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Mr. Chairman: Ted Spraker,  
Alaska Board of Game Members.

This is a request to the Board of Game to schedule during the "Miscellaneous Business" section of the meeting, a "House Keeping" change to the current agreement between the Alaska Board of Game and the Alaska falconry community that is currently in place regarding the 2 year cycle process that falconry regulations come up before the Board.

- Previous to a change by the Board to a 3 year state-wide cycle, falconry regulations came up every 4 years; 2 Statewide cycles under an agreement between the Board of Game and the Alaska Falconers Association.
  - 1) The Board of Game recently changed their statewide meeting cycle to a 3 year cycle.
  - 2) This request is to adjust the falconry cycle to 6 years, 2 statewide cycles.
  - 3) This House Keeping change meets the intent of both the Board of Game and Alaska falconers.

Alaska falconers are very happy with the suite of regulations that the Board of Game recently put in place. Those regulations are detailed in the "Alaska Falconry Manual #9". This product is the result of over 40 years of work by the Alaska Falconers Association, ADF&G, and the Board of Game.

At the March 2016 statewide meeting, which is open to falconry proposals, the only two proposals before the Board addresses a change to non-resident allocation. One proposal is from a group from the lower 48 states, and the 2nd proposal is from a Kodiak falconer. These proposals will be decided at this meeting.

No other proposals on falconry have been submitted to the Board at this meeting. Falconry has many complex regulations governing the sport and if changes needed to be made, the Board of Game would have seen proposals addressing those requested changes. One of the Boards concerns in creating a "2 cycle plan" was the amount of time it takes Board members and falconers to get everyone up to speed on falconry issues for such a small number of resource users. Adjusting to the new cycle adopted by the Board of Game meets the original concerns addressed by the Board when the agreement was made.

This request by the Alaska falconry community is to place falconry regulations on a 6 year cycle with the next call for falconry proposals to come up 6 years from this March 2016 meeting or the nearest statewide meeting after 6 years from March 2016.

Thank you for your time.

--Dale Hall--

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