

Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 3.11.2015

Chair called meeting to order. In attendance were Alex Pfoff, Gwen Chickalusion, Tina Constantine, Chad Chickalusion, Todd Rinaldi, Don Standifer Sr., Donnie Standifer Jr., Janelle Verduce, Lynn Butler, John Standifer, and Benjamin Carswell via conference call.

Floor was given to Todd Rinaldi to present proposal 99 background. Kalgin island antlerless moose hunt requires reauthorization every year. The three committees with jurisdiction over this hunt include Tyonek, Su Valley and Sqwetna, with Tyonek and Su Valley being the only currently active committees. Moose were introduced to the island in the late 50's, and humans act as the only predator upon moose on the island. The population would have been guessed to have grazed itself out before reaching the size that it has, but currently ADF&G estimates the population size to be around 100 individuals, with 35-45 being the target population. Don raised issues moose have with overbrowsing i.e. willows where the trees will excrete secondary chemicals to make their foliage less desirable and less nutritional. Committee discussed possibilities of extending the season to give the west side greater access.

Motion made to support proposal 99.

Vote results (7-0)

Chair floored discussion on Chuitna water rights discussion, and made motion to support the proposed reservation of water in middle creek. Committee discussed and determined that a vote should not be taken until Cook Inlet Keeper is able to send a representative to present proposal and to field questions about water rights.

Meeting adjourned