool box, and allow the Department to manage the population.
BOG	131		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
	6	9	Again the Proposal failed because of the testimony of members who have hunted there, and their experience. Those supporting this wanted to keep the hunt on the books, and allow the Department to manage the hunt.
BOG	132		Reauthorize the winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 17A.
			TNA

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Sparrowgrove/Frank Neumann

Minutes Approved By: Bruce Morgan

Date: January 31, 2014