

**Noatak and Kivalina AC**  
**12/18/13**  
**Noatak IRA**

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:16 am by Enoch Mitchell
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Stanley Hawley, Thurston Booth, Janet Mills, Enoch Mitchell, Joe Luther, Janet Mills, Frank Onalik  
Members Absent: Melford Booth, Austin Swan Sr. and Enoch Adams Jr.  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5  
  
List of User Groups Present: NPS,
  
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
Add three new proposals on the agenda and have Nicole Braem and Jim Dau's report's omitted.  
Agenda Approval
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/8/13  
Minutes approved
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Jim Dau-Caribou Biologist
  
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Willie Goodwin, Hilda, Vernon Adams  
  
Use sign in sheet
  
- VIII. Old Business:  
IRA letter regarding transporters and restriction of hunting practices on the Noatak River.
- IX. New Business:
  
- X. Department Reports  
Enoch Mitchell – Is going to the Arctic BOG Meeting  
*This space may be used for them to record minutes.*

## Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25	Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no changes in musk ox numbers, concern over increase in the number of sport hunters.</li> <li>• Brandon Saito: Explains that it is a Tier II hunt, this is not available to out of state numbers, there are only 6 permits available.</li> </ul>
BOG	26	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Saito: We have been hearing that we have been losing a lot of moose. Every year the average number cows that were taken is 10 cows per year. The department doesn't feel that 10 cows is big enough impact on population. The moose population declining at the moment might, we might have to change this in the future.</li> </ul>
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Support as amended	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Saito: We don't have an estimate from the Park Service for the bears in this area. What we have been hearing residents, guides and hunters that brown bears are increasing. We have one study from 1987 from Red Dog we had 1 bear for every 26 miles in 2008 we resurvey the area and it is over three bears in 2008. There are already lots of cabins being broken into. The skull size has not decreased, if anything it has increased. Over the last several years the average bear take has been kept the same.</li> <li>• Inquiry about who this group is.</li> <li>• There are too many bears.</li> <li>• Brandon Saito: Explains this proposal opens up the code for amendments. Gives examples of amendments to this proposal. The Upper Kobuk wanted to see a higher take of bears per year by residents. The Lower Kobuk AC wanted to see an increase in the number of non-resident hunters.</li> <li>• Jim Dau: One of the things we have talked about here, there is really only one group of hunters that want to take more bears. Right now non-residents hunters want to get more bears. Talks about having non-resident hunters to have a registration permit versus having a drawing permit system. Would you guys support something like that. There would be still a quota for the upper number of quota for bears to take. We would put it on a two year sunset, it would go away in two years if there were too many bears taken or too many hunters in this area.</li> <li>• <b>Amendment: To put non-resident hunts on a registration hunts, have non-resident quotas, with a two year sunset.</b></li> <li>• Enoch Mitchell: That sounds good.</li> <li>• Stanley Hawley: There are too many bears on the Kivalina side too.</li> </ul>

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BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs have seen a few.</li> <li>We never see coyotes here.</li> <li>Brandon Saito: The department supports this proposal. They are not prevalent in this area. They don't want them to be established up here. They have been known to kill sheep and caribou.</li> </ul>
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
Opposed	0	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Dau: Explains current regulation that you can sell caribou antlers that have been naturally set or made in to a handicraft.</li> <li>The Kotzebue Sound AC in the late 80s and early 90s proposed to make the sale of antlers to be illegal. There was a lot of concern about want and waste. There were people taking the antlers and leaving the meat.</li> <li>We talked to the troopers about it and they wanted to bust people for wasting meat, but it is largely unenforceable.</li> <li>The guy that is proposing this wants to get back into the business of selling antlers.</li> <li>All of the other ACs are opposed and the department is neutral. When I wrote the analysis of this proposal.</li> <li>Janet Mills: I make a motion to oppose this proposal</li> </ul>
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
Opposed	0	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The department doesn't have a stance on this proposal.</li> <li>Inquiry about who the people are.</li> <li>Inquiry about how the other ACs voted.</li> <li>Carmen Daggett: They all took no action on this proposal</li> </ul>
BOG	31	Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
BOG	33	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V	
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This doesn't really affect this region. The Department is neutral on this.</li> <li>Jim Dau: This is not really going to affect this region.</li> </ul>
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
No action			
BOG	36	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

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BOG	37		Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.
No Action			•
BOG	38		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Saito: The department supports this proposal.</li> </ul>

Jim Dau: Explains the evening work session with the BOG and a progress report and give information about the closeness of the hunters and issues. This meeting would give discussion with board members. People could ride down with their own nickel.

Stanley Hawley: I will be open, if we are socked in I won't be able to go.

Frank Onalik: might go via snow machine.

Adjournment: 12:42 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett & Janet Mills

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_