

Monday, March 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conference

CENTRAL BERING SEA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting was a joint session of multiple Alaska Advisory Committees (ACs) convened to vote on two recurring wildlife management proposals. Savannah Hollingworth facilitated the meeting and conducted roll call for each AC group to establish quorum, including Bethel AC, Coastal Lower Yukon AC, Mid-Lower Yukon AC, Central Bering Sea AC, and Lower Kuskokwim AC.

The first proposal, Proposal 254, sought to reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 18, allowing residents to continue hunting cow moose on the Yukon, Kuskokwim, and Good News river drainages. The second proposal, Proposal 251, aimed to reauthorize the resident tag fee exemption for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26, which waives the standard \$25 locking tag requirement if hunters encounter a brown bear while moose hunting.

Bethel AC, Coastal Lower Yukon AC, and Mid-Lower Yukon AC all achieved quorum and voted unanimously in favor of both proposals. Central Bering Sea AC did not achieve quorum due to members dropping off the call and other technical difficulties, but several members including Janet, Stan, Susie Walter, and Jackie provided comments supporting both proposals, emphasizing the importance of subsistence hunting opportunities and the financial burden that additional fees would place on low-income hunters. Savannah noted that three of the five ACs within GMU18 had approved the proposals, meeting the minimum requirement, and thanked all participants for attending.

Roll Call

Name	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Central Bering Sea	Total: 4	Needed for Quorum: 6	Met? No
David Carl			
Jacqueline Cleveland		X	
Janet Bavilla		X	
Stan Atchak		X	
Tommy Kusaiak			
Johnny Friend			
Stanley Tom		X- but dropped	
Charlie Anthony or Simeon Sunny			
Joe Asuluk Sr.			
Susie Walter		X	

- 1) **Welcome**
- 2) **Approval of Agenda**
- 3) **Reports**
 - a) Boards, reason for being here
 - b) DWC (Wildlife)
- 4) **Public Comment** – Keep to 3 mins; related to agenda only – No public comment occurred at this meeting

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5) New Business

a) Board of Game Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization Proposals

i) [Proposal 254: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18](#)

- Central Bering Sea

- The Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee did not reach quorum, being one short and one member dropping the call, but members including Janet Bavilla, Susie Walter, Stan Atchak and Jacqueline Cleveland provide comments supporting the proposal, emphasizing the importance of the Antlerless moose hunts to subsistence hunting opportunities and supporting food security. Those that are unable to get a moose in the fall hunt can harvest in the winter with the antlerless moose hunts. Food costs are high in the villages, so subsistence opportunities are a necessity.

ii) [Proposal 251: Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A](#)

- Central Bering Sea

- The Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee did not reach quorum, being one short and one member dropping the call, but members including Janet Bavilla, Susie Walter, Stan Atchak and Jacqueline Cleveland provide comments supporting Proposal 251 stating that most people in the West purchase low-income hunting licenses. The financial burden that additional fees would place on low-income hunters would hurt the region.

6) Other Business - NONE

7) Adjourn

a) ACs left meeting as their groups finished on proposals.

b) Meeting was adjourned at 7:00

Approvals were made by email.

Minutes Approved By: Central Bering Sea AC Janet Bavilla

Date: 3/17/2026