

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Southcentral Region Meeting
Kenai, Alaska
March 15 – 19, 2013

Actions Taken

C = Carried; CA = Amended; F - Failed; NA= No Action; T = Tabled; D = Deferred

Southeast Region

C 178A Authorize a predator control program in a small portion of Unit 1A.

C 179A Authorize a predator control program in a portion of Unit 3.

Cordova Area – Unit 6

F 127 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6A.

NA 128 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6B. *(The Board lacks authority to adopt the proposal because it lacked support by the local advisory committees and was not recommended by ADF&G; both are required per Alaska Statute 16.05.780.)*

CA 129 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C. *(Amended to establish a late registration permit hunt, November 1 - December 31 with a bag limit of one moose; the intent is for it to be opened only if there are available moose for harvest after the drawing hunt closes.)*

F 130 Modify the bag limit for hunting black bear in Unit 6D.

Anchorage Area – Unit 14C

C 131 Reauthorize existing antlerless hunt for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).

C 132 Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.

C 133 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in the Anchorage Management Area in Unit 14C.

C 134 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Birchwood Management Area and the remainder of Unit 14C.

- C 135 Reauthorize the antlerless portion of the any-moose drawing permit in the upper Ship Creek drainage in Unit 14C.
- F 139 Re-open the “Ram Valley” area of the Eagle River Drainage sheep drawing tag (DS123). *(The Board directed ADF&G to use discretionary authority to expand the hunt area to include Ram Valley and Falls Creek drainage - see RC 43).*
- NA 138 Create a new drawing hunt in Chugach State Park closed areas for Dall sheep. *(Due to action on proposal 139.)*
- F 137 Issue more tags for Chugach Park Dall sheep drawing (DS123).
- F 136 Reduce the permit allocation and modify the bag limit for Unit 14C Dall sheep.

Kodiak Area - Unit 8

- F 140 Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 and modify the season dates.
- CA 141 Extend the season and increase the bag limit for goat in Unit 8. *(Amended to set the season dates as August 20-March 20 with bag limit of two; all other language was removed.)*
- F 142 In Unit 8, a wounded goat counts as the bag limit.

Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15

- CA 143 Modify bag limit for moose to 50" or greater, 3 brow tines in Units 7 and 15. *(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC 39 which retains the current season of August 20 – September 20, the antler sealing requirement, and a bag limit of 50-inch antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side. In addition, it includes harvest of bulls that have a spike antler on at least one side.)*
- NA 144 Retain the current moose harvest regulations for Units 7 and 15 through 2014. *(Due to action on proposal 143.)*
- NA 145 Enhance moose habitat and modify hunting seasons and bag limits for moose on the Kenai Peninsula. *(Due to action on proposal 143.)*
- NA 146 Modify seasons and bag limits for general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 on the Kenai Peninsula. *(Due to action on proposal 143.)*
- CA 147 Suspend aerial taking of wolves in Unit 15A and modify the population and harvest objectives for moose. *(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC 36 which allows ADF&G to employ trappers to take wolves in predator control areas; all other language was removed.)*

- C 148 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
- NA 149 Allow the harvest of up to 100 antlerless moose in Unit 15C. *(Due to action on proposal 148.)*
- F 150 Allow the use of motorized land vehicles during certain hours in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use area.
- F 151 Re-institute closure of Palmer Creek/Lower Resurrection Creek areas in Unit 7 to moose hunting.
- CA 153 Modify the registration season dates and the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 15A and 15C. *(Amended with substitute language as reflected in RC 40 which sets the bag limit to one bear per regulatory year, allows taking of brown bear at bait stations by permit, and requires salvage of edible meat. RC 40 was further amended to set the season date as September 15 – May 31. The board expressed intent for ADF&G to have a harvest limit of 70 brown bear which includes all mortalities.)*
- C 152 Remove the reference to brown bear drawing hunts on the Kenai Peninsula.
- NA 154 Allow brown bear baiting in Unit 15 intensive management areas. *(Due to action on proposal 153.)*
- NA 155 Allow for the incidental harvesting of brown bears over black bear bait sites in Units 15A and 15C. *(Due to action on proposal 153.)*
- NA 156 Open a brown bear registration hunt in Units 7 and 15; and allow the incidental take of brown bear at black bear bait sites. *(Due to action on proposal 153.)*
- F 157 Modify the black bear salvage requirement for Units 7 and 15.
- F 158 Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 15A and 15C.
- CA 159 Open wolf, coyote and lynx hunting in Skilak Loop. *(Amended to include Kelly and Peterson Lake to the ½ mile setbacks and to retain the current season for lynx.)*
- CA 160 Open a no closed hunting season for wolf in Units 7 and 15. *(Amended with substitute language as reflected in RC 41 which sets the wolf trapping season date to October 15 – March 31 and prohibits the taking wolf or coyote with a steel trap or snare smaller than 3/32 inch diameter.)*
- F 161 Lengthen the spring season with a decreased bag limit for ptarmigan on the Kenai Peninsula.

Regional and Multiple Units

- F 162 Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Southcentral Region Units.
- NA 163 Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Southcentral Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 162.)*
- NA 164 Open resident sheep hunting seasons five days before nonresident seasons for Southcentral Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 162.)*
- F 165 Open resident hunting seasons seven to ten days before nonresident seasons for Southcentral Region Units.
- NA 166 Open resident hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Southcentral Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 165.)*
- F 167 Open resident hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons, allocate 90 percent of harvest to residents, remove guide requirements, and increase tag and permit fees for the Southcentral Region.
- F 168 Limit drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents in Southcentral Region Units. *(During the discussion, the Board requested ADF&G to bring information to the Board at the October 2013 meeting on areas of concern for guide and user conflict issues.)*
- NA 169 Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region hunts and exclude nonresidents in hunts with less than ten permits. *(Due to action on proposal 168.)*
- NA 170 Limit Dall sheep drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Southcentral Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 168.)*
- NA 171 Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree of kindred hunters in Units 14C and 15. *(Due to a request by the author of the proposal to withdraw it.)*
- F 172 Prohibit the taking of wolves March through November in the Southcentral Region.
- NA 173 Prohibit snaring of bears in the Southcentral Region. *(Bear snaring does not occur in the Southcentral region.)*
- NA 174 Prohibit snaring of bears in the Southcentral Region. *(Bear snaring does not occur in the Southcentral region.)*

- C 175 Open a no closed hunting season for coyote with no bag limit for the Southcentral Region.

Interior Region & Statewide

- CA 177 Convert the winter limited registration permit hunt for the Fortymile Caribou Herd to a winter hot spot permit hunt. *(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC 37 which changes the name from “hot spot” to “target” hunt, and clarifies the definition as: “a permit issued on short notice and a lottery basis to an applicant who has previously registered and is willing to participate in a hunt under short notice.”*

- C 180 Clarify the regulation concerning the incidental take of moose, deer, or caribou using traps or snares.

Miscellaneous Actions

The Board rescinded a resolution approved by the Board of Game in 2003 concerning management of Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Mortality, #2003-139-BOG, due to the increased number of bears.

The Board adopted a finding, #2013-202-BOG, which provides direction to ADF&G concerning sheep hunting in Unit 14C and brown bear in Units 7 and 15.

The Board agreed to write letters to the legislature concerning the following bills:

1. SB 77 – Big Game Hunting with Children
2. HB 161 - Auctions for Big Game Harvest Permits
3. HB 170 - Denali Wolf Special Management Area
4. HB 171 – Game Management
5. HB 172 – Board of Game Membership