



**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME  
Southeast Region Meeting  
Westmark Baranof - Juneau, Alaska  
January 9-13, 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 convened the Southeast Region meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015. Following introductions and ethics disclosure statements, the Board listened to oral reports from agency representatives (see list of oral reports in RC 1).

Public testimony began Friday afternoon, ending Saturday. The board heard from 24 testifiers (see RC 30), five of which were advisory committee representatives. Deliberations on proposals began Saturday afternoon following public testimony.

The Board took action on 39 proposals, adopting 13 and deferring two to future meetings. The audio for their deliberations and all other meeting materials is available online at:

[www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2015&meeting=juneau](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2015&meeting=juneau).

*(C = Carried; F = Failed; CA = Carried as amended; NA = No Action; T = Tabled; D = Deferred)*

**Petersburg & Wrangell Area – Units 1B & 3**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 10, at 4:24:53, and concludes later that day at 6:31:52. Prior to the proposal deliberations for this section, the board received an area overview by ADF&G.*

- F 1 Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.
- F 2 Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3, Mitkof Island.
- NA 3 Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3. *(The board took no action due to the action taken on proposals 1 and 2.)*
- CA 4 Clarify the boundaries of the Petersburg Closed Area and the Petersburg Management Area due to changing city boundaries. *(Amended by inserting Mile Marker 8.75 of Mitkof Highway for area closed for hunting, and 56°42'24 North latitude for the Management Area southern boundary.)*
- CA 5 Clarify the boundaries of the Wrangell Road System Closed Area. *(Amended by inserting mile marker 12.0 of the Stikine Highway.)*

- F 6 Redefine "broken antler" for Units 1 and 3.
- F 7 Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C.

**Sitka Area – Unit 4**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 11, at 1:40:57, and concludes at 3:16:02. Prior to the proposal deliberations for this section, the board received an area overview by ADF&G.*

- NA 8 Establish a resident drawing hunt for goats in Unit 4, Sitka area. *(The board to no action due to a request by the author to withdraw it.)*
- F Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 4 Remainder to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks.
- F 10 Change "any deer" resident season to October 15 - December 31 for portions of Unit 1C and all of Unit 4.
- CA 11 Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second- degree of kindred in Unit 4. *(Amended to issue up to ten permits for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kindred hunters.)*

**Ketchikan/Prince of Wales Island Area – Units 1A and 2**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 11, at 4:21:06, and concludes at 6:23:14. Prior to the proposal deliberations for this section, the board received an area overview by ADF&G.*

- CA 206 Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Game Management Unit 1A. *(Amended to set the ANS range for deer at 5 – 40, outside the Ketchikan nonsubsistence area.)*
- F 12 Reduce the bag limit for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2, require locking tags and implement registration requirements.
- F 13 Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.
- CA 14 Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest. *(Amended to remove the bag limit restriction.)*
- CA 15 Allow trappers to take beaver in Unit 2 with a firearm. *(Amended to apply to all Southeast Region Units.)*

**Juneau, Haines/Skagway, and Yakutat Areas – Units 1C, 1D, & 5**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 12, at 1:30:26, and concludes later that day at 3:34:46. Proposals 18 and 19 were also discussed January 13 at 0:01:40. Prior to the proposal deliberations for this section, the board received an area overview by ADF&G biologists.*

- CA 16 Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Unit 5. *(Amended to set the ANS range for deer at 20 – 40.)*
- F 17 Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 1C (Lincoln, Shelter & Sullivan Islands) to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks.
- CA 18 Establish a resident, archery drawing hunt for goats in Unit 1C, Juneau area. *(Amended with substitute language, RC 32, which expands the area of the existing archery hunt.)*
- CA 19 Create a resident youth hunt for goats in Unit 1D, Tugahgo Mountain area. *(Amended with substitute language, RC 33, to establish a youth, registration permit hunt, and further amended to apply only to resident youth.)*
- C 20 Expand the resident goat season dates for registration permit hunts RGO23 and RGO24 in Unit 1D.
- F 21 Delay the use of black bear bait stations in Unit 1D until after the brown bear season is closed.
- F 22 Shift the resident moose season two weeks earlier in Unit 5B, Mamby Shore area.
- C 23 Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 1C.
- C 24 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench.
- NA 25 Move the resident duck season two weeks earlier in Unit 5. *(The board took no action due to lack of authority; the proposed change would be out of compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.)*

**Regional and Multiple Units**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 12, at 3:35:40, and concludes January 13 at 2:19:12.*

- F 26 Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.
- F 27 Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1 - 5.
- CA 28 Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5. *(Amended with wording to read “last day of February” for closure of the wolverine trapping season.)*
- F 29 Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.
- F 30 Remove the reporting requirement for GPS coordinates for bear bait stations in Units 1 - 5.
- F 31 Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.
- F 32 Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within second-degree of kindred.

- F 33 Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southeast Region Units.
- F 34 Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southeast Region Units.
- DA 35 Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows. *(The board deferred proposal 35 to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2016 and amended it to apply statewide.)*
- F 36 Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations for Southeast Region Units.
- F 37 Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southeast Region.
- F 38 Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southeast Region Units.

### **Statewide**

*The audio log for board deliberations on this section begins January 13, at 2:19:33, and concludes that day at 3:39:01.*

- DA 201 Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game. *(Amended with substitute language, RC 38, and deferred to the February 2015 meeting.)*

### **Miscellaneous Issues**

*The audio log for discussion of miscellaneous issues begins January 13, at 3:39:32, unless otherwise noted.*

#### **Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)**

The board accepted ACRs 1 - 4 (see RCs 11-14) for the Central/Southwest Region meeting scheduled for February 2015. The topics of the ACRs concerned black bear hunting in Unit 6D and a Controlled Use Area in Unit 6B. *The audio log for the board discussion on the ACRs 1 - 4 begins on January 11 at 0:02:37.*

The board denied an ACR (RC 35) for the Central/Southwest Region meeting concerning guide client agreement requirements for nonresident drawing permit hunts.

The board ratified their decision to accept four ACRs for the 2015 Southeast and Southcentral Region meetings. (See proposals 201-205 scheduled for the 2015 meetings.) *The audio log for this action begins at January 12, 1:00:46.*

#### **Findings & Policies**

The Board adopted a finding (RC 37) concerning permits for youth registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 1D, based upon action on proposal 19.

The Board ratified their approval for a finding concerning nonresident capture of raptors.

**Assignments**

As a follow up discussion from the January 12, 2015 Work Session, the board assigned member Dave Brown to replace Bob Mumford as the Board of Game representative serving on the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

The board reaffirmed intent to send a letter to both the National Park Service and the USF&WS on the agencies' proposed rule which conflicts with regulations adopted by the Board. Members Sager Albaugh and Turner will work together to write the letters. A draft letter to the NPS is intended to be reviewed at the February 2015 meeting while the letter to the USF&WS would not be needed until the agency publishes its proposed rules.