

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: Emergency subsistence hunts and musk ox in Unit 18.

- B. METHODS AND MEANS AND HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS including:
Hunter education and orientation requirements including certification for bowhunters taking big game and bears over bait, and unlawful methods for taking game and fur animals including with the use of motorized vehicles.

- C. POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME including: feeding game, possession of game, and salvage requirements for wild fowl, game meat, hides, and furs.

- D. LICENSES, HARVEST TICKETS, HARVEST REPORTS, TAGS, FEES, AND PERMITS including: Locking tag requirements for attachment to the animal; guide requirements for migratory bird hunting; inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits; permits for exporting raw skins; drawing permits for group/party hunts; special provisions for certain drawing hunts including guide-client contract requirements; permits for taking big game for certain religious and cultural ceremonies; restrictions to hunting bear with the use of bait or scent lures; permits to capture raptors; permits for possessing live game including finch and hamster species; prohibiting the transport, harbor or release of rodents; and prohibiting the possession of wolf and wild cat hybrids.

- E. INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT AND PREDATOR CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS including: Special provisions for predator control plans including reporting requirements and permits for selling hides and skulls.

- F. GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS: Description of Game Management Units including units 18 19, and 21.

- G. REGULATORY DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS including: “general hunts”, “subsistence hunts”, “subsistence uses”, “edible meat”, “hindquarter”, “trophy”, “possession hunt”, “processed for human consumption”, and “salvage”, “transporter”, “guides”, “brow palm”, and “bait”, “broken”, “full curl ram”, “bag limit”, “mortally wounded”, “harass”, and the removal of black bear from the “furbearer” definition, antlerless moose reauthorization requirements, and definitions relation to “barter” and “noncommercial”.

The proposed regulation changes and other meeting information including maps showing boundary changes for Units 18, 19, and 21, are available on the Board of Game website at

www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo or through the ADF&G Boards Support Section Office at (907) 465-4110.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments limited to no more than 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages to the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, or by fax to (907) 465-6094, or electronic submission at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2014 to be included in the board workbook.

Unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting in a published notice, written public comments over 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group related to proposals at any one meeting will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single sided or 5 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group will be accepted after the two-week deadline, but will not be inserted in the board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting.

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 the two-week comment deadline to ensure inclusion in the board workbooks. During the meeting, written comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery if 20 copies are provided. Written comments that are submitted are public record and are subject to public inspection.

The public hearing portion of the meeting will begin 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 meetings.

Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at the meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less. Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments if they wish to have their views considered by the board.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Statewide Regulations Meeting, Cycle A Schedule
March 14-18, 2014
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center
600 West 7th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

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. Please carefully review the **PROPOSAL INDEX** available for the meeting for

all specific proposal issues to be addressed by the board. Copies of the proposal index are in the proposal book and available on-line at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo.

A live audio stream of the board meeting is intended to be available at each meeting and can be accessed on the Board of Game website at: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov .

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 ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Robert Pearson at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05, AS 16.30.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.405; AS 16.05.407; AS 16.05.346; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.30.010 – .030; AS 16.05.330; AS 16.05.780; and AS 16.05.783.

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

DATE: February 5, 2014



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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: Hunting and trapping regulations for Arctic, Western, and Interior Regions.
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
 - (X) other: Regularly scheduled topics for the Statewide Regulations, Cycle schedule 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:

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

9. Date: February 5, 2014

Prepared by: 

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