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**Alaska Board of Game  
Work Session  
Mini Convention Center, Nome, Alaska  
January 16, 2020**

### MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Game (board) convened the Work Session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in Nome at the Mini Convention Center. Seven board members were present: Chairman Ted Spraker, Vice-Chairman Stosh Hoffman, Larry Van Daele, Tom Lamal, Jerry Burnett, Orville Huntington, and Allen Barrette.

The meeting was open to the public for listening only. Meeting materials and audio are available online at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-16-2020&meeting=nome](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-16-2020&meeting=nome).

#### **Election of Officers:**

The board re-elected Ted Spraker to serve as Chairman and Stosh Hoffman as Vice-chairman.

#### **Agency Reports and Updates:**

The following agency updates were provided:

- Eddie Grasser, Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 09:12:34*)
- Ryan Scott, Assistant Director, Division off Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 09:32:03*)
- Kristy Tibbles, Boards Support Section (*Audio log: 09:59:58 AM*)
- George Pappas, Office of Subsistence Management (*Audio log: 10:39:08*)
- Cheryl Brooking, Department of Law (*Audio log: 10:44:33 AM*)
- Lt Aaron Frenzel, Alaska Wildlife Troopers (*Audio log: 10:48:45 AM*)

Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) Update: Member Van Daele agreed to continue representing the Board of Game on the Big Game Commercial Services Board. He provided an update of the BGCSB's activities over the past year which is available in the board meeting workbook (RC 1). (*Audio log: 10:54:04 AM*)

**Approval of the 2020/2021 Meeting Dates & Location:** *(Audio log: 11:02:39 AM)*

The board set the following meeting dates and locations for the 2020/2021 meeting cycle:

- Work Session: January 21, 2021, Wasilla
- Central/Southwest Region: January 22-29, 2021, Wasilla
- Statewide Regulations: March 12-18, 2021, Fairbanks

**Request to Schedule Falconry Regulatory Changes Every Six Years** *(Audio log 11:33:05 AM)*

The board received a written request to place falconry regulations on a six-year cycle instead of a three-year cycle. The request is available in the public comment section of the board meeting workbook. The board voted 7-0 to adopt the six-year schedule effective after the March 2021 Statewide Regulations meeting.

**Update on the Kodiak Brown Bear Permit Application Period for Guided Nonresidents**  
*(Audio log:01:30:04)*

Assistant Director Ryan Scott updated the board about recent changes by to the guided nonresident drawing hunt process for Kodiak brown bears. The board endorsed ADF&G's plan to move forward with offering guided nonresident drawing hunts on a calendar year basis, and resident and non-guided nonresident drawing hunts on a regulatory year basis, all of which will be advertised during the regular scheduled November/December application period.

**Status Report of Mulchatna Caribou Herd** *(Audio log:01:43:18)*

The board received a presentation (RC 2) on the status of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) by Gino Del Frate, ADF&G Regional Supervisor for the Central/Southwest Region, and Todd Rinaldi, Management Coordinator for the region. They reported ADF&G's MCH plan for 2020 is to continue predator control in Units 9B, 17B, 17C, and 19B; continue research, surveying and monitoring, and public outreach. A proposal for harvest management will also be submitted to the Board of Game for the 2021 Central/Southwest Region meeting for the entire range of the herd.

**Legislative Audit on the Board of Game Regulatory Process** *(Audio log: 2:57:27)*

The board's executive director, Kristy Tibbles, provided an update on the outcome and findings of the legislative audit on the Board of Game regulatory process which was requested by Senator Giessel in 2015. The final audit is posted on the meeting website as RC 5.

**Wildlife Disease and Health Update for the Western and Arctic Regions** *(Audio log: 03:32:21)*

Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen provided an update on wildlife disease and health for the Western Arctic/Western Region (Region V). The presentation is posted on the meeting website as RC 3. The report covered disease surveillance sampling and testing caribou; validation of biomarkers of caribou health; muskox respiratory pathogen surveillance; and the widespread exposure to *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* in muskox and caribou.

**Board Motions for Reconsideration** (*Audio log: 03:49:49*)

The board discussed adopting a written standing policy on motions to reconsider proposals, similar to a policy of the Board of Fisheries (BOF). The BOF policy requires a motion for reconsideration to be supported by new evidence and to be provided in writing to the BOF chairmen no later than 24 hours after the vote on the issue for which reconsideration is requested. Currently, the Board of Game follows the procedures under Roberts Rules of Order. The board chose not to adopt a formal policy.

**Update on Selling Hunting and Trapping Licenses Online** (*Audio log: 05:04:07*)

Division of Wildlife Conservation Director Eddie Grasser provided an update about ADF&G moving towards selling licenses electronically instead of using carbon copy license books. Vendors will enter customer license information online and print paper license for the customer. ADF&G offices are being set up as e-vendors to assist customers. Director Grasser said the division will work to make the transition as smooth as possible especially for rural residents.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.