

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, pertaining to the use and taking of game. Regulations subject to board action are in 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, and 99. The subject matter areas to be addressed concern Game Management Units 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, and 26A, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS for Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A including but not limited to: mink, wolverine, wolf, and weasel.
- B. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS for Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A including but not limited to: moose, musk ox, brown bear, caribou, Dall sheep, wolf, and wolverine.
- C. LICENSES, HARVEST TICKETS AND REPORTS, TAGS, FEES, PERMITS, AND PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES for Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A including but not limited to: guide requirements for moose hunting; permit hunts for musk ox and moose; and trophy destruction requirements for musk ox.
- D. HUNTING AND TRAPPING METHODS AND MEANS for Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A including but not limited to: unlawful methods of hunting including same day airborne taking of caribou.
- E. POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME for Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A including but not limited to: salvage of game meat, furs, and hides including the definition of edible meat for Units 23 and 26A, and orientation requirements for pilots transporting hunters or game.
- F. RESTRICTED AREAS including but not limited to: the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23.
- G. CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USES OF GAME POPULATIONS including but not limited to: the amounts necessary for subsistence uses for moose in Units 18, 19, and 21.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments to the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (907) 465-6094.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Game at any time before the proposal is taken up by the board in deliberations, but as a practical matter, written comments should be submitted to the Boards Support Section office at the above address or fax number by **5:00 pm Friday, October 30, 2009** to ensure inclusion in the board workbooks. Written comment over 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group relating to proposals will not be accepted. Written comments submitted after October 30, 2009 will be limited to 10 single sided or 5 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group. Written comments that are submitted are public record and are subject to public inspection.

The public hearing portion of the meeting will begin immediately after staff reports and continue until everyone who has signed up and is present when called has been given the opportunity to be heard. The deadline to sign up to testify will be Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 am. Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting. The board

will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

**Mini Convention Center
409 River Street, Nome, Alaska
November 13-16, 2009
Arctic and Western Regions**

A live audio stream of the Board meeting is intended to be available on the Boards Support Section website at: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>. Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Scott Crass at (907) 465-4110 no later than October 30, 2009 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact at the Boards Support Section at the above address, or at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/gameinfo/index.php>.

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence and general hunting or trapping regulations is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice the Board of Game may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR STAFF.** Pursuant to AS 44.62.200, the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the hunting and trapping regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258 including reexamining customary and traditional use findings and determinations for amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence use.


After the public hearing, the Board of Game may adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or amend, reject, supplement, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interest could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.270

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.407; AS 16.05.346; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.30.010 – .030; AS 16.05.330, and AS 16.05.783

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: October 9, 2009



Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Game


ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Game
2. General subject of regulation: Arctic and Western Region Regulations
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, 98, and 99
4. Reason for the proposed action:
 - compliance with federal law
 - compliance with new or changed state statute
 - compliance with court order
 - development of program standards
 - other: Regularly scheduled topics for the Fall 2009 Board of Game meetings. Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05– AS 16.30
5. Program category and RDU: Natural Resources and all RDUs
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: It is not possible to estimate cost. However, this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.
7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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8. The origin of the proposed action:
 - staff of state agency
 - federal government
 - general public
 - petition for regulation change
 - other (please list)

9. Date: October 9, 2009 Prepared by: _____



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