



Alaska Board of Game

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Alaska Board of Game January 22, 2016 Teleconference

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game met by teleconference on January 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Six board members were present: Ted Spraker, Chair, Nate Turner, Vice-Chair, Stosh Hoffman, Teresa Sager Albaugh, Dave Brown, and Kip Fanning. Member Pete Probasco was absent.

The board took the following actions on the Agenda Change Requests:

ACR #14 Open a hunting season for Eurasian Collared Dove. *Denied. The board felt the ACR did not meet the criteria under the ACR policy. However, the board agreed to schedule a board generated proposal on this topic for the March 2016 meeting.*

ACR #15 Establish hunts for disabled veterans. *Denied. The board felt the ACR did not meet the criteria identified in the ACR policy.*

ACR #16 Renewal of Unit 13 Intensive Management Program. *Approved*

ACR #17 Change the goat registration hunt in Unit 14C, Lake George to a drawing hunt. *Approved*

ACR #19 Modify seasons and bag limits for caribou in Unit 22. *Approved*

VACR #20 Change the hunting season for wolves in GMU 20C, near Denali National Park. *Approved*

ACR #18 Prohibit the take of wolves in GMU 20C, near Denali National Park. *Denied. The board felt the ACR did not meet the criteria under the ACR policy.*

All accepted ACRs will be scheduled for the March 2016 Board of Game meeting. Proposals on these topics will soon be available on the Board of Game meeting information website at:

www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-18-2016&meeting=fairbanks.

Other topics and actions by the board included:

1. Committee Reports:
 - Nate Turner gave a brief overview on the Dall sheep working group.
 - Teresa Sager Albaugh updated the board on the Joint Board Committee meeting which was held on January 17, 2016 in Fairbanks for the purpose of discussing changes to BOG & BOF processes that could result in budget savings.
2. The board discussed the need to send a letter to USF&WS on the proposed rule related to nonsubsistence take of wildlife on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. The board delegated Chairman Spraker to write a letter requesting the agency extend the public comment period. The board also delegated member Turner to draft a letter to USF&WS on the topics in the proposed rule. If USF&WS extends the comment period, a draft letter will be reviewed at the March 2016 meeting.
3. The board was provided brief budget updates by the Division of Wildlife Conservation, the Division of Subsistence, and Boards Support Section.
4. The board was made aware of legislation that may be of interest to the board which included:
 - HB 137 related to raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, etc;
 - SB 68 related to antlerless moose seasons; and
 - HB 266 related to the authority of the Board of Game to adopt, amend and repeal certain regulations
5. An update on the Unit 18, Nelson Island Muskox permit system concerning a technical issue was provided to the board.
6. The board approved the 2016/2017 Call for Proposals for the Interior and Arctic Regions. It confirmed 5 AAC 92.450 should remain on the statewide meeting schedule.