

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Statewide Regulations Meeting**  
**November 10–17, 2017 | Anchorage, Alaska**  
**The Lakefront Anchorage, Redington Ballroom**

**Preliminary Actions Taken**

(C = Carried; F = Failed; CA = Carried as amended; NA = No Action; T = Tabled; D = Deferred)

*Note: the board can reconsider proposals throughout the meeting and may change the action.*

**Definitions**

- F 1. Modify the definition of bag limit.
- F 2. Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters.
- F 3. Modify the definition of regulatory year.
- CA 4. Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds. *The board amended the proposal to remove the salvage requirement for heart and gizzards, and clarified the meat of the wings is to be salvaged excluding the metacarpus (the tip section of the wing).*
- C 5. Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine.

**Unlawful Methods**

- F 6. Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
- F 7. Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide. *To a time certain.*
- NA 8. Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license. *The board does not have authority to adopt the requested change.*
- F 9. Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes.
- NA 10. Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game. *The board took no action due to their discussion on proposals 11 and 12.*
- CA 11. Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting. *The board amended the proposal to adopt only the last sentence that reads “this prohibition does not intent to prohibit any flight maneuvers that are necessary to make an informed and safe landing in the field.”*

- F 12. Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting.
- CA 13. Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game. *The amended the proposal with substitute language (RC 92).*
- F 16. Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons.
- C 17. Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game.
- F 164. Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.
- F 14. Prohibit the taking of bears in dens.
- NA 15. Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs. *The board took no action due to their action and discussion on proposal 14.*

### **Cultural & Subsistence Uses**

- C 53. Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
- F 54. Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- F 55. Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- D 56. Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions. *The board deferred the proposal to the February 2018 meeting.*
- D 57. Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts. *The board deferred the proposal to the February 2018 meeting.*
- D 58. Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts. *The board deferred the proposal to the February 2018 meeting.*
- D 59. Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts. *The board deferred the proposal to the February 2018 meeting.*

## **Falconry**

- C 18. Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors.
- F 19. Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors.
- F 20. Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years.
- CA 21. Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips. *The board amended the proposal to require microchips for all raptors exported from the state permanently.*
- F 22. Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents.
- C 23. Update the falconry manual.

## **Hunting Permits & Harvest Tickets**

- CA 24. Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- F 25. Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- F 26. Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit.
- C 27. Modify the required permit hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits.
- NA 28. Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy. *The board took no action due to intentions to address the policy under miscellaneous business at the end of the meeting.*
- NA 29. Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred. *The board took no action because the request was adopted by the board in February 2017.*
- F 30. Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit.
- F 31. Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- F 32. Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts.
- F 33. Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation.
- D 34. In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation. *The board deferred the proposal to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2019.*

- F 35. Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents.
- F 36. Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap.
- F 37. Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit.
- F 38. Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents.
- F 39. Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents.
- F 40. Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually.
- NA 64. Eliminate domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat.
- F 41. Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- F 42. Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts.
- C 43. Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting.
- F 44. Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions.

### **Possession & Transportation**

- F 45. Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts.
- F 46. Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters.
- F 47. Modify the transfer of possession regulations.
- F 48. Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements.
- CA 49. Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold. *The board amended the proposal to also include permanent marks on hide and skull; reporting of sales; and inclusion of permit numbers on advertisements for sale.*

## **Intensive Management & Predation Control Areas**

- NA 50. Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas. *The board took no action because it does not have authority to adopt the requested change.*
- NA 51. Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management. *The board took no action because the proposal requested an administrative change.*
- F 52. Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met.

## **Hunter Education**

- F 60. Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course.

## **Permits for Possessing Live Game**

- F 61. Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit.
- F 62. Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild.
- NA 63. Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild. *The board took no action due to their action on 62 and their discussion on both proposals.*

## **Miscellaneous Topics**

- F 65. Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits.
- C 66. Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy.
- CA 67. To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements. *The board amended the proposal with substitute language (RC 91 as amended to defer sections 67B and 67C to the February 2018 board meeting.*
- NA 68. Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order. *The board took no action because the authority already exists.*
- F 69. For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose.