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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska Board of Game Meetings Scheduled in Nome January 16-20, 2020

(Nome) - The Alaska Board of Game (board) will meet in Nome Jan. 16-20, 2020 at the Mini-Convention Center located at 409 River Street. The board will hold a one-day work session Jan. 16 followed by a four-day public meeting to address proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Western Arctic/Western Region (Game Management Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A).

Topics scheduled for the Jan. 16 work session include setting the 2020-2021 schedule and meeting locations, informational reports, policies, and other administrative and miscellaneous items. The agenda provides the list of topics to be discussed, and is available online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-16-2020&meeting=nome.

Topics of proposed regulatory changes for the Western Arctic/Western Region to be considered at the Jan. 17-20 regulatory meeting include hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits, methods and means, salvage requirements, and hunting permits and permit conditions. For a full listing of proposals to be addressed at this meeting, please visit the meeting website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-17-2020&meeting=nome. The website includes all other meeting materials, including the agenda, roadmap order of proposals, list of staff reports, and public and agency comments on proposals.

All portions of the meetings are open to the public. Live audio is expected to be streamed on the board website at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov.

Following opening business at the start of the meeting on Friday, Jan. 17, the board will hear a number of state and federal agency updates, followed by regional reports that include the following topics:

1. Western Arctic/Western Region Overview
2. Regional Research Overview for the Division of Wildlife Conservation
3. Regional Research Overview for the Division of Subsistence
4. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update and Overview
5. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Report

In-person, oral public testimony will begin Friday following the conclusion of reports. Anyone wishing to testify before the board must sign up at the meeting location before 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. Public testimony will continue until all who have signed up have received the opportunity to be heard. Deliberations on proposals will begin following public testimony and will continue through the remainder of the meeting.

Written comments on proposals may also be submitted to ADF&G Boards Support staff during the meeting. Comments must not exceed ten single-sided pages, and 20 copies must be provided. Deliberations on proposals will begin following public testimony and will continue through the remainder of the meeting. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

For more information about the board meeting process, please contact Kristy Tibbles at 465-6098, or via email at Kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov. She and other ADF&G Boards Support staff will be available throughout the meeting to assist the public with the process.

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