



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee Meeting

Discussion of Scheduling a Future Joint Board Meeting

December 20, 2022 – Web Conference

Preliminary Meeting Summary

The Joint Board Committee (committee) met by web-conference on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the schedule for a future joint board meeting. Board of Game (BOG) members Jerry Burnett, Al Barrette, and Lynn Keogh and Board of Fisheries (BOF) members McKenzie Mitchell, Tom Carpenter and Märit Carlson-Van Dort were present. The meeting was chaired by BOF member McKenzie Mitchell.

The meeting was open to the public via video stream. Written public comments were solicited for the meeting, but nothing was received. The audio and the meeting material which includes a memo prepared by ADF&G Boards Support and the Subsistence Section, is available on the Joint Board Committee meeting website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=12-20-2022&meeting=webconference.

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing a Joint Board of Fisheries and Game (Joint Board) regulatory meeting for 2024, based on the five-year schedule set by the Joint Board in March 2019. Kristy Tibbles, Boards Support Executive Director, summarized portions of the ADF&G memo related to the regulatory authorities in 5 AAC Chapters 96 and 97, the history of Joint Board meetings, and the process and expense for having a Joint Board regulatory meeting. Lisa Olson, Deputy Director for the ADF&G Subsistence Section, provided a review of the Joint Board authority and history related to nonsubsistence areas, under 5 AAC Chapter 99.

The committee discussed the options and concerns for having the Joint Board meeting in conjunction with regularly scheduled Board meetings for March and October 2024. As provided in the ADF&G memo, the BOF will hold a 13-day meeting in Anchorage, February 23–March 7, 2024, to address Upper Cook Inlet Finfish. The BOG will meet in March 2024 to consider regulatory changes for the Interior and Northeast Arctic Region, in Fairbanks. In October 2024, the BOF is scheduled to hold its annual Work Session in Anchorage, October 29–30. The committee agreed to recommend to the BOG and BOF, a Joint Board meeting be scheduled for March 2024, in Anchorage, following the BOG meeting, for which the dates will be decided at the January 2023 Work Session. The committee suggested a timeframe of March 25–29, 2024.

With regards to the Call for Proposals, the committee discussed vetting options for proposals related to nonsubsistence areas which have been used by the Joint Board in the past. The committee agreed to recommend the Call for Proposals include information about the 12 socioeconomic characteristics of nonsubsistence areas as described in Alaska Statute 16.05.258(c), and that proposal submissions to change or establish nonsubsistence areas should address some or all of the 12 criteria.

The committee recommendation is expected to be relayed to each board at their upcoming meetings (January 14–18, 2023 for the BOF, and January 19-24, 2023 for the BOG.) Alaska Statute 16.05.315 sets out the process for scheduling a joint board meeting which is called upon by one board or the commissioner.

The committee adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.