EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

via teleconference October 14-15, 2020

Invocation

Donald Woodruff gave an invocation.

Call to Order, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment

The meeting was called to order October 14, 2020 at 9:00 am. Council members Sue Entsminger, Andy Bassich, Andrew Firmin, William Glanz, Timothy McManus, Donald Woodruff, Robert Wright, and Charles Jagow participated in person via teleconference. The Council has two vacant seats. A quorum was established with eight of eight seated Council members participating by phone.

Attendees:

Via teleconference

- Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) Katya Wessels, Tom Kron, Karen Hyer, Pippa Kenner, Lisa Maas, Cory Graham, George Pappas
- U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Jimmy Fox, Ally Mulligan, Mark Bertram, Vince Mathews, Jan Conitz
- National Park Service (NPS) Barbara Cellarius, Dave Sarafin, Marcy Okada, Amy Craver, Pat Owens, Matt Sorum
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) –Mark Burch, Jeff Estensen, Deena Jallen, Brooke McDavid, Jeff Gross
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Glenn Chen
- Forest Service (FS) Milo Burcham
- Bureau of Lands Management (BLM) Jim Herriges
- Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Brian McKenna
- Doyon, Ltd. Sharon Nicolas, Andrew Tinnel
- Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) Serena Fitka, Catherine Moncrieff
- Members of the public Amanda Pope

Review and Adopt Agenda

Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Glanz, to adopt the agenda as read with the following changes:

- add topic *New Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation animal health regulations* as an item 11d under Old Business.
- keep agency reports short (down to five minutes)
- add Tetlin NWR Report as item Agency Reports USFWS d.
- add Denali National Park and Preserve (NPP) Update as item Agency Reports NPS c.
- move agenda item 14. Future Meeting Dates to the first day of the meeting
- add *ADF&G Report on the Fortymile Caribou Herd Season update* (Jeff Gross) on the second day of the meeting

The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the winter 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Glanz, to approve the fall 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Future Meeting Dates:

Winter 2021 meeting to be held March 4-5, 2021 in Fairbanks or Arctic Village Fall 2021 meeting to be held October 7-8, 2021 in Fairbanks (alternative dates October 19-20)

Council Member and Chair Reports

Andrew Firmin of Fort Yukon reported that there were no fishing opportunities this past summer and he caught only three fish. He hoped to travel to Seward or Copper Center to fish for Sockeye Salmon, but with pandemic travel restrictions, was not able to. Fort Yukon restricted travel on March 23 and since then there were only three or four opportunities to go to Fairbanks to buy necessary supplies. This put a lot of pressure on other species of fish resources and wildlife resources. The lack of fish last summer left mushers not being able to provide enough food for their dog teams, and many mushers had to trim their teams as much as 50%. The moose hunt was fairly successful and harvested meat was shared with many. Mr. Firmin wants to know how many moose were harvested in his region during last summer because there was a lot of pressure on this resource due to the lack of fish. The bird hunting was fair last spring, and the water levels were high during the summer.

Robert Wright of Tanana reported that, with no salmon coming, he had seen a lot of hardship along the Yukon River. It is a hardship for all, and not just for people who have sled dog teams. With warm weather, moose are not going into rut, and you can paddle right up to a cow moose who doesn't even respond to a call. During the last two years, Mr. Wright was able to harvest a moose only on the last day of the season. Last summer the water levels were high, and right now the whitefish and humpy runs are good on the Yukon River.

Andy Bassich of Eagle reported that his biggest concerns were regarding the King Salmon and fall Chum Salmon runs. The returning King Salmon were of the poorest quality he have seen in 30 years that he fished on the Yukon River. The fish were soft and, in his opinion, it was not due to warm water temperatures. The poor returns, especially in the absence of fall Chum Salmon, resulted in tremendous costs for the mushers that are trying to maintain a dog team. Mr. Bassich is also very concerned about how liberal the fall caribou season was, and questions the caribou management actions taken this past year. Food security is a huge issue, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of fisheries and the possibility of altering caribou migration routes before they move through his area to their wintering grounds are putting a lot of hardship on people that rely on these food resources.

Donald Woodruff of Eagle reported that his community didn't not have any COVID-19 cases so far. The caribou hunt was very successful; they were allowed two caribou per person. The fisheries were very bad; however, he was able to catch 12 King Salmon early in the year. At the very beginning of the first run, and the quality was very good.

Bill Glanz of Central reported that the caribou hunt in his area was a total nightmare. The Fortymile Caribou Harvest Management Coalition had never voted to allow these number of caribou to be taken, and he wants to hear from ADF&G who gave them the permissions. There was very little law enforcement in his area. The Pinnell Mountain Trail was completely torn up by the motorized vehicles with huge tires. Mr. Glanz's community was really concerned about this, and the way the caribou hunt happened. Moose were far and few in between in Central, and there were lots of outside hunters.

Charlie Jagow of Porcupine River reported that it was a pretty cold, rainy summer and no fires. On the Porcupine and Coleen rivers, it was dryer. The fall was rather warm, but despite this moose hunting was quite good. The moose were talking to each other, which was a little surprising considering the current weather. It finally started to freeze up recently and the ice is running on the Porcupine River. Mr. Jagow expressed his concern and frustration with the Fortymile Caribou Herd hunt. He travelled on the Steese Highway a lot during hunting season and got to see the amount of traffic there. It has always been mayhem, but this year was exceptionally crazy. Mr. Jagow thinks that we will start altering caribou migration routes with all the hunting pressure.

Timothy McManus of Nenana reported that he did some goose hunting in springtime at Minto Flats. The geese follow the ice, but the ice went out fast, so it was hit and miss for some hunters. When Mr. McManus fished the first run on the Yukon River, there were lots of fish. He had to deal with the high water and drifts, so fishing was very challenging. The berry season was really good. The bees and the yellow jackets were very bad. A lot of hunters harvested moose in the fall, but there is still a lot of water everywhere, so more than likely the hunters dropped moose in the water. While fishing on a fish wheel, Mr. McManus had to throw the Chum Salmon back with a dip net. He caught some silvers and whitefish for Nenana seniors' He did weekly lunches and put some fish up for their Council for the winter. The ice started forming up on the river and there is a hint of snow. Bull permits were issued by telephone this year, and were all gone in 20 seconds. However, one person from Nenana was able to get one.

Sue Entsminger of Mentasta reported that winter cold temperatures lasted late into the season. After the winter 2020 meeting, three Councils' representatives, including Chair Entsminger, testified on behalf of their Councils at the Alaska Board of Game meeting, which worked out well. The COVID-19 related closures significantly impacted Ms. Enstminger's guide business. The ADF&G closed the non-resident hunting season, and she lost a significant part of her income because of this. She was not able to accommodate all of her hunting clients in May and needed to move some to June. The berry crop was not good in her area this year. The summer was cold and wet. Chair Entsminger does not understand the drastic changes in the management of the Fortymile Caribou Herd. She believes that the management style should not be "a feast or a famine." Many people in her area did well moose hunting. The users on the road system are very dependent on salmon on the Copper River, and there will be several Federal proposals discussed later in the meeting that propose to change salmon regulations.

Service Awards

Katya Wessels, Council Coordinator with OSM, presented Bill Glanz with the fifteen year service award. Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Bassich, Mr. Wright, Mr. McManus, and Chair Entsminger provided comments and congratulations to Mr. Glanz.

Public and Tribal Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Amanda Pope from Circle provided public testimony. Ms. Pope said that when ADF&G opened the Fortymile caribou hunt for two permits per person, she was concerned that the subsistence hunters would not be able to participate in this opportunity because this opening was announced a week after the subsistence hunt started. There was also a concern that outside hunters were able to hunt for moose and caribou at the same time, and that wanton waste had been appearing the last couple of years. Local people are trying to compete with outside hunters. The Council thanked Ms. Pope for speaking to them about the impacts to subsistence users and food security for people in the rural areas of Alaska.

Old Business

The Federal Subsistence Board 805(c) Report

Mr. Wessels presented an overview of the Federal Subsistence Board 805(c) Report to the Council. The Board supported the Council's recommendation on six out of six proposals and one closure review affecting the Eastern Interior Region.

Wildlife Special Actions WSA20-01, WSA20-02, and WAS20-03

Lisa Maas, Wildlife Biologist and acting Policy Coordinator with OSM, was available on the phone to answer questions regarding Wildlife Special Actions WSA20-01, WSA20-02, and WAS20-03. There were no questions.

Hunter Ethics Outreach and Education Initiative

Ms. Wessels provided a status overview with the Hunter Ethics Outreach and Education Initiative. Not much had been done within the last year due to staff shortages and the COVID-19 pandemic, except that some initial contacts were made with the representatives from the Eielson Air Force Base and Ft. Wainwright. Jimmy Fox, Yukon Flats Refuge Manager, spoke about their partnership with the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments on the hunter liaison project in Fort Yukon and Circle. Amanda Pope, hunter liaison in Circle, spoke about her work on the project. Mr. Bassich made a suggestion to expand the hunter liaison program to the Taylor Highway.

Motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Glanz, to set up a teleconference meeting in the springtime between the main stakeholders to continue the efforts with hunter outreach and ethics program. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

New Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation animal health regulations

Chair Entsminger talked about the proposed changes to the animal health regulations by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, including screening all ages of domestic sheep and goats for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*Movi*) prior to import, as well as finally adding *Movi* to the Alaska reportable disease list. The information was provided to the Council as part of the Supplemental Materials prior to the meeting. The Council discussed the potential devastating effects to Alaska wildlife if they contract *Movi*.

Motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Wright, to support amending 18 AAC 26.125 for goats and 36.125 for sheep to require all age groups of imported domestic goats and sheep to be tested for *Movi*. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

New Business

Fisheries Proposals and Closure Reviews Regional:

FCR21-06 Tanana drainage, Toklat River—all species—August 15 through May 15

Corey Graham, Fisheries Biologist with OSM, presented FCR21-06 to the Council. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, second by Mr. Glanz, to support the OSM preliminary conclusion on FCR21-06. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

The Council agreed with the OSM preliminary conclusion to eliminate the closure to subsistence fishing on the Toklat River from August 15 through May 15. The Council pointed out that the escapement numbers are fine, and harvest is relatively small in that area. Eliminating the closure to subsistence fishing on the Toklat River will allow Federally qualified subsistence users to take small amounts of fish in the area to meet food security needs in their region.

FCR21-07 Yukon drainage, Nome Creek—Grayling—closed all year

Mr. Graham presented FCR21-07 to the Council. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, second by Mr. Glanz, to support the OSM preliminary conclusion on FCR21-07 to maintain status quo. Motion to amend the original motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Glanz, to close Nome Creek fishing to all users including non-Federally-qualified users. The motion to amend passed 5 to 2. The original motion as amended to support the closure and close fishing to all users including non-Federally-qualified users passed 4 to 3.

The Council said catch-and-release fishing should not be allowed when conservation concerns exist that preclude subsistence uses. The Council thinks current regulations give priority and more liberal opportunities to sport fishers over Federally qualified subsistence users. If the intent of this closure is to protect the grayling population from over exploitation, then the closure should be for all users and uses, including catch-and-release sport fishing. It is well documented that catch-and-release fishing causes mortality, which could affect a small population of grayling. The Council's reason for this modification is a conservation concern for grayling. Any and all causes of grayling mortality should be eliminated. The Council also noted that Nome Creek is not easily accessible or widely used, and that there are many other creeks in the area "loaded with grayling," such as Deadwood Creek and Crooked Creek.

Crossover Proposals:

FCR21-04 Yukon drainage Northern Area, Jim River—all species—closed all year

Mr. Graham presented FCR21-04 to the Council. Motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Wright, to defer to the Western Interior RAC. The Council considers it to be more appropriate for the home region to make recommendations to the Board on this matter. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

<u>FP21-11 Proposal to record daily harvest and report to the agency that issued permit within 3 days of</u> <u>harvest, upper Copper River—all fish</u>

Karen Hyer, Fisheries Biologist with OSM, presented FP21-11 to the Council. Motion by Ms. Entsminger, second by Mr. Woodruff, to support Fisheries Proposal FP21-11 as written. The motion to support passed 7 to 1.

The Council supported this proposal due to the increased use of upper Copper River fish by users from all over the state. The Council indicated in-season harvest monitoring and enumeration are needed to prevent overharvest and allow managers to timely respond during years with weak runs. The Council believes that there might be a conservation concern and does not want to see fish declining in the Copper River. The Council thinks that in-season reporting would be very beneficial to managers. The Federal program should lead the way in this type of monitoring for the State to follow, and the State and Federal programs

should work together to achieve the best harvest management. This reporting would not be a burden to users. Almost everyone has telephones, or other ways to access the internet.

The Council pointed out that all Yukon River communities on the road system must fill out catch calendars. The Yukon River communities that are not on the road system must fill out in-season reports. The Council expressed an opinion that similar harvest monitoring and reporting should be instituted in more areas than just the Copper River. Additionally, the Council noted that on the Taylor Highway successful caribou hunters must report their harvest within three days under State regulations, and if this works for reporting wildlife harvest, then it should work for reporting fish harvest. This proposed regulation is a step in the right direction for the better future of fisheries in Alaska.

<u>FP21-12 Monofilament or multifilament mesh dip nets may not be used before August 15, when the</u> <u>majority of the Chinook run has passed into the upper Copper River, to avoid injury to Chinook. Before</u> <u>August 15, dip nets must be rigged with braided, inelastic mesh—salmon</u>

Ms. Hyer presented FP21-12 to the Council. Motion by Ms. Entsminger, second by Mr. McManus, to support Fisheries Proposal FP21-12 as written. The motion failed on a unanimous vote.

The Council thinks that if adopted, this regulation will cause hardship for subsistence users and make the use of dip nets more restrictive for them than for other users. It's onerous to change all your gear and it might be difficult to get other materials. The Council shared that mesh changes on the Yukon River caused a lot of hardship and they don't want it to be repeated on the Copper River. The Council believes that a better long-term solution is to educate people on how to remove King Salmon quickly and safely from dip nets.

The Council also notes that there is a lot of discussion about monofilament versus other braided net materials, but most of the research was done in set net or drift net fisheries where net materials make a difference. However, given the relatively short amount of time that fish are in dip nets and the conservation that dip nets provide, dip net materials don't make that much of a difference to fish injury.

FP21-13 Prohibit fishing with dip nets from boats or craft floating in the river; only allow dipnet use from banks, upper Copper River—salmon

Ms. Hyer presented FP21-13 to the Council. Motion by Ms. Entsminger, second by Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Bassich, to support Fisheries Proposal FP21-13 as written. The motion to support passed 6 to 2.

The Council noted that this proposed regulatory change is getting a lot of support from Federally qualified subsistence users because fishing from boats has long-term effects on the way fishing is done in the Copper River. The Council said that fishing from boats is becoming increasingly competitive and provides an advantage over traditional methods and means, such as dip netting from shore and using fish wheels. This is a typical situation in a fishery where people have discovered a new method of fishing; once it becomes popular because of its success and advantages, it will overturn long-term established

fisheries practices. Next we'll be dealing with too many boats on the river. It will become dangerous to people, and the conflicts will start with too many boats trying to fish at the same time.

The Council believes that the Federal Subsistence Board should take the lead on this issue by recognizing the negative effects of dip netting from boats on Federally qualified subsistence users and use its leverage to convince the State to also pass this regulation. Additionally, the Council said that this type of fishing does not give fish a place to hide and rest without being interrupted and captured, which is an issue due to their long migrations.

FP21-14 Prohibit use of onboard device that indicates bathymetry and/or fish locations (fish finders) while fishing from boat or other watercraft in the upper Copper River—all fish

Ms. Hyer presented FP21-14 to the Council. Motion by Ms. Entsminger, second by Mr. Glanz to support Fisheries Proposal FP21-14 as written. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Fish returns over the last several years have been very poor; therefore, the Council supports this conservation minded proposal for the sake of future generations. The Council noted that, traditionally, subsistence users do not use fish finders while looking for fish. It is likely that fish finders will not do much good finding fish in a silty river like the Copper River. In addressing the public comments about river navigability, the Council suggested to use depth finders rather than fish finders because you need them when your boat goes at a speed of 35–40 miles per hour and you are in unfamiliar waters.

Southcentral Alaska Region proposal of interest to the Council

FP21-10 Proposal to create new dip net fishery for Sockeye Salmon in the lower Copper River

Milo Burcham with the U.S. Forest Service presented FP21-10 staff analyses to the Council. Motion by Ms. Entsminger, seconde by Mr. Glanz, to support Fisheries Proposal FP21-10 that requests the Federal Subsistence Board to implement a salmon subsistence fishery in the lower Copper River adjacent to Copper River Highway with a harvest limit of 15 salmon, other than pink salmon, with not more than five Chinook Salmon per household using a dip net, rod and reel, spear or gaff only. The motion to support failed 7 to 0 (1 absent).

The Council opposed this proposal due to a potential conservation concern and depletion of an important subsistence resource. The Federally qualified subsistence users in the upper Copper River that depend on the river resources have serious concerns regarding the establishment of this new fishery. The Council believes that this is not the right time to open a new fishery. There is already a lot of hardship taking place, not only in the Copper River, but also in many other Alaskan rivers that are losing King Salmon runs. Other salmon returns are poor as well. When salmon runs are weak, communities in the upper river have much less access to other fish resources than the users in the lower river. The Council is concerned that this fishery will specifically target King Salmon, especially since it includes rod and reel, spear or gaff. The users in the Cordova area already have multiple places to fish for other salmon species.

Additionally, the Council wanted to highlight to the Board that there appears to be a difference of positions within the community of Cordova regarding the establishment of this fishery. Some users support the fishery and some oppose. Eleven comments received by OSM prior to the proposal written comment deadline of July 2, 2020 were all in opposition to the proposal. During the meeting, the Council learned that a large number of written public comments in support solicited by the proposal proponent were given to the Forest Service and submitted to the Southcentral Alaska Council coordinator during its recent meeting. At the meeting, the public expressed frustration that these comments were submitted after the proposal written comment deadline. The Council commented that this situation made it difficult for the Council to evaluate public support or opposition to a particular proposal. Moreover, the Council became privy to information that suggested the some users in Cordova have been illegally selling their subsistence fish, because the salmon caught in this fishery are highly sought after.

The Fortymile Caribou Herd Management

The Council had a discussion with Jeff Gross, Area Wildlife Biologist with the ADF&G in Tok, regarding the management of the Fortymile Caribou Herd fall 2020 hunt and the effects of increased hunting pressure. During the fall 2020 RC860 registration hunt for caribou, August 10 – September 30, ADF&G increased the resident bag limit to 2 caribou to help reduce herd size because the herd was beginning to show signs of malnutrition. The Council was concerned over management decisions that allowed the more liberal caribou harvest, as well as allowing hunters to possess both moose and caribou tags simultaneously.

Motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Firmin, to write a letter to the ADF&G Commissioner and the Alaska Board of Game regarding the Council's concerns regarding the management of the Fortymile Caribou Herd fall 2020 hunt and the effects of increased hunting pressure. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

2022 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program

Ms. Kenner with OSM presented the 2022 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (FRMP) to the Council and shared the Priority Information Needs (PINs) from the Yukon Region working group discussion results. The PINs list presented to the Council contained 12 priorities. The Council said it also would like to see projects that address:

- Estimates of "quality of escapement" measures for Chinook Salmon, for example, potential egg deposition, age, sex, and size composition of spawners, percentage of females, percentage of jacks, and spawning habitat utilization, with an emphasis on Canadian-origin stocks.
- Effects of predatory fish, such as pike, Sheefish, and whitefish, on out-migrating salmon fry.
- Harvest reporting and monitoring in the upper reaches of the Yukon River above Rampart Rapids (Yukon River bridge), including the tributaries, such as the Chandalar and Sheenjek rivers.

- More reliable estimates of in-season harvest through an expansion of the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) in-season survey to assist forecasting Chinook, summer Chum, fall Chum, and Coho salmon run abundance.
- Effects of environmental stressors, such as heat stress, on salmon mortality during adult upriver migration and/or pre-spawn mortality within spawning tributaries.

Motion by Mr. McManus, second by Mr. Woodruff, to support the PINs list, including additional information needs identified during the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Identifying Issues for FY 2020 Annual Report

The Council identified the following topics for inclusion into the FY 2020 Annual Report:

- Subsistence needs satisfaction and food security
- Impacts of hatchery production on wildlife and Alaska's wild fisheries
- Climate change and its impacts on wildlife, fish, and hunting/fishing seasons
- Hunter ethics education and outreach, and dialog with rural communities

Proposed Review Process for NPS Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determinations

Marcy Okada with the NPS presented the Council with the NPS proposed changes to the individual customary and traditional (C&T) use determinations review process and requested the Council's opinion on the changes. Ms. Okada and Barbara Cellarius with NPS answered the Council's questions regarding the proposed process changes. Motion by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Glanz, to approve the NPS proposed changes to the individual C&T use determination process. The Council feels comfortable with delegating the responsibility of making a decision to issue individual C&T use permits to the NPS, streamlining the process. The Council also agrees with the Subsistence Resource Commission's request to be involved in and consulted with during this process. The Council feels that this will make the process have good checks and balances and asks the Board to keep the Council apprised on its decision on this matter. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Agency Reports:

- Brian McKenna, Fisheries Biologist with the TCC, presented The Tanana Chiefs Conference Fisheries Program report of activities.
- Serena Fitka, Executive Director, and Catherine Moncrieff, Anthropologist with the YRDFA presented the August 2020 Report to the Yukon River Regional Advisory Councils.
- Jimmy Fox, Refuge Manager, USFWS, presented the 2020 Summary of Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge projects and issues.
- Nathan Hawkaluk, Deputy Refuge Manager, USFWS, presented the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge summary of activities.

- Gerald Maschmann with the USFWS presented the 2020 Yukon River Salmon Season Summary. Mr. Maschmann, Deena Jallen, and Jeff Estensen with the ADF&G answered the Council's questions.
- Timothy Lorenzini with USFWS presented the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge report.
- Matt Sorum, Wildlife Biologist with the NPS, presented the Yukon-Charley National Preserve update.
- David Sarafin, Fisheries Biologist with the NPS, presented the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve (WSENP&P) fisheries update and Barbara Cellarius with the NPS presented the rest of the WSENP&P updates.
- Pat Owen, Wildlife Biologist with the NPS, presented the Denali National Park and Preserve update.
- Jim Herriges, Wildlife Biologist with the BLM, presented the update for the Eastern Interior Field Office.
- Brooke McDavid with the ADF&G, Division of Subsistence, provided a brief update.
- Tom Kron, Acting Council Coordination Division Chief, presented the OSM update. Mr. Bassich asked Mr. Kron to look into the matter of possible solicitation of people's testimony [for FP21-10].

Mr. Woodruff proposed to write a thank you letter to Thomas Doolittle, Deputy Assistant Regional Director for OSM, to thank him for his service and wish him a good retirement. Mr. McManus asked to pass his prayers and good thoughts to Zach Stevenson, Council Coordinator.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bassich, second by Mr. Woodruff. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Katerina Wessels, Designated Federal Officer USFWS Office of Subsistence Management

Susan L. Entsminger, Chair Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

These minutes were formally considered and approved by the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at its winter 2021 meeting.

A more detailed report of this meeting, copies of the transcript, and meeting handouts are available upon request. Call Katerina Wessels at 1-800-478-1456 or 1-907-786-3885, email katerina_wessels@fws.gov.