

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

December 28, 2021, 6:00PM

Long House, Bethel, Alaska

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07PM

ROLL CALL/ QUORUM ESTABLISHED:

Present: Jaimie Kassman, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Mike Riley, Robert Lekandar, Jerry White, Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle; Excused Absence: Rafe Johnson, Robert Hoffman; Vacant: 4 seats

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Doug Carney, SHAC Chairman; Nick Smith, ADFG Commercial Fisheries Manager; Aaron Moses, USFWS Subsistence Coordinator; Danielle Lowery, ONC Fisheries Biologist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- John LaValle, 2nd- Jerry White, Unanimous Approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 25, 2021: Motion- Mike Riley, 2nd- Jon LaValle, Unanimous Approval

COMMENTS:

● **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

- Doug Carney- Introduction of two (2) proposals and request for support (171- Boundary Line) and request to oppose (239- Online Registration Hunts).

● **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:** *(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)*

- Robert Lekander- Concern for the Chum & Chinook Salmon. Gave history of how fishing was back in the good old days.
- Mike Riley- Wondering if Moose are moving down from Paimiut. The amount of moose we seen in Paimiut was 1 moose in three days, prior years was 12 moose per day. *ADFG Pat Jones- Moose wander a distance during spring- fall, but as soon as winter hits they are really loyal to their winter ground.*
- Bethel AC Discussion: Online Drawing hunt for Bison and Musk Ox, is to incorporate the following language instead of using a point system: “A successful draw permit is not permitted to reapply for the same drawing permit for (years are optional, suggested 3-5) years.”
- Bethel AC Discussion Mulchatna Caribou Herd: Specifically, Unit 18, Yukon Kuskokwim Bethel Area:
 - In the history of Caribou through the eyes of Robert Lekander, an elder of the BAC, he tells us the witnessed accounts of want -n- waste happened more and more each year as snow machines got faster and higher caliber semi-automatic to automatic guns became more popular to utilize for hunting. Hunters would run the herds down until they got tired or to where they can single out a few caribou. Some hunters would find one big herd and then just shoot right into the herd, not thinking about the bullets going through the caribou. This type of sloppy hunting resulting in killing more Caribou or wounding non-targeted Caribou. When Caribou are wounded, they get sick, then pass that sickness to healthy caribou or just die. When you are driving to the wintering grounds of Caribou, you can see Ravens flying and you will find dead gut shot Caribou. Another recommendation for future Caribou hunting, would be to shorten the hunting dates, it will only take hunters 1-2 days to get their quota.
 - For future Caribou hunting opportunity, I, Chairman Jaimie Kassman, would like to make sure that people in the region to have opportunity to that resource; as apart of their lifestyle and a way to gather food. Right now, we are lucky to have the Moose as another good source of protein.
 - All the members of the Bethel AC were in support to bring back the Caribou Working Group.

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- I really like the idea of a Caribou Permit.
- A Tier II system for Caribou will be determined by the population and who will be able to hunt based on the category they are in. If the Mulchatna Caribou Herd was to go into a Tier II system, our Unit will never be able to get out of that Tier II system. As our past commentator Greg Roczicka at ONC said, “One you get into a Tier II, no matter what you do, you almost never get out of it.” The discussion is once you go into a Tier II permit, it will never go away in our lifetime anyways. There are pro’s and con’s to a Tier II system, but you have to be ready to take the cost of going into a Tier II.
- Currently, there is a lot of Moose on the Yukon River that needs to be killed. There aren’t very many people there compared to how many people are on the Kuskokwim. Moose can be harvested so the Caribou population can rise.
- As the Bethel AC, we would like to see about raising healthier Caribou, brainstorming ways of decreasing calf mortality, research ways to prevent diseases by methods or means, advocate against poaching, increase predator harvesting for three or more consecutive years. We would like to have the Department get with FWS to keep the Caribou Harvesting closed or go into a moratorium for 5-10 consecutive years. In the future of Caribou hunting and opportunities will need to strategize adequate population means to harvest and continue to keep the population stable.

Alaska Department of Fish & Game Update:

- a. Wildlife, Patrick Jones:
 - a. Moose Spring 2021 Goodnews Bay Survey: Count 450 Record High
 - b. Moose Spring 2021 Kanektok Survey (Assisted by Togiak FWS): Count 234 Record High
 - c. Moose Kuskokwim River 2021 Survey: Count Zone 1- 3200 & Count Zone 2- 568 (Best Ever)
 - d. Musk Ox Nunivak 2021 Survey: Count 701, 130 calves (Upper End- Higher Harvest)
 - e. Musk Ox Nelson Island 2021: Count 213, 100 calves (Upper End- Higher Harvest)
 - f. Moose Yukon (Paimiut- Emmonak & Kotlik) 2021 Survey: Count 20,000 (Concern- Too High)
Yukon Moose Population is too high that it is alarming and off the chart #'s. **Bottom line we need to figure out how to kill more moose before they crash.**
 - g. 2021 Results Yukon River Moose Studies: 60 calves, June 25 died, 24 Starvation. Predators not making a difference on the population.
 - h. 2022 April Yukon River Moose Studies: Goal 50 more calves
- b. Fisheries, Nick Smith:
 - a. Chinook Salmon Escapement Goals: All goals were met. Run-reconstruction model preliminary Estimate: 129,000 Estimate with a total Escapement of 101,000. Drainage wide: 65,000-120,000
 - b. Sockeye & Coho Escapement Goals:
 - i. Kogrukluuk (Met)- Coho was a mixed bag
 - ii. George (Met)- Below Average, but within the goal
 - c. Chum Escapement Goals (Not Met): Worst on Record that he could find all over Alaska.
 - d. Aerial surveys: Due to bad weather we were not able to fly as planned. We were able to get Goodnews and Kanaktok Rivers. Goals met for Kuskokwim Bay.

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NEW BUSINESS:

I. Alaska Board of Game Proposals: Central/ Southwest Region Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows.		
Table- No Action	7	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Assisted Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: History of the Mulchatna Caribou in Unit 18, long ago, when the herd was called the Kilbuck Mountain Herd. The Kilbuck herd was a small mixture of wild Caribou and tamed Reindeer that interbred. When the Mulchatna Caribou moved into the area, it was huge, approximately 300,000 that covered the whole side of three step mountain. There was so many that their antlers looked like small moving alder trees. Hunting Caribou was also conducted differently in the old days; traveling was done by dog teams and the use of single shot or bolt action rifles were used as weapons. The Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) was set when the Caribou population was over 100,000. Since, the population has drastically declined the ANS may not be a realistic figure for the near or long-term future of this herd.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p> <p>Proposal 19; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table</p>
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH)		
Table- No Action	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jon LaValle Introduction by Patrick Jones. Recommendation from the department is neutral. Discussion/ Question: The saying goes, "Once you get into a Tier II system, there is no way getting out of it." Even the recommendation from the department is neutral, there is too many foreseen complications that are not ideal when there are so many different managing agencies. We already know that we are not going to have any allowable hunting in the near future. This gives the agencies time to create, develop, and propose a management plan that has been thoroughly thought out. In addition, there is support to bring back a Caribou Working Group for this herd that has all the parties involved and proposes regulations in the best interest for this herd and all the units involved.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p> <p>Proposal 20; Tabled; Unanimous Approval</p>
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna Caribou on Federal Lands in Game Management Unit 17 & 18		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Mike Riley Introduction by Patrick Jones.</p>

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			<p>Discussion/ Question: Unit 18 has no predation control, it is all happening in Unit 17 on the Dillingham side, focusing on the calving grounds in the spring. In Unit 18, most of our lands are either corporation lands or federal lands. The State-owned land is up by Kisaralik Lake & Aniak Lake. The most interesting fact is that the Caribou migrate through that pass to the calving grounds during Spring and Fall. There are wolves in this area, at least one pack had 22 wolves. For this to pass, it will require the corporations to open their lands to aerial hunts every flyable day. To be effective with predator control 80% of the wolves will have to be killed consecutively for 2-3 years in a row firmly. Public wolf harvesting will be open until March, then the department will do a firm 80%. There is a historical precedence of Corporation being on board. Depends on the hunt and the corporation and allowance. Recommendation: Writing a letter to the corporations to open up their lands or support allowing predator control. Writing a letter to the tribes to support or jump on board with providing wolf bounties and incentives for wolf harvests.</p> <p>Proposal 21; Supported; Unanimous Approval</p>
101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
Oppose	2	4	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jerry White Introduction by Patrick Jones, No recommendation by the department. Discussion/ Question: We are one of the only states that separates crossbow and archery. The accuracy rate of a cross bow is a higher to ensure clean kill. Archery only areas are for close range hunts and to limit the amount of harvest and protect our pipeline. In Unit 18 during the Moose hunting season, 80% of the moose that get away are caused by Archery hunters. It is not a biological issue it is a preference for hunters.</p> <p>Proposal 101; Opposed; Opposed Justification: Cross bows should not be used in archery only and populated areas. Supported Justification: No disagreements with hunters who want to use crossbows. 1 Abstain: No stance on this proposal.</p>
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader.		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: None.</p> <p>Because it is already established regulation. Proposal 102; Opposed; Unanimous Denied</p>
119	Include Musk Ox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit		
Support w/ Amendm ent	7	0	<p>Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jon LaValle Amendment- “Strike Tier II from the Musk Ox section. Motion-Jon La Valle, 2nd- Mike Riley Introduction by Patrick Jones, ADFG Recommendation- Neutral Discussion/ Question: There are no downsides to this proposal. As long as the population is stable, it doesn’t matter who kills a Musk Ox. Yukon & Kuskokwim Musk Ox hunters already know why this is not a subsistence animal.</p> <p>Proposal 119; Support as Amended; Unanimously Supported</p>
120	Allow proxy hunting for Moose		

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Support 121	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: To allow elders and people incapable of hunting, to have the family members do it for them. If there is anywhere in the state that really need a proxy hunt, it's here. Proposal 120; Supported; Unanimously Supported
Oppose 123	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Conflict between users. When someone is out hunting and then get chased off. Proposal 121; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed
Support 123	6	1	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - Jerry White Discussion/ Question: Hunters should know where they are at. Over the last couple years there are more guided or transporter hunters that use these devices. Some of these range finders also have GPS tracking and they adjust your site accordingly. If you know where it is at, you need to know your range for a more accurate kill. Proposal 123; Supported; Supported Justification: More efficient and accurate way of killing game faster. Oppose Justification: Advancing technology for hunting at this point isn't ideal. Hunters in Bush Alaska are not advanced with these types of technological hunting or have much experience. This proposal is more geared toward Urban and Rural (road system) hunting.
Support 124	5	3	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Jon LaValle Discussion/Question: None. Proposal 123; Supported; Supported Justification: More efficient and accurate way of killing game faster. Oppose Justification: Advancing technology for hunting at this point isn't ideal. Hunters in Bush Alaska are not advanced with these types of technological hunting or have much experience. This takes away equal opportunity from hunters and gives leverage to the rich.
Opposed 125	2	4	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: None. Proposal 125; Opposed; Opposed Justification: Cross bows should not be used in archery only and populated areas. Supported Justification: No disagreements with hunters who want to use crossbows. 1 Abstain: No stance on this proposal.
Oppose 129	0	7	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - Jon LaValle Discussion/ Question: It is getting hard enough to find ammunition. If you use a soft point, it will blow a big hole in the fur. It is hard enough to tell the difference between the bullets. This would be very hard to enforce. Proposal 129; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed
Support 131	5	1	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Jerry White

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			Discussion/ Question: The definition of edible meat is defined between state and federal regulations. You still have to use it. You can now use other uses for it. Proposal 131; Supported; Support Justification: Oppose Justification: Native Values are different. 1 Abstain
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
No Action based on 131	0	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - Jon LaValle Discussion/ Question: None. Proposal 132; No Action; Unanimously Voted No Action
133	Add bow and arrow as legal method for taking beaver		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: No reason to oppose this proposal. Proposal 133; Supported; Unanimously Supported
134	Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/Question: More humane way to trap animals. This will not have an impact on your taking of game. Here in bush Alaska, these wouldn't work out here anyway. Proposal 134; Supported; Unanimously Supported
146	Limit big game registration permit to one per species, per year		
Support w/ amendment	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Amendment: "A person should be limited to one Big Game limited registration permit, per species, per year." Motion- Lucinda Alexie, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: Hunters have the capability to get as many tags as they want for any registration, regardless of the area. Here in the Yukon Kuskokwim, people want to be covered for any big game that is harvested. They need to clarify which Proposal 146; Supported; Unanimously Supported
147	Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit		
Support	7	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - Jon La Valle Discussion/ Question: Clarification on the change in the proposal in understanding that this proposal is trying to allow hunters to sell their own trophies for profit. Proposal 147; Supported; Unanimously Supported
148	Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: Support those that are over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs. Proposal 148; Supported; Unanimously Supported

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151	Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the during the application period		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: This proposal doesn't affect us. Proposal 151; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action
152	Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online.		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Go to Proposal 239 Proposal 152; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action
239	Require all registration permit hunts available to residents be available for application online		
Oppose	1	6	Motion-Jon La Valle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Currently, registration permits are allowed in the communities that gives the residents of that are a priority to get registration permits. This also limits other hunters from outside the area to obtain a registration permit. Proposal 239; No Action; Support Justification: Allows preference for bush residents to hunt in their own area. Opposition Justification: Every hunter who wants an opportunity to hunt a specific species in any area, should be able to without taking the financial risks.
153	Establish a bonus point system for bison and musk ox drawing hunt		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: Bison and Musk Ox are the most sought out hunts in Alaska. When you buy into drawing permits, you will earn a points and the more points you earn the greater chance you get at winning a drawing. For Bison, when you win a permit, regardless if your successfully take one or not. You can't enter the same draw for the same species for 10 years. If this proposal passes, 10 years from now, anyone who enters the drawing system will never be able to get a permit, unless everyone died off. Concern for the State's capability to handle this online. Unit 18: Musk Ox is an equal chance to win year-to-year. Proposal 153; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed
158	Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive big game meat from the State by permit		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones. No recommendation at this time. Discussion/ Question: For road kill moose, if is not suitable for human consumption. The department can issue a permit a permit for trappers to use that meat. This would be hard to enforce, given the difficulty to determine where the meat came from. Proposal 158; Oppose; Unanimously Opposed
162	Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion: There is no reason to leave dead rabbits and not be able to use them for something. You can use rabbits for dog food, trapping, or human consumption.

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			Proposal 162; Support; Unanimously Supported
163/164	Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field form hunter that attempt to take game		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones & Walter Blajeski Discussion: Regardless if the hunt was successful or not locating any wounded big game. The permit would be punched and the hunter would be tagged out for the remainder of the season. For the Yukon area, this would work against GMU areas, where we want the population to go down. One example is when you know you have killed a big game and it truly is irretrievable. What it truly comes down to is the ethics and values of the individual and hunting party. Proposal 163/164; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action. Justification: This proposal would affect too many different areas in different parts of the state depending on the species and types of hunting regulations.
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion: This is already in regulation. There is no point in tying managements hands. Proposal 168; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
Oppose	0	7	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: This proposal is poorly written and not stated clearly. Proposal 169; Opposed; Unanimously Supported
253	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose hunt in Unit 18		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/Question: No brainer. Proposal 253; Supported; Unanimously Supported
262	Reauthorization for to take a Brown Bear without paying the tag fee.		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction by Patrick Jones Discussion/ Question: None. Proposal 253; Supported; Unanimously Supported

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United States Federal Wildlife Service Proposals
April 12-15, 2022 | Anchorage

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WP 22-41	Caribou: Delegate Authority to announce harvest limits, set sex restrictions, and open/ close seasons in Units 9, 17, 18, &, 19.		
Table	0	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Assisted Introduction Alissa Nadine Rogers & Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: History of the Mulchatna Caribou in Unit 18, long ago, when the herd was called the Kilbuck Mountain Herd. The Kilbuck herd was a small mixture of wild Caribou and tamed Reindeer that interbred. When the Mulchatna Caribou moved into the area, it was huge, approximately 300,000 that covered the whole side of three step mountain. There was so many that their antlers looked like small moving alder trees. Hunting Caribou was also conducted differently in the old days; traveling was done by dog teams and the use of single shot or bolt action rifles were used as weapons. The Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) was set when the Caribou population was over 100,000. Since, the population has drastically declined the ANS may not be a realistic figure for the near or long-term future of this herd.</p> <p>The Bethel AC did not feel strongly to either support or not support this proposal. Due to the lack of representation for this proposal at the meeting.</p> <p>Proposal 22-41; Tabled; Unanimous Vote to Table</p>
WP 22-42	Moose: Increase harvest limit in Unit 18 remainder.		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: To increase harvest due to over population and avoid a crash from over harvesting. The third moose should be a cow or antler bull.</p> <p>Proposal 22-42; Supported; Unanimously Supported</p>
WP 22-43/44	Moose: Delegated authority to the Refuge manager to adjust harvest quotas based on water levels in Unit 18		
Oppose 43; Table 44			<p>Discussion/ Introduction: Both are different proposals and should not be combined. Motion to split 43 and 44-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jon La Valle, Unanimously Supported.</p> <p>WP 22-43: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: This proposal was in attempt to increase harvest in Zone 1, as a request from Kuskokwim hunters who do not have jet motors to reach areas in Zone 2. Unfortunately, Moose do not migrate between the two zones and are biologically two different populations. ADFG Recommendation is to Not Support (Oppose). Proposal 22-43; Opposed; Unanimously Opposed. (-) Support, 7- Opposed.</p> <p>WP 22-44: Motion- Jon LaValle, 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers Amendment to add language, "Specify Zone 2 as the winter hunt and encourage a joint permit with State." M- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jon La Valle Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/Question: There are two components to this proposal. The first component is the extension to Oct. 15, which became permanent this previous Moose Hunt to meet the quota of 120. The second component is to allow an antler moose hunt when the quota is not met in the fall hunting season for only Zone 2. There is confusion in the proposal of the language of the</p>

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			boundary or definition of Zone 1 or Zone 2. Both State and Federal will have to figure out how to determine/allocate how the remainder quota will be harvested and managed. Proposal 22-43; Tabled; Unanimously Voted to Table
WP 22-45	Hare: Establish season/ harvest limit for Alaska hare in Unit 18, 22, and 23.		
Support	7	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: Housekeeping regulation to match State and Fed. Proposal 22-45; Support; Unanimously Supported
WP 22-47	Caribou: Allow calf harvest in Unit 22		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Discussion/ Question: This may not no longer affect Unit 18, specifically the village of Kotlik. Proposal 22-47; No Action; Unanimously Voted to take No Action.
WP 22-01/02	Define who is/ is not participant in a community harvest program and effects on harvest limits/ (2) Rescind restrictions for designated hunters in areas with community harvest systems in place.		
Table	0	0	Motion- Jon LaValle, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers Introduction Aaron Moses Discussion/ Question: These two proposals are really confusing and possibly are housekeeping issues. These are submitted by the Office of Subsistence Management proposals with AHTNA Commission to figure out community harvest quotas and designated hunters. There is no definition for community, there needs to be a definition of community. Proposal 22-01/02; Table; Unanimously Voted to Table

- **Call for Board of Fisheries Proposals:** Contact Savannah or Alissa, due February 28th, 2022.
- **BOG:**
 - **Central & Southwest/ Statewide- Mulchatna Proposals (Wasilla)- January 21st, 2022**
 - Alissa Nadine Rogers, In person or Teleconference
 - Jaimie Kassman/ Jerry White

NEXT MEETING DATE: Call of the Chair, March 2022

ADJOURN: 9:34:44PM

Minutes Recorded By: Alissa Nadine Rogers

Minutes Approved By: Jaimie Kassman

Date:01/15/2021