Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee 2/27/14

Northwest Arctic Borough-Kotzebue

I. Call to Order: Time 7:03 pm by Pete Schaeffer

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Pierre Lonewolf, Michael Kraemer, Victor Karmun, and Cyrus Harris

Members Absent: Enoch Shiedt, Alex Whiting, Karmen Monigold, Eugene Smith

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: Fish and Wildlife Service, ADFG, and subsistence users

- III. Approval of Agenda-Agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 11/26/13 Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Carmen Daggett-Boards Support
- VI. Guests Present: Susan Georgette
- VII. Public Comments and Concerns: Jim Dau there is an inconsistency in the title and the rest of the proposal with the species are incorporated. I wouldn't be surprised if the board approves it for wolves I wouldn't be surprised if they don't approve anything else.

 Pete: I think this is important and caribou.

Pete: I suppose we could try for all species. We need to get to the proposal first.

- VIII. Old Business: Actions of the Arctic Western BOG Meeting
- IX. New Business

Cyrus Harris-there are multiple village comments I have to discuss regarding the Board Generated Proposal.

Add a person to attend the BOG meeting 3/14-18/14

Give Alex first crack at going and if we need to come up with an alternate we can talk about Cyrus Harris.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form					
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number		Proposal Description		
Supports or	No. For	No.	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and		
Opposes?		Against	Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
BOG	133	Require IBE	cation and orientation requirements. P (International Bowhunter Education ertification for all big game hunters,		
No Action			 Jim Dau: There are some special requirements for hunting with a bow. It is not a statewide requirement. Pierre Lonewolf: I have nothing against 133 and 134. A smarter hunter is a good thing. Mike: I think it matters if they are non-local and non-residents 		

		should be required. I don't think it should be for us. We have been hunting here for centuries, keep it for outside hunters.	
BOG	137	Establish a definition for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.	
No action		The state should be working with the feds	
BOG	139	Remove the harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts.	
No action		 Isn't it the only way for some species the only way we know how many we are taking? Yes Pierre: no action 	
BOG	140	Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide wildfood harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational uses.	
Opposed	0	Pete: This is probably worth voting against. Pierre: moved to oppose	
BOG	144	Repeal the requirement for export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.	
Support	6	It is hard to get furs tanned in ANC because the tanneries are backed up. It takes a long time for them to process them. This would make it easier for people to send them to the lower 48 to have them tanned. This makes it easier for guys that are fur catching. I support that.	
BOG	152	Modify the definition of edible meat for waterfowl.	
No action		 In my definition that is a lot of waste of meat. We will eat the head all of the way down to the feet. We are at if we are going to kill the thing eat it all. That is how people use them here. That doesn't make sense to just take the breasts. That is a lot of waste If you are going to kill it eat it all. Cyrus: This is coming out in the 	

	450	migratory bird council. Mike: I think we should make it be the legs, neck, breasts, gizzard. Motion to amend to take the whole thing. We don't eat the damaged portion, but we eat most of the rest of it.
BOG	153	Modify the definition of hindquarter for wildfowl as follows.
No Action		•
BOG	157	Modify the definition of salvage as follows
No Action		 This used to be a bone of contention. I think the work of Unit 23 working group has significantly reduced the problem.
BOG	177	Change methods and means of chase and capture of
wolves, wolverines and caribou		
Supported as amended Amendment: Modify the restrictions to take [take out wolves and wolverine] and add furbearers and fur animals.		 There is an inconsistency in the title and the rest of the proposal with which species are incorporated. Discussions from the AC and the Department included: 1) Adding bears due to safety reasons It is suicidal to not have your machine start if you are hunting bears. It makes sense to have the machine in idle and you are off of it. Most people stop their machine because the vibration is too great. You have to be too close to a bear to get a good shot. We should look at modifying to allow people to be able to hunt bears with the machine idling incase the machine won't start and they need to get away from a bear. 2) Adding all-terrain vehicles such as four wheelers, three wheelers, etc. for the shoulder seasons when the snow conditions don't

 3) The peak time period for
getting furs and caribou should
have enough snow for using snow
machines.
 4) Wolves have been causing a
decline in the caribou herd and
their populations need to be
reduced.
 5) All furbearers and fur animals
were finally decided upon by the
AC for animals that should be
included.
 6) Try for all species at first, but
caribou should be among them.
 7) All of the IRAs that submitted
resolutions generally support this
proposal.
 8) Point Hope wants to add all-
terrain vehicles and some of the
other villages want to add all
furbearers.
9) If the case is made that you can
do responsibly for wolves you can
make the case that you can
responsibly for the rest of species.
It is hard make a case that they
are different than wolves in the
context the reasoning for the
original proposal.

Adjournment: 8:07pm