North Slope Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10-11, 2013
Barrow & Point Lay, Alaska

I. Call to Order: @ 9:05 am by Vice-Chair Eli Nukapgiak

II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass); Ben Itta (Barrow); Ronald Oviok Sr. (Point Hope); Herman Kignak Sr. (Atqasuk – Secretary); Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut – Vice-Chair); Charlie Nageak (Kaktovik); Warren Lampe (Point Lay); William Hopson (Member-At-Large); Raymond Aguvluk (Wainwright – Alternate)

Members Absent: Enoch Oktollik (Wainwright – Chair)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users from the North Slope

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Ronald Oviok Sr. 2nd by William Hopson. All in favor, Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Herman Kignak Sr. to approve the meeting minutes of October 3-4, 2012. 2nd by Ronald Oviok Sr. All in favor, Motion carried. Motion made by Herman Kignak Sr. to approve the meeting minutes of April 9-10, 2013. 2nd by Charlie Nageak. All in favor, Motion carried.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett (via Teleconference); Nicole Braem, Division of Subsistence (Fairbanks); Geoff Carroll, Div. of Wildlife Conservation

VI. Guests Present: Jim Lovvorn; Eric Taylor; Jeannie Brower; Andy Von Duyke; Jeff Neubauer; Nicole Kanayurak; Billy Adams; Marie Berger; Charles Brower; Todd Sformo; Cyd Hanns; Craig George; Roy Varner; Dawn Winalski

VII. New Business: Items included: Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council; Sustainability of Critical Areas for Eiders and Subsistence Hunters in an Industrializing Nearshore Zone; NSB Dept. of Wildlife Management (update on research activities); Alaska Federation of Natives Subsistence Committee.

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BOG or BOF Supports or Opposes?	**Proposal Number Number Support**	**Number Oppose**	**Proposal Description Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal**
BOG	20	Extend the bull moose hunting season in Unit 26A.	
	9	0	This was done on behalf of Nuiqsut residents.
BOG	21	Allow moose hunting in the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area, modify the bag limit, and change the moose permit allocation for nonresidents	
	0	9	There is no business opportunities under subsistence. Moose hunters will affect the migration of the caribou for Anaktuvuk Pass subsistence users. We get several phone calls each Fall on guides and sport hunters restricting the opportunity for caribou harvest by local residents .
BOG	22	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.	
	9	0	Every year we have to reauthorize this regulation.
BOG	23	Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.	
	0	9	Our feeling that if passed, this proposal would mean more regulations for our subsistence hunters. There may be opportunities for outsiders to come in to hunt if there is an over surplus of animals if passed.
BOG	24	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 26A to a no closed season and no bag limit.	
	9	0	Coyotes are expanding their range due to climate change. Expand the hunting opportunity because if this is a successful predator, it will have impacts on our subsistence resources that are already here. This animal is not affecting us now. This is a way to control an invasive species.
BOG	29	Allow Advisory Committee chairs to participate during board deliberations concerning regulations for their jurisdictional game management units.	
	0	9	The current process works for this AC.
BOG	37	Proposal would create a definition of "noncommercial" as it applies to the barter of fish and game taking in subsistence fishing, hunting and trapping activities.	
	0	9	Are there any current traditional practices or relationships that would be prohibited or not within the proposed definition of "noncommercial"? We are concerned with the requirement that the exchange must be of approximately equal value at the time of exchange. There could be issues with making a distinction between an "exchange" and traditional sharing with no particular expectation that food be received at the time food is

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			given. People share. They share with family. They share with those who cannot provide for themselves. They share with those who have shared with them. They share certain foods with others who particularly enjoy or relish them. Sharing or giving outright, seems clearly to be noncommercial. There are issues associated with trading between villages and hub communities. Value is subjective on each side and different products and materials that can be traded may be available in different seasons. Patterns of giving and receiving between large extended families and between hunting partners or crews are not always of products equal in value and are not always contemporaneous.

Old Business: Village Concerns; Ice Seal Committee Update; Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Update; Polar Bear Issues; Shelf Habitat and Ecology of Fish & Zooplankton.

Adjournment: Motion made by Ronald Oviok Sr. to adjourn at 4:52 pm. 2nd by Charlie Nageak. All in favor, Motion carried.

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Pederson, Executive Manager
Minutes Approved By: Will be approved at February 2014 Quarterly Meeting
Date: December 26, 2013