

Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting Minutes
Noatak IRA
10/8/13 1-4 pm

Begins: 1:15 PM

Roll Call Quorum: Janet Mills, Frank Onalik, Joe Luther, Enoch Mitchell, Austin Swan Sr., and Stanley Hawley

AC Members not present: Melford Booth, Thurston Booth, and Enoch Adams Jr.

Introductions: Carmen Daggett and Nicole Braem from Fish and Game

Austin Motion to approve agenda

Seconded by Joe Luther

Question: All in favor

Agenda Approved

Minute Approval

Janet Mills: Correction for the Record from Stanley Harley to Stanley Hawley for the record.

Motion to approve meeting minutes with corrections

Seconded: Frank Onalik

Joe Luther: Question

All in favor

Minutes approved

Public Concerns and Comments:

Frank Onalik: Inquires about the petition to restrict sport hunters on the Noatak River. Only 25-30% of the community got caribou this year because of the sport hunters. We talked with Frank Hayes about this problem.

Joe Luther: there is a petition coming from the IRA council.

Enoch Mitchell: There were a lot of transporters

Frank Onalik: Petition was sent to stop all sport hunting on the Noatak River.

Inquiry about submitting the proposal to stop sport hunting on the proposal

Enoch Mitchell: All of the caribou are moving later we need to move the dates for the controlled use area.

Frank Onalik & Enoch Mitchell: suggests getting support from more entities.

Enoch Mitchell: Explains that he talked with Reggie Joule about how to go about having this proposal passed. We have more transporters and sport hunters than local hunters.

Frank Onalik: We need to extend the controlled use area. I think our tribal government has a lot of power.

Enoch Mitchell: We need to be careful about having controlled use area they might take it away from us if we put it on the table again. We need to discuss this at the next meeting.

Janet Mills: We need to work with the council. I have been on since Susan Bucknell.

Carmen Daggett: Explains options and deadlines for submitting comments and proposals to the Board of Game. Carmen offers to help facilitate meetings to discuss Board of Game proposals and also topics regarding the caribou migration and transporters.

Enoch Mitchell: Can we discuss this IRA proposal at the next AC meeting?

Carmen Daggett: That would be good to add to the more game-focused next meeting.

Enoch Mitchell: Can we put a proposal in to try to change the number of transporters?

Carmen Daggett: I would recommend working with the Unit 23 User Conflict Group to get a proposal through regarding transporters to have an agreement within that group. It will probably be more likely to be accepted. I think you will be more likely to come out with a positive outcome from that group. Jan Caufield is the contact for that group.

Enoch Mitchell: I am on that group too.

The thing about the controlled use area is that the caribou migration times have been changing a lot over the last six years and now they are not migrating during the time when that controlled use area is active. I tried to ask them to extend the dates of the controlled use area active time. We should get all of the ACs and tribal councils to sign on to this controlled use area proposal.

Enoch Mitchell: I think we should try to get a cap on transporters. There are not caps on transporters right now. We need more than one group to talk about this.

Janet Mills: We should discuss that at the next meeting.

Enoch Mitchell: We can discuss that at the next meeting.

Carmen Daggett: Requests when copies of those letters are sent that she be cc'd on them.

Janet Mills: I have been on the AC since when Susan Bucknell started.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about any other public concerns.

Stanley Hawley: Phil Driver is not guiding up the Wulik river any more. Look likes his camp is abandoned. There has been some fly in fishing and rafters coming through.

Enoch Mitchell: You have problems with too many transporters too?

Stanley Hawley: Some of the council members were having a problem with the tagging that Fish and Game was doing. Some guys seining, some of the big char were tagged and letting them go. I guess there wasn't a lot of public information put out before that. There needs to be public notice about what is going on. Some of the locals were concerned about people landing on the river.

Carmen Daggett: Thanks for that information Stanley. I did talk with Brendan Scanlon about talking to the IRA. Explains I can get some more connection with Brendan Scanlon to get more information going with the IRA.

Stanley Hawley: We need to have more information about tagging these fish so that people know what is going on. The IRA is a good place to help do that.

Carmen Daggett: Brendan Scanlon certainly came to the last advisory committee meeting in Kivalina that was open to public. It can be tricky to get people to attend meetings when biologists come to talk about those sorts of things. It makes it tricky to get people to know about.

Stanley Hawley: Suggests that they should work with the IRA council to let people know at the local level.

Carmen Daggett: I'll certainly pass that information on to the researchers. I interact with them on a semi-regular basis.

Stanley Hawley: If I didn't have to work today I would have flown to Noatak. I wouldn't have minded visiting.

Frank Onalik: I have a comment about the no fly zone. There are troopers flying along the river and I think that the no fly zone should apply to the troopers too.

Enoch Mitchell: The subsistence trooper has to be out there to protect them boats.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires whether the Noatak River is federal or state land.

Carmen Daggett: I think it is federal land, but I would have to check into that to be sure. I don't feel 100% confident in that. I want to double check. The troopers cover state regulations and the federal covers the federal.

Carmen Daggett: The tricky part is I don't know how you would enforce a no fly zone without any law enforcement there... You need to have someone enforce the laws that you are trying to have there.

Enoch Mitchell: Explains the system for calling in for the planes and the no fly zone.

Joe Luther: most of the activity was above where no fly zone is.

Frank Onalik: Explains we need to have the control zone above Thompson's, because they keep pushing the caribou up the mountains.

Frank Onalik: Global warming is a big problem.

Carmen Daggett: I understand that there are a lot of issues regarding this that need to get hammered out. I think we should table this discussion till that meeting and focus on the Joint Board stuff at this meeting. I respectfully request that we table this discussion to the next meeting.

Enoch Mitchell: Table this discussion to the next meeting.

Frank Onalik: Request to have Enoch Shiedt to participate in the next AC meeting. I would like to have a letter of support for this.

Carmen Daggett: I can see if he is able to participate telephonically.

Enoch Mitchell: Maybe his company will pay to have him come in person.

Frank Onalik: Explains that he was told this proposal was not due till May.

Carmen Daggett: That is true, you certainly have some time.

AC Member: Maybe we could send a letter of support.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires if there are any more comments from the public. I have no comments, but I would like to add some stuff on the next meeting. Austin do you have any more questions or concerns?

Austin Swan: Up in the Kivalina River on the North Fork side and the Middle Fork just past the Kitingaraak Gap there were a group of hunters that stayed there at least a month. There was a plane that was following the river, I had a camera, but I didn't take a picture. It was just before the caribou herds started coming.

Carmen Daggett: Requests that if there is any more specific information you can email it to me.

Austin Swan: The one thing I know about this group is was they were from New York and this was his 18th season up here. I think they figure that they know what is up.

Stanley Hawley: The moose are on the Kivalina River side, that's what the hunters are after.

Department Staff Reports:

Carmen Daggett: The only things I wanted to talk about are the next meeting time frame. Meeting 1st-2nd week in December will be the time frame for the next AC meeting. I want to get all of the biologists to the meeting. Inquires about where the meeting will be held in Noatak or in Kivalina

Janet Mills: Didn't we talk about it at the last meeting?

Carmen Daggett: That would have been for this meeting. Where would you like to meet for the next meeting in December?

Enoch Mitchell: Asks AC where they would like to go for the meeting. Inquires if Stan & Austin wants to meet in Noatak or in Kivalina?

Austin Swan: Recommends alternating meeting places, it would be good.

Enoch Mitchell: We will have the meeting in December in Kivalina.
All in favor of having the meeting in Kivalina in December.

Carmen Daggett: I guess my understanding that the best place to have a meeting in Kivalina is at the school. Do you agree with that Stan?

Stanley Hawley: That is right. If the school is not available then the IRA offices have room.

Janet Mills: The earlier in December is better. First week in December is the best.

Frank Onalik: 8,9,10 I have an appointment during that time frame.

Enoch Mitchell: Sivu is going to be on December 19-21.

Carmen Daggett: I'll get back to you guys to have the meeting in the first week in December in Kivalina. Did anyone not get a blue proposal book? If you want a hard copy I can mail you one.

Stanley Hawley: I can just use the electronic one sent by e-mail.

Nikki Braem: I was going to give a brief overview of the work for this year and next year.
Wants to table the report till December add to Old Business Staff Reports.

Enoch Mitchell: We can table that to the next meeting.

Old Business

Carmen Daggett: I think we can move through that.

Enoch Mitchell: Discuss the Joint Board proposals.

Proposal 4

Enoch Mitchell: Wants to add Proposal Number 4 to the agenda. I want to support the proposal by Selawik they have supported our efforts in the past and I want to support them and return the favor. They want to move from the Northern Seward Peninsula AC to the Lower Kobuk AC. I want to support it myself, because they hunt the same animals and fish the same fish they are close together.

Carmen Daggett: Does the AC want to support it? You should go through the motions to support them as an AC.

Enoch Mitchell: I can just support them myself, but if we vote on it we can support them as an AC.

Frank Onalik: Motion to support #4

Seconded: Janet Mills

All support

Motion carries to support Selawik on that proposal.

Proposal 19 & 21:

Carmen Daggett: Reads the proposal and the department comments.

Enoch Mitchell: Do we want more requirements?

Janet Mills: Expresses concerns about having requirements and if there is no one available for represent us. It is going to make it harder on the ACs.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that he can request a waiver. That is a good thing to ask.

Janet Mills: It is going to make it harder on the committee to find members.

Austin Swan: I don't think I agree with this all this underlined stuff. I think knowledge of nature and the area is sufficient for us. I don't think there should be a time requirement. I totally don't agree with the underlined section at all.

Janet Mills: My feelings exactly.

Frank Onalik: Same with proposal 21.

Stanley Hawley: I think there shouldn't be any requirements at all.

Enoch Mitchell: These proposals are by Ray Heurer in Fairbanks, maybe these are Fairbanks problems not our advisory committees. I think we want to take no action on this.

Carmen Daggett: Do you want to take no action or do you want to oppose?

Janet Mills: Oppose

Frank Onalik: Motion to support proposals 19 and 21.

Seconded:

Support: 0

All opposed to proposal 19 and 21: 6

Carmen Daggett: Explains Robert's rules of Order, which makes it more clear for the board.

Proposals 28 and 29

Carmen Daggett: Reads the proposal and department comments.

Enoch Mitchell: inquires background information about the writers about proposals 28 and 29.

Nicole Braem: Allen Barrett was a board member on the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Stanley Hawley: Explains that the proposals give the AC opportunities to participate.

Enoch Mitchell: It may give us more of a voice. Maybe we are not sitting at the table with them.

Enoch Mitchell: It will give us an opportunity to provide more information.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about who is participating in deliberations whether it is the chairman versus a general representative.

Carmen Daggett: Yeah the proposals do distinguish who is able to is able to represent the AC.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires if Stanley and Austin understand the proposals. If they put someone on the board that is from the ACs we might have a better voice.

Nicole Braem: I just wanted to clarify that ACs will not have a vote, when it comes down to it.

Enoch Mitchell: but they could be there to talk with the board to give their input. Explains I think we should oppose 28 and support 29.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the amendment possibilities with the proposals.

Enoch Mitchell: What did Norton Sound and Kotzebue do on these proposals?

Carmen Daggett: They both opposed them.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires what the Northern Seward Peninsula AC did?

Carmen Daggett: They supported proposal 29 and they opposed proposal 28.

Austin: I think the Norton Sound took a pretty good step. That is what I think.

Carmen Daggett: Recommends voting on them separately.

Motion to support 28

Seconded: Janet Mill

Support: 0

All opposed: 6

Motion fails to support 28

Proposal 29:

Austin Swan: Motion to approve proposal 29

Seconded:

Question

All support proposal 29

Opposed: 0

Motion carries to support proposal 29

Proposal 33:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and gives departments about proposal 33.

Enoch Mitchell: Asks about who the Alaska Department Council is.

Nicole Braem: they are an advocacy group based out of Fairbanks for quite some time, you can find them online.

Enoch Mitchell: inquires about the proposals 33-37 are not important for us?

Nicole Braem: Explains the differences in the proposals. They refer to changes in subsistence procedures.

Janet Mills: Explains that we would have to fill out paperwork for subsistence hunts. There would be more paperwork we would have to fill out.

Nicole Braem: 33 and 34 are similar 35 is different. 33 would require 5 years of data to establish new ANS. 33 and 34 would re-establish the way we do business. 33 would require a new reporting system.

Proposal 35:

Nicole Braem: explains the definition of subsistence and non-subsistence.

Carmen Daggett: Some of these proposals are more similar to each other than others. I think it would be good to take each proposal one at a time.

Proposal 33:

Enoch Mitchell: Reads proposal 33.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that there are species that are not reported on right now that would have to be reported on.

Motion to support proposal 33

Seconded:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion Fails

Proposal 34:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 34.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about limiting the king salmon harvests.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the situation with the harvests of king salmon and the number that is available for sustainable harvest.

Nicole Braem: it would limit what they could use you to establish ANS.

Enoch Mitchell: The board would be limited.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires if the board is in support of this proposal.

You are ready to talk about proposal 34.

Motion to support proposal 34

Seconded:

Austin Swan: I don't like have anything to do with outside entities when they are not here doing our subsistence. I really don't like this proposal at all.

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion fails

Proposal 35:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 35.

Enoch Mitchell: Explains this is proposed by the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Joe Luther: Motion to support proposal 35

Janet Mitchell: seconded

Discussion: none

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion fails.

Proposal 36:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 36.

Carmen Daggett: Gives musk ox example

Nicole Braem: The federal regulation system does give preference to the rural users. The state does not.

Nicole Braem: used chum salmon as an example to explain tier II for subsistence users.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires how Northern Norton Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula and the Kotzebue Sound AC voted on this issue.

Nicole Braem: Northern Norton Sound opposed this because they thought that state should have rural preference. They voted to oppose this because they wanted to send a message that the state should have rural preference. The state's position is that they are taking this off the books because they are not using it anyways, that is their logic.

Carmen Daggett: Northern Seward Peninsula opposed this one and so did Kotzebue Sound.

Enoch Mitchell: The department supports it and everyone else opposed it.

Enoch Mitchell: Reads that subsistence users would benefit from this proposal.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires how the Alaska Outdoor Council proposed this. What do you think Austin on proposal 36.

Nicole Braem: I don't know how they come up with their proposals.

Enoch Mitchell: What do you think about this proposal Austin?

Austin Swan: I don't know.

Joe Luther: Motion to support proposal 36

Seconded: Frank Onalik

Discussion:

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed 6

Proposal 37:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 37. Defines barter and customary trade and how it relates to non-commercial. You should look at the original language of the definition.

Enoch Mitchell: Will this affect the people who sell stuff at AFN?

Nicole Braem: Explains customary trade of subsistence caught fish from the state's position. This is about barter its different.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about how the department voted on this?

Nicole Braem: Department supported it.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about how the other ACs voted.

Carmen Daggett: Kotzebue Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula and Northern Norton Sound all opposed this one.

Austin Swan: I don't know why they want to add non-commercial to anything at all. Subsistence is subsistence. I am totally against this. They are just trying to run how we use subsistence.

Enoch Mitchell: Thanks for saying that Austin it puts my mind at ease. You read to vote on this.

Motion to support proposal 37

Seconded:

Discussion:

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

3:25 pm