

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Arctic/Western Meeting**  
**Kotzebue, Alaska**  
**January 10 – 13, 2014**

*Final Actions Taken*

C = Carried; CA = Carried as amended; F = failed; D = Deferred; NA = No Action

**Bethel Area-Unit 18**

- NA 1 Modify the Lower Yukon Area for moose hunting in Unit 18. (*The board took no action due to the action taken on proposal 3.*)
- NA 2 Modify the Lower Yukon Area for moose hunting in Unit 18, extend the resident season and liberalize the bag limit. (*The board took no action due to the action taken on proposal 3.*)
- CA 3 Modify the season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18 Remainder and Lower Yukon Area. (*Amended with substitute language, RC 17, which combined the Lower Yukon hunt Area with the Unit 18 Remainder, and modified the seasons and liberalized bag limits for residents as:*  
*August 1 - September 30, two moose, one of which may be antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf*  
*October 1 – November 30, two antlerless moose*  
*December 1 – March 15, two moose*  
*Non-resident season and bag limits remained the same:*  
*September 1 – September 30; one antlered bull*)
- NA 4 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18. (*The board took no action due to the action taken on proposal 3.*)
- NA 5 Open a subsistence musk ox hunt in Units 18 and 19. (*The board took no action due to the consideration of separate motions for positive C&T finding for musk ox in Unit 18, Nelson Island, and Nunivak Island; the motions failed.*)
- C 6 Remove the upper limit of Nelson Island musk ox registration permits issued for the winter season, and retain the requirement that permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- F 7 Shift the wolverine hunting season dates in Unit 18.
- F 8 Lengthen the lynx hunting season in Unit 18.
- F 9 Extend the lynx hunting season in Unit 18.
- D 10 Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21. (*The board*

*deferred proposal 10 to the Statewide Regulations Meeting scheduled for March 2014.)*

- F 11 Prohibit the use of .22 caliber ammunition for taking big game animals, excluding wolves and wolverines.
- F 12 Change the salvage requirement for wildfowl in Unit 18.

**Nome Area – Unit 22**

- CA 13 Change the winter moose season in Unit 22E from January to March. *(The board amended the proposal to extend the season dates to January 1 – March 15 and retained the bag limit of one antlered bull.)*
- C 14 Establish an antlered bull season in Unit 22A Unalakleet River drainage.
- C 15 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 22C and the remainder of Unit 22D.
- CA 16 Modify the season and the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22. *(The board amended the proposal to include only the change in bag limit for one brown bear every regulatory year for both residents and nonresidents.)*
- F 17 Extend the brown bear season in Unit 22A.
- C 18 Extend the wolf hunting season in Unit 22.
- F 19 Extend the wolverine hunting season in Unit 22.

**Barrow Area – Unit 26A**

- CA 20 Extend the bull moose season in Unit 26A. *(The board amended the proposal to align the CUA dates with the proposed hunting dates of August 1 – September 30.)*
- CA 21 Allow moose hunting in the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area, modify the bag limit, and change the moose permit allocation for non-residents. *(The board amended the proposal to remove all language; in addition the board removed from regulation the “up to” language for nonresident permit allocation.)*
- C 22 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.
- NA 23 Review the customary and traditional (C&T) use worksheet for the

Teshkepkuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence. *(The board took no action due to adoption of separate motions for a positive C&T use finding and an ANS (amount reasonably necessary for subsistence) to be included with the ANS of 8,000 – 12,000 already established for the Western Arctic caribou herd.)*

- C 24 Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 26A to a no closed season and no bag limit.

### **Kotzebue Area - Unit 23**

- CA 25 Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage. *(The board amended the proposal to modify the established C&T finding to align with the hunt area in the proposal.)*
- C 26 Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
- CA 27 Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service. *(The board amended the proposal to adopt a nonresident registration hunt, and remove the original language.)*
- C 28 Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit.
- F 29 Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.

### **Regional and Multiple Units**

- F 30 Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.
- F 31 Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V.
- F 32 Create a bowhunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.
- NA 33 Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V.
- NA 34 Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Unit 26.
- F 35 Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.
- NA 36 Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.
- NA 37 Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.

C 38 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemption for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

### **Miscellaneous Actions**

The board considered, but did not adopt positive findings for customary and traditional (C&T) uses of musk ox for Unit 18, Nelson Island, and Nunivak Island.

The board considered, but took no action on a finding for customary and traditional use for grouse in Unit 18.

The board adopted findings (RC 30) directly AD&G to discretionary authority to issue Unit 23 nonresident registration brown bear permits in Kotzebue only.

The board adopted a positive C&T finding for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd, and modified the ANS (amount reasonably necessary for subsistence) for the Western Arctic caribou herd (8,000 - 12,000) to include the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd.

The board scheduled two board generated proposals for the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2014 concerning the topics of:

- Musk ox hunting on Nelson Island, and
- The use of snow machines to track and pursue wolves and wolverine.

The board considered two emergency petitions concerning: 1) musk ox hunting permits for Nelson Island, and 2) moose hunting in Unit 17C. The board found that neither petition met the emergency criteria as defined in the Joint Board Petition Policy, 5 AAC 96.625.