

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Interior Region Meeting**  
**Fairbanks, Alaska**  
**February 26 – March 7, 2010**

*Actions Taken*

*C = Carried; CA = Amended; F - Failed; NA= No Action; T = Tabled; D = Deferred;*

**Region III--Interior/Statewide**

- F 16 Establish earlier resident and later nonresident seasons for hunting Dall sheep in Region III.
- C 12 Exempt resident hunter brown bear tag fees in all Interior region Game Management Units.
- F 7 Begin the black bear baiting season earlier in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.
- CA 9 Allow guides and assistant guides to maintain up to 10 black bear bait stations in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 25. *(Amended to clarify that a registered guide-outfitter may register up to ten bait stations at a time and may either personally or through licensed class-A assistant or assistant guides, establish and maintain up to ten bait stations simultaneously, provided that a signed guide-client agreement is used for each hunter that uses any of the sites. Assistant guides may receive remuneration for the use of a bait station when personally accompanying a client at the bait station site.)*
- NA 8 Allow guides and assistant guides to place and maintain black bait stations on behalf of clients in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 25.
- C 11 Eliminate black bear sealing requirement in Interior Units where harvest tickets or registration permits are required.
- C 10 Allow black bear hunters in Unit 20 the option of salvaging the hide or meat or both during June 1–December 31.
- D 6 Classify black bears as furbearers and establish a trapping season in Units 12, 20, and 25 D. *(Deferred to the Fall 2010 Board Meeting. Note – the board removed the language regarding the classification of black bears as furbearers because this action was already taken at the Statewide meeting.)*
- F 5 Eliminate customary and traditional black bear hunting practices on National Park Service Lands in Units 19D and 24.
- CA 131 Modify regulations 5AAC 92.110 and 5AAC 92.115 to more appropriately facilitate cooperative wildlife management on federal lands. *(Amended to remove sections 92.110(j) and 92.115(h).)*
- C 1 Shorten the spring beaver trapping season in 20D and remainder of 20B.
- CA 4 Establish a “no closed” hunting season for coyote in Unit 20. *(Amended to set season dates to 8/10-5/25 with no bag limit.)*

- C 2 Shorten the trapping season for lynx in Units 20 and 25C. (*The board action on proposal 17 supersedes this proposal.*)
- F 3 Require 72 hour trap check in all Region III Units.
- F 82 Open a resident registration hunt for 3/4-curl or smaller Dall sheep in 19C.
- F 78 Eliminate the nonresident closed area for moose and caribou Unit 19A.
- C 79 Change permit and general hunt areas and season dates for moose in 19D.
- CA 81 Lengthen the moose season for nonresidents in 21E. (*Amended to adopt Option 1 - one bull with 50 inch anglers or antler with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side; by permit; 9/5-9/25.*)
- F 80 Lengthen the moose season for nonresidents in Unit 21A.
- C 83 Eliminate the early reporting requirement for wolves harvested in 19D.
- CA 84 Establish a predation control implementation plan in 21E. (*Amended to provide clarification in the plan including: The Department has authority to adjust the size and shape of the MMA; the area is currently below the IM harvest objective; 21E is identified as the relevant wolf population; wolf reductions are temporary and will be suspended when moose population objectives are met; wolves will remain in Unit 21E in sufficient numbers to assure long term harvest is sustained; current harvest by hunting and trapping is well below the harvestable surplus; no predator control would take place until findings are made by Board.*)
- NA 85 Establish a predation control implementation plan in 21E.
- NA 86 Establish a predation control implementation plan in 21E.

**GMU 25A, 25B, 25D, 26B, 26C — NE Alaska Area**

- F 106 Modify the salvage requirement for moose in Unit 25.
- F 107 Open a moose season by registration permit in Unit 26C.
- NA 105 Develop a management plan for the Central Arctic Herd in Units 26B and 26C.
- CA 104 Increase the bag limit for caribou in Unit 26B. (*Amended to extend the season in most of Unit 26B to June 30; residents and nonresidents may not take cows May 16-June 30.*)
- NA 102 Modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou in Unit 26B, remainder.
- NA 103 Modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou in Unit 26B, remainder.
- F 101 Modify the caribou bag limit in Unit 26B, Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.
- CA 99 Shorten the nonresident season and reduce the bag limit for Porcupine Caribou Herd in Units 25A, B, D, and 26C. (*Amended to extend the season in Unit 25A remainder to June 30; residents and nonresidents may not take cows May 16-June 30.*)
- NA 100 Change the resident season and bag limit for caribou in portion of Unit 25A.
- F 95 Reduce the bag limit for beaver trapping in Units 25A, 25B, and 25D.
- C 96 Extend the ending date of the mink and weasel trapping season in 26B and C.

D 98 Allow the harvest of any black bear in Unit 25D. *(Fall 2010 Board Meeting.)*

D 97 Allow black bear snaring in Unit 25D. *(Fall 2010 Board Meeting.)*

### **GMU 21B, 21C, 21D, 24A, 24B, 24C, 24D — Galena Area**

F 88 Eliminate the drawing hunts on the Upper Nowitna River above the Susulatna River.

C 93 Establishes an Intensive Management positive finding for moose and establishes population and harvest objectives in Unit 21B.

C 92 Clarifies proxy hunting restrictions for Units 21B, 21C, 21D and 24.

CA 89 Change the location description of the Koyukuk River hunter check station and clarify salvage requirements of the registration permit hunt conditions. *(Amended to eliminate the proposed requirement to leave head and neck meat on the bone; only forequarters, hind quarters and rib meat required to remain on bone.)*

F 87 Modify the aircraft restrictions for the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area.

CA 94 Modify the boundary of Kanuti Controlled Use Area. *(Amended to allow the transport of processed meat into all Controlled Use Areas within the Interior Region.)*

CA 90 Open an April moose hunt in the Kanuti Controlled Use Area for Unit 24B. *(Amended to provide an antlered bull subsistence hunt season for December 15 – April 15 for up to four years.)*

F 91 Open an April moose hunt in the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area for Units 24C and 24D.

CA 130 Expand the fall black bear baiting season to the remainder of Unit 21D and lengthen the season dates to August 1 to October 15. *(Amended to include all of Unit 21D and all lands within Koyukuk Controlled Use Area which also includes 21C and 24C.)*

F 129 Establish brown bear baiting seasons in Unit 21D.

### **GMU 20D - Delta Junction Area**

C 74 Modify the bison season dates for residents and nonresidents.

F 75 Allow the taking of Delta bison the same day airborne.

CA 76 Allow radio communications to locate bison in Unit 20D. *(Amended to prohibit air-to-ground communication.)*

C 77 Make specific radio collared bison illegal to shoot in the Delta Bison Herd.

C 73 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 20D.

## **GMU 12, 20E — Tok Area**

- F 22 Extend the moose season on private lands in Unit 12.
- C 18 Establish a joint federal–state drawing permit hunt for the Chisana caribou herd.
- CA 14 Modify Fortymile Caribou Herd fall hunt (RC860) season dates, bag limit, and hunt conditions for the Fortymile Caribou Herd in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, and 25C. (*Amended to add the portion of Unit 25C to the existing C&T finding for the Fortymile Caribou Herd.*)
- NA 13 Modify seasons and bag limits, and apply motorized restrictions for the Fortymile Caribou Herd in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, and 25C.
- F 19 Establish a fall caribou registration hunt for youth, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in Unit 20E.
- NA 21 Modify Fortymile Caribou Registration Hunt in Unit 20E.
- F 15 Reduce the Fortymile Caribou Herd population objective to 45,000 to 75,000 caribou.
- F 20 Increase the harvest quota for caribou in Unit 20E.
- F 24 Eliminate nonresident hunting for moose and caribou within the Upper Yukon–Tanana Predator Control Area.
- NA 23 Reduce the number of Tok Management Area Dall sheep drawing permits from 100 to 80.
- CA 25 Change the description of the Ladue Controlled Use Area in Unit 20E. (*Amended to set the season dates for the CUA to 8/24 – 9/20.*)
- CA 17 Change the season dates for trapping lynx in Units 12 and 20E. (*Amended to set the lynx trapping season in Units 20, 12, and 25C to November 1-March 15. This decision supersedes action on Proposal 2.*)

## **GMU 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F, 25C—Fairbanks Area**

- C 40 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 20A.
- F 33 Allow take of moose calves and cows accompanied by calves in antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20.
- F 32 Modify the antler restriction for moose in Unit 20A.
- F 34 Add a registration hunt for bull moose when bull:cow ratios exceed management objectives.
- F 35 Modify the antler restrictions in Unit 20A.
- NA 38 Modify the moose antler restrictions for Unit 20A “any bull” drawing hunts.
- CA 39 Close the muzzleloader hunt in Unit 20A; open a muzzleloader hunt in Unit 20B. (*Amended to eliminate the proposed muzzleloader hunt for Unit 20B.*)
- NA 37 Change the muzzleloader moose season and antler restrictions for Unit 20A.
- NA 36 Require nonresident moose hunters in Unit 20A to hunt with a guide or resident relative of second degree kindred.

- NA 69 Modify the motorized vehicle restriction for the Wood River CUA in Unit 20A.
- F 70 Allow the use of motorized vehicles for permit winners in the Wood River controlled Use Area for Unit 20A.
- F 68 Established a Controlled Use Area for ATV's in Unit 20A.
- C 42 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 20B.
- NA 44 Eliminate the antlerless moose drawing hunts near Manley Hot Springs in 20B.
- D 46 Establish a community harvest permit moose hunt for the Village of Minto. (*Spring 2011 Board Meeting.*)
- F 41 Lengthen the FMA muzzleloader season to October 1–November 30.
- NA 47 Modify the muzzleloader hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 20B.
- NA 54 Open a muzzleloader season for antlerless moose in the Fairbanks Management Area.
- CA 48 Open a muzzleloader permit hunt in Unit 20B. (*Amended to define the area; provide up to 60 permits; and allow the taking of bulls and cows without calves.*)
- CA 49 Establish an archery permit hunt for moose in Unit 20B. (*Amended to change the boundary; provide up to 100 permits, and establish a muzzleloader hunt.*)
- F 43 Allocate a number of antlerless moose permits for a youth hunt in Unit 20B
- F 45 Restrict the use of wheeled or tracked vehicles for hunting moose in Minto Flats Management Area.
- F 71 Designate Creamers Migratory Waterfowl Refuge as a youth hunting and trapping area in Unit 20B.
- F 50 Modify the moose season dates to start Sept. 5 in Unit 20C.
- NA 51 Shift the moose season to Sept. 6-25 in Unit 20C.
- F 52 Expand the moose season by 10 days in Unit 20C.
- C 53 Remove the prohibition against shooting white moose in Unit 20C.
- F 65 Prohibit the taking of wolf in a portion of Unit 20C.
- NA 55 Expand the boundaries of the Stampede Closed Area in Units in 20A and 20C.
- NA 56 Eliminate the Stampede and Nenana Canyon Closed Area in Units 20A and 20C.
- NA 57 Eliminate the Nenana Canyon Closed Area in Units 20A and 20C.
- NA 58 Expand the boundaries of the Stampede and Nenana Canyon Closed Areas in Units in 20A and 20C.
- NA 59 Expand the Nenana Canyon closed area in Units 20A and 20C.
- NA 60 Expand the Stampede Trail closed area in Unit 20C.
- NA 61 Eliminate the Stampede Closed Area for Unit 20C.
- C 63 Eliminate the Stampede and Nenana Canyon Closed Area in Unit 20A and 20C. (*The board set a six year moratorium on accepting proposals for taking wolves in the wolf buffer zone area.*)
- NA 64 Eliminate the Stampede and Nenana Canyon Closed Areas in Unit 20A and 20C.

- CA 31 Expand the brown bear season dates for Units 20C and 20A. (*Amended to set the season for Unit 20A to September 1-May 31 and August 10-June 30 for Unit 20C:*)
- NA 27 Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 20A.
- F 28 Allow the taking of brown bear over bait in Units 20A, 20B and 20C.
- NA 29 Allow the taking of brown bear over bait and extend the hunting season in Unit 20C.
- NA 30 Allow the taking of brown bear over bait and extend the hunting season in Unit 20C.
- F 62 Establish a wolf predation control area implementation plan for Unit 20C.
- NA 66 Establish an intensive management area in Unit 20C.
- NA 67 Establish a bear predation control area implementation plan for Unit 20C.
- F 26 Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 20B.
- F 72 Restrict the use of traps near certain recreational and residential areas in Unit 20C.

### **Region I--Southeast**

- C 108 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Berner's Bay portion of Unit 1C.
- C 109 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Gustavus portion of Unit 1C.
- C 110 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench.

### **Region V--Arctic**

- C 128 Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions in Region V.
- C 127 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in 22C and 22D.
- C 125 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 23.
- C 126 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 26A.

### **Region II—Southcentral**

- C 111 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 6A.
- C 112 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 6B.
- C 113 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 6C.
- C 114 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 14A.
- C 115 Reauthorize antlerless moose season in Placer River drainage; Unit 7 and 14C.

- C 116 Reauthorize antlerless moose hunt in the Fort Richardson MA in Unit 14C.
- C 117 Reauthorize antlerless moose hunt in the Anchorage MA in Unit 14C.
- C 118 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Birchwood MA; remainder of 14C.
- C 119 Reauthorize the antlerless season on Elmendorf Air Force Base in Unit 14C.
- C 120 Reauthorize the antlerless portion of the drawing permit in the upper Ship Creek drainage.
- C 121 Reauthorize antlerless moose season in portion of 15A, the Skilak Loop MA.
- C 122 Reauthorize antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
- C 123 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
- C 124 Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions in Region II.
- C 134 Modify the population objectives for the Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd in Unit 9C and 9E. *(Amended to set the harvest objective at 600-1500.)*
- CA 133 Establish a predation control plan for Units 9C and 9E. *(Amended with substitute language to make technical corrections, refine the predator management area, and add privately owned aircraft to the tools authorized for taking wolves. The board added language to allow the use of ground based methods.)*
- CA 132 Establish a predator control area for Unit 10, Unimak Island. *(Amended to allow the use of ground based methods and to allow transplant of bull caribou from the Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd.)*

## **Other Board Actions**

### Customary & Traditional Use Determinations

The Board determined a positive finding for black bear for Units 12 and 20. The Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) was set at 40-60 black bear for Unit 12; and 20-30 black bear for Unit 20.

The Board determined a positive finding for Dall sheep in Unit 19; the ANS set was set at 1-5 sheep.

### Board Schedule & Cycle

The Board of Game approved an annual, single call for proposals with a spring deadline. The board offered to review the proposed three year cycle at the Fall 2010 meeting after receiving more advisory committee input.

The Board changed the Spring 2011 meeting dates to 3/18 – 3/29, 2011 for the Southcentral regional meeting in Anchorage.

### Agenda Change Request

The board approved an Agenda Change Request from the Department of Fish and Game for the Fall 2010 meeting. The topic concerns various black and brown bear regulations including methods and means, and trapping season dates for black bears for Units 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24 & 25.

### Letters

The board approved letters of support for the following topics:

- 1) House Bill 267, Act relating to travel by snow machine within five miles of the right-of-way of the James Dalton Highway.
- 2) House Bill 249, an Act relating to regulations adopted by the Big Game Commercial Services Board and to the definition of 'transportation services' in relation to big game hunting.
- 3) Appointment of Wayne Heimer to the Wildlife Hunting Heritage Conservation Council.