

**AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST FORM
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**

The Board of Game (board) will accept requests to change its schedule under certain guidelines set forth in 5 AAC 92.005. The board will accept these agenda change requests (ACRs) only:

- 1) for a conservation purpose or reason; or
- 2) to correct an error in regulation; or
- 3) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

The board will not accept an ACR that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new compelling information, as determined by the board [5 AAC 92.005 (a) (2)].

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.

1) CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD. If possible, enter the series of letters and numbers that identify the regulation to be changed. If it will be a new section, enter "5 AAC NEW."

Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC: 5 AAC 85.056; 5 AAC 85.060; 5 AAC 92.080 (7) (C) (iv); 5 AAC 92.044 (b) (1) and 5 AAC 92.250 (1)

2) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. Address only one issue. State the problem clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing issues.

Over a number of years the Board of Game has authorized several regulations that are intended to or may result in increased take of predator species to benefit prey species in GMUs which include National Park Service (NPS) Preserve lands. Prior to adoption of the majority of these regulations, the NPS commented in writing that the changes should be rejected and/or asked that NPS lands be excluded from the proposed regulatory change. We respectfully ask the Board of Game to reconsider four fundamentally similar types of liberalized regulations in GMUs where the NPS Preserve lands are located:

- (1.) Allowance to take wolf during the period of May 1-August 9 in GMU 9, 12, 19, 20, 24 and 25.
- (2.) Allowance to take coyote during the period of May 1- August 9 in GMU 9, 11, 13, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 26.
- (3.) Allowance to use artificial light to take black bear under customary and traditional use activities at den sites Oct. 15 - Apr. 30 and the allowance to take cubs and sows accompanied by cubs under customary and traditional use activities at den sites Oct. 15- Apr. 30 in GMU 19 and 24.
- (4.) Allowance to take brown/grizzly bears at a black bear bait station in GMU 12, 16 and 20.

Collectively these affect the Alagnak Wild River, Aniakchak, Katmai, Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Lake Clark, Wrangel-St.Ellas and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserves.

3) WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Or, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new or amended regulation say?

Each regulation would need to be minorly recrafted so the allowance does not affect NPS lands. NPS staff would be available to work with ADF&G staff to work out the specific details. In some instances, adding the term "excluding NPS lands" might be sufficient.

4) **STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.** If one or more of the three criteria set forth above is not applicable, state that it is not.

a) for a conservation purpose or reason:

Just as the State of Alaska works to provide hunting opportunity consistent with conservation mandates and other state laws so does the National Park Service. We recognize that State and Federal mandates do not perfectly align, that we have overlapping responsibilities and that we serve one public. Thus the NPS continues to favor a State regulatory solution using the Board of Game process. We believe this approach serves the public in the best possible way.

b) to correct an error in regulation:

Not applicable

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:

It is possible that some members of the Board, as now constituted, may not be fully familiar with differing federal mandates and the resulting effect of State and NPS regulations differentially informing hunters about what is allowed and what is not on NPS Preserves. These State regulatory actions triggered NPS actions; specifically on NPS Preserves in all the listed areas. The current situation is that the State hunting book informs the public with one set of rules and the NPS informs the public with a different set - which supercede State regulations on NPS lands. This creates unnecessary confusion for hunters. The result increases the likelihood of hunters acting illegally on NPS lands; thus the hunter may suffer the legal consequences.

5) **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?**

The National Park Service will continue to restrict specific activities on NPS lands. Hunters will continue to shoulder the burden of conflicting rules and the increased need to consult with both State and NPS regulations before hunting on NPS Preserve lands to ensure their compliance with all applicable requirements.

6) STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

This ACR request focuses on applicability of specific practices on NPS managed lands. There will be no change in allocation if this ACR is acted upon in the affirmative.

7) IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

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8) STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. (e.g., hunter, guide, subsistence user, trapper, etc.)

The National Park Service manages approximately 52 million acres in Alaska in a manner consistent with mandates from the U. S. Congress. We seek to carry out this mission in a cooperative manner with the State of Alaska.

9) STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

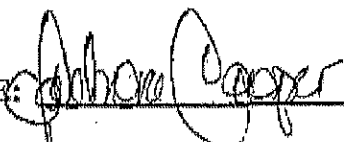
The subject of this ACR has been considered in numerous Board of Game meetings between 2010 and the present.

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