



## Alaska Board of Game

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### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Work Session Westmark Baranof - Juneau, Alaska January 8, 2015

#### Meeting Summary

**Members Present:** Ted Spraker, Chair, Nate Turner, Vice-Chair, Stosh Hoffman, Teresa Sager Albaugh, Pete Probasco, Bob Mumford, and Dave Brown.

The Board of Game (board) convened the Work Session on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Westmark Baranof in Juneau, Alaska. The meeting was open to the public for listening only. The meeting audio and all other materials are available online at:  
[www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-08-2015&meeting=juneau](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-08-2015&meeting=juneau)

#### Election of Officers

The board elected Ted Spraker as chairman and Nate Turner as vice chairman. The board requested a policy to clarify the timing of election of officers to occur during the annual work session. In the event the board does not hold a work session, the board will schedule officer elections at the first regularly scheduled meeting.

#### State and Federal Agency Reports

The following agency reports were provided during the meeting:

Division of Wildlife Conservation, ADF&G (*Audio log - 0:21:57*)

Division of Subsistence, ADF&G (*Audio log - 0:37:23*)

Department of Law (*Audio log - 0:49:43*)

Alaska Wildlife Troopers (*Audio log - 1:04:42*)

#### Board Committee Assignments and Reports

Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB): The board discussed filling the seat on the BGCSB, which under Alaska Statute has a designated seat for a Board of Game representative and precludes members having active guide licenses from serving. The seat was previously filled by member Mumford. The board did not make a decision during the work session, but did so at the Southeast Region meeting. The board appointed member Dave Brown to serve as the board's representative. (*Audio log - 1:12:28*)

Joint Board Commissioner Nomination Committee: The board reviewed and ratified the ADF&G commissioner nomination process used by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game (joint board) once Governor Walker was elected in November 2014. Chairman Spraker described the process

for solicitation and review of candidates and compared the process to those used in previous years. The joint board was scheduled to review and interview candidates at the joint board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2015 (*Audio log - 1:21:37*)

Copper Basin Area Subsistence Hunting Committee: Member Turner provided a summary of the committee meetings and action. The committee consisted of board members Turner, Hoffman, and Sager Albaugh. It also included representatives for advisory committees and stakeholder groups. The committee met three times during the 2014/2105 meeting cycle to discuss issues and seek solutions related to the Copper Basin Area subsistence hunting regulations in Units 11, 12 and 13. In his report, member Turner explained the committee reviewed several proposals, all of which were included in the 2014/2015 proposal book to be considered at the Central/Southwest Region meeting scheduled for February 2015. (*Audio log - 1:40:07*)

### **Board Meeting Schedule**

Three Year Meeting Cycle: The Department of Fish and Game presented information concerning the change to a three year meeting cycle for the Board of Game. After much discussion, the board agreed to adopt the three year schedule provided in RC 1, pages 10 and 11. The board also clarified that the all statewide regulations will be considered during one meeting cycle instead of being divided into the Cycle A and Cycle B schedules. (*Audio log - 1:50:21*)

2015/2016 Meeting Dates and Location: The board set the meeting dates and location for the 2015/2016 cycle as:

Work Session: March 17, 2016, Fairbanks

Statewide Regulations: March 18 – 28, 2016, Fairbanks

### **Informational Reports**

The following informational reports by ADF&G were provided:

Update on the Federal Compendium and Proposed Permanent Regulations by the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (*Audio log - 3:58:13*)

Wood Bison Reintroduction Update (*Audio log - 4:17:00*)

Dall Sheep Survey Report (*Audio log - 4:49:47*)

Standardized Sheep Sealing Update (*Audio log - 6:09:41*)

### **Miscellaneous Business**

The board scheduled two board generated proposals (RC 19) for the Central/Southwest Region meeting in February 2015. The proposals concerned modifications to sheep hunting opportunities statewide. (*Audio log - 5:22:23*)

The board agreed to write a letter of opposition concerning the National Park Services' proposed regulations to be submitted as public comment. Member Sager Albaugh was assigned the task of drafting the letter. (*Audio log – 4:10:48*)

### **Adjournment**

The board adjourned work session at 5:35 pm.