

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

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Game, under the authority of Title 16, Alaska Statutes, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code which implement, interpret or make specific the provisions of Title 16.

The Board of Game may adopt, amend, repeal, or take no action on the subject matters listed below. Regulations to be the subject of board action concern the use or taking of game and include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. **HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**, including: Statewide seasons for ALL big game; taking small game with the use of falconry; brown bear hunting in Units 7 and 15; statewide bag limit for black bear; statewide hunting and trapping seasons by nonresidents; and statewide seasons for youth hunts.
- B. **METHODS AND MEANS FOR TAKING BIG GAME, GAME, FUR ANIMALS, AND FURBEARERS**, including: Lawful methods of taking big game and game including with the use of archery and crossbow equipment, compound bows, lighted nocks, broadheads, and artificial or enhanced light equipment; requiring special tags for type of take, rifle or archery; prohibiting the use of electronics, artificial light; certain pack animals, felt soled wading boots, and animal urine; providing archery hunts for disabled individuals; and same day airborne taking of big game and game. Also under this category, lawful methods of taking furbearers and fur animals including: prohibiting the take of furbearers and fur animals with firearms, the taking of black bears with traps or snares and artificial light; requirements for trapping tags, identification, and checking traps; incidental taking of animals with traps; taking small game through falconry; and use of snares in Unit 1.
- C. **POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME** including: Subsistence bartering; sale of big game trophies; prohibiting the sale of bear parts; record requirements for taxidermists and authorizing the inspection of those records; restrictions to bag limits including wounded game and taking cub bears and female bears with cubs; evidence of sex and identity including requirements for external sex organs to remain attached on certain big game animals; transfer of possession including inspection by federal agents; and salvage and sealing requirements for taking black bear.
- D. **PERMITS, PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS, AND PROCEDURES**, including: All discretionary hunting permit conditions and procedures including requirements for trophy destruction, coordinates of kill locations, antler locking tags, setting seasons, bag limits, methods, and means for recipients of Governor's tags; discretionary trapping permit conditions associated with incidental take; permits to take game for cultural purposes; permits for scientific, educational, propagative, or public safety purposes; permits for falconry including changes to the ADF&G Falconry Manual and the capture of raptors by nonresidents; permits for public safety purposes; permits to take beavers; restrictions on the number of permit applications and the number allowed to be issued to each person, the allocation of permits for residents and nonresidents; exceptions for deferring permits; and establishing a bonus point drawing permit system. Also under this category, permits for taking black bear with the use of bait or scent lures including the number of bait sites maintained by guides and assistant guides; baiting permit dates; prohibiting baiting on National Park Service lands; using scent while floating; requirements for accompanying hunters at bait sites; same-day-airborne taking of black bear; bait site identification; archery certification; and guide client agreements.

- E. PREDATOR CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS including: Eliminating predator control permits for black bear baiting; responsibilities and authorities of the Department of Fish and Game; nonresident hunting seasons in intensive management areas; and predator control implementation plans for Units 26, 7, 15, and 19.
- F. REGULATORY DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS including: Definitions for wounded game and certain archery/crossbow equipment; agenda change request policy; harvest tickets and reports for black bear, and general application of the statewide regulations chapter.
- G. CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USES OF GAME POPULATIONS including but not limited to: Amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for furbearers and fur animals.

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, December 30, 2011** 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 December 30, 2011 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. However, state advisory committee representatives may elect to provide testimony at a later portion of the meeting. The deadline to sign up to testify will be announced at 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.

Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. A live audio stream of the board meeting is intended to be available and can be accessed on the Board of Game website at: [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov) .

### **Tentative Meeting Schedule**

**Statewide Regulations, Cycle B Schedule  
Anchorage Hilton Hotel  
500 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska  
January 13-18, 2012**

An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting. 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 December 30, 2011 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

The proposed regulation changes are available on the Board of Game website at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov); or through the ADF&G Boards Support Section Office at (907) 465-4110.

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.

9. Date: December 8, 2011

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**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION**  
**(AS 44.62.190(d))**

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Game
2. General subject of regulation: Statewide 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 Statewide regulations Board of Game meeting and other miscellaneous provisions. 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:

Name: Kristy Tibbles  
Title: Executive Director, Board Game  
Address: Boards Support Section  
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526  
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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)

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