

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Training

Understanding and Influencing Your Fish and Game Regulatory Process



Overview

- How does it work.
- The Boards of Game and Fisheries.
- Advisory Committees.
- Getting involved.



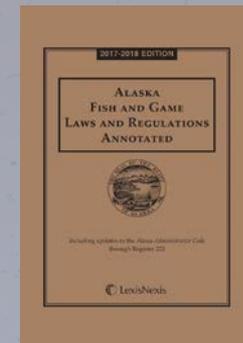


Alaska's Fish and Game Management

- No other states have law-setting entity like Alaska's.
- Two private citizen board's – for game and fish.
 - Board of Game and Board of Fisheries.
- Empowered to make laws the managing agencies (ADF&G, Public Safety) carry out.
- Intensely public process.
 - Issues conceived by public.
 - Issues vetted by public, including advisory committees.

The Order of Things in Law

- Constitution – written at statehood. Amended only with significant public interest.
- Statutes - written by legislature.
- Regulations – written by agencies to implement statutes.





Alaska Regulations

- Administrative Procedures Act (AS 44.62) – lays out how agencies adopt regulations.
- Generally done by an agency to address a situation or implement confusing statutes.
- When done by the Board of Fisheries or Game it is significantly more public in origin and effort.

Board Composition

The Board of Fisheries composed of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.

The Governor shall appoint each member on the *basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership.*

The appointed members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical location of residence.

Governor Appoints

by April 1

Legislature
Confirms

after hearings in joint
session

Board of Fisheries
Composition

7 members

Staggered 3-year terms
starting July 1

Authority:

AS 16.05.221, AS 39.05.060, AS 39.05.080, AS 39.05.100

Board authorities

⌘ What the Board of Fisheries adopts regulations for in AS 16.05.251(a) –

Controlling invasive species, disease
& predation

C&Ts and ANS

Live capture / transport

AREAS

Resident v non-resident

Promote fishing / preserve heritage

EXCLUSIVE (ETC.)
REGISTRATION

seasons

RESERVES &
REFUGES

Seasons for
youth and
elderly

Licenses & permits

Observers

UNLICENSED VESSEL REPORTING

Quotas & bag limits

Marine and intertidal aquatic plants

HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Size & sex restrictions

Methods and means

Classifying fisheries

Markings & ID

How the Board Work - In a Typical Year

Each region once every 3 years = “in-cycle”

- Call for proposals.
- Proposals deadline.
- Public/AC/staff input.
- Board meetings.
- Regulations.



How the Board Work – Out-of-Cycle

- Agenda change requests.
- Emergency petitions.
- Subsistence proposals.
- Board generated proposals.
- Federal crab fishery – Category Two measures.



Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees

Southeast (23 advisory committees)

Angoon•Craig•East Prince of Wales Island•Edna Bay•Elfin Cove•Hydaburg•Hyder•Icy Straits•Juneau-Douglas•Kake•Ketchikan•Klawock•Klukwan•Pelican•Petersburg•Port Alexander•Saxman•Sitka•Sumner Strait•Tenakee Springs•Upper Lynn Canal•Wrangell•Yakutat

Southcentral (19 advisory committees)

Anchorage•Central Peninsula•Cooper Landing•Copper Basin•Copper River/Prince William Sound•Denali•Homer•Kenai/Soldotna•Matanuska Valley•Mt. Yenlo•Paxson•Prince William Sound/Valdez•Seldovia•Seward•Susitna Valley•Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road•Tyonek•Whittier

Southwest (12 advisory committees)

Chignik•False Pass•King Cove•Kodiak•Lake Iliamna•Lower Bristol Bay•Naknek/Kvichak•Nelson Lagoon•Nushagak•Sand Point•Togiak•Unalaska/Dutch Harbor

Interior (15 advisory committees)

Central•Delta•Eagle•Fairbanks•Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk and Holy Cross (G.A.S.H.)•Koyukuk•Lake Minchumina•McGrath•Middle Nenana River•Middle Yukon River•Minto/Nenana•Ruby•Tanana/Rampart/Manly•Upper Tanana/Forty Mile•Yukon Flats

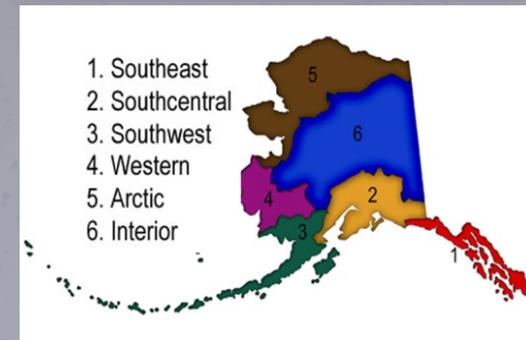
Arctic (9 advisory committees)

Kotzebue•Lower Kobuk•Noatak/Kivalina•Northern Norton Sound•Northern Seward Peninsula•North Slope•St Lawrence Island•Southern Norton Sound•Upper Kobuk

Western (7 advisory committees)

Bethel•Central Bering Sea•Central Kuskokwim•Coastal Lower Yukon•Lower Kuskokwim•Mid-Lower Yukon•Stony-Holtna

Alaska's 84 Advisory Committees



Advisory Committees

- Created in Statute.
- Travel funded by the state.
- Locally elected resident advisory group.
- Submits proposals.
- Provides recommendations on proposals and other matters of importance.
- Have *Areas of Jurisdiction* with limited regulatory authority.
- Authorize Antlerless moose hunts annually.



Advisory Committees

- Every advisory committee has a webpage.
 - Membership Information.
 - Officers.
 - Meeting Announcements.
 - Minutes & Agendas.
 - ADF&G Regional Coordinators.

The screenshot shows the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website. The main content area is titled "Anchorage Advisory Committee". It includes a description of the committee, a map of the Southcentral Region, contact information for the Regional Coordinator Sherry Wright, and a table of Advisory Committee Members. Below the table is a "Meeting Information" section with a list of meetings.

Anchorage Advisory Committee

The Anchorage AD has 15 seats. The 15 members currently reside in Anchorage, Eagle River and Chugiak. The committee holds a monthly meeting during the board cycle and utilizes subcommittees to address fish and game issues. They have strong sport and personal use fishing and hunting interests. The areas of jurisdiction for the Anchorage AC are Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19, and Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay area fisheries.

Map
View Map of Southcentral Region (image file 347 KB)

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Advisory Committee Members

Name	Title	Designated Seat	Term Expiration
Frank Neumann	Chair		06/2018
Kevin Taylor	Vice Chair		06/2018
Willow Hetrick	Secretary		06/2018
Matt Moore			06/2019
Brian Nelson			06/2017
Vacant			06/2018
Kenny Rodgers			06/2017
Donald Dino Sutherland			06/2019
Phillip Calhoun			06/2017
Neil DeWitt			06/2017
Marin Weiser			06/2018
Ernie Weiss			06/2019
Shawna Williams-Buchanan			06/2019
J R Gates			06/2019
Gerold Gugel			06/2017
Tyler Loken	Alternate		06/2017
Bryce Eckroth	Alternate		06/2017

Meeting Information
100 meetings found

Meeting

[Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee](#)
The Anchorage Fish Game Advisory Committee will hold their election meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at the Cabela's Center located at 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd at 6:30 pm. Agenda will also include discussion of BOP and Joint Board proposals, if any. a...
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Getting Involved

- Get on Board's mailing list.
- Submit a proposal(s).
- Submit comments on proposals.
- Attend Board meetings and present testimony.
- Join or attend your local fish and game advisory committee.
- Join an industry or stakeholder group.
- Apply for a board position.



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Pacific Salmon Commission

How to engage -

- Apply to become a panel member
 - Thru Boards and Commissions site at Alaska Office of the Governor
- Talk with your local panel member
- Commissioner's Panel –
 - Swanton & Auger (alt.)
- Northern Panel – 8 Alaskans (4 of which are alt.)
 - Lowell Fair (chair), Clay Bezenek, Dennis Longstreth, Tom Ohaus, .), Robert Thorstenson, Jr., John Carle (alt.), Mitchell Eide (alt), Thomas Fisher (alt), Andrew Piston (alt), Cole Wilburn (alt.)
- Technical Panel –
 - John Clark (chair), Brennon Eagle, Arnold Enge, Patrick Robbins, Russel Thomas, Vacant,

Summary

- Structured process.
- Credibility critical.
- High level of public participation.
- Public comment critical for decision making process.





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