

**Alaska Board of Game
Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting
Mini Convention Center, Nome, Alaska
January 17-20, 2020**

Preliminary Actions Taken

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

Regionwide & Multiple Units

- F **Proposal 1:** Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met.
- F **Proposal 2:** Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region.
- C **Proposal 3:** Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- CA **Proposal 15:** Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit.* *The board reconsidered the proposal on 1/20/20 and amended it with substitute language in RC 22.*
- C **Proposal 43:** Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22 and modify the season and bag limit.*

**The board adopted a positive finding for customary and traditional uses for Alaska hares in Units 18, 22, and 23, and a positive finding for Snowshoe hares in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.*

Statewide

- CA **Proposal 169:** Clarify that big game tags be paid for and issued prior to hunters taking big game that require tags. *The board amended proposal 169 with substitute language in RC 14.*

Proposal 169 is not located in the proposal book. It is available on the meeting information website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-17-2020&meeting=nome

Bethel Area Proposals – Unit 18

- C **Proposal 4:** Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island.

- C **Proposal 5:** Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island.
- CA **Proposal 6:** Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18. *The board amended the proposal to apply to all of Unit 18.*
- CA **Proposal 7:** Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18. *The board amended the proposal to open the season 9/1 and close 10/15 and allow the take of any bull excluding calves.*
- C **Proposal 8:** Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder.
- CA **Proposal 9:** Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18. *The board amended the proposal with substitute language, RC 15, and to allow the take of any bull excluding calves.*
- C **Proposal 10:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18. *The board and department clarified the “up to” wording is not correct and will be excluded.*
- F **Proposal 11:** Establish a minimum caliber rifle to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18.
- NA **Proposal 12:** Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 11.*
- F **Proposal 13:** Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18.
- C **Proposal 14:** Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
- C **Proposal 16:** Extend the hunting season dates for brown bear in Unit 18.
- C **Proposal 17:** Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18.*
- F **Proposal 18:** Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18.

**The board adopted a positive finding for customary and traditional uses for black bear in Unit 18.*

Kotzebue Area Proposals – Unit 23

- C **Proposal 20:** Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23.
- NA **Proposal 19:** Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 20.*
- F **Proposal 21:** Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 23.

- F **Proposal 22:** Extend the season for taking cow caribou in Unit 23 Remainder.
- F **Proposal 23:** Restrict the use of snowmachines for taking caribou in Unit 23.
- CA **Proposal 24:** Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23. *The board amended the proposal to apply it to Units 22 and 26A.*
- NA **Proposal 25:** Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23. *The took no action due to action on proposal 24.*

Utqiagvik Area Proposals – Unit 26A

- C **Proposal 26:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A.
- F **Proposal 27:** Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26.
- F **Proposal 28:** Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907, Units 23 and 26A, and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope resident hunters.
- C **Proposal 29:** Increase the resident bag limit for brown bears in Unit 26A.

Nome Area Proposals – Unit 22

- D **Proposal 31:** Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D. *The board deferred the proposal to the Interior & Easter Arctic Region meeting scheduled for March 2020.*
- D **Proposal 30:** Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2021.*
- F **Proposal 32:** Allow caribou to be taken east of and including the Nuluk River drainage in Unit 22E.
- C **Proposal 33:** Modify hunting seasons and require a registration permit for moose hunting in Unit 22D Remainder.
- F **Proposal 34:** Open a nonresident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 22D Remainder.
- CA **Proposal 35:** Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting with an option to require a registration permit for the Unit 22D Remainder hunt. *The board amended the proposal to issue permits by vendors in Unit 22 7/27-8/25 and no online issuance.*
- NA **Proposal 36:** Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 35.*

F **Proposal 37:** Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C.

CA **Proposal 38:** Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A. *The board amended the proposal with substitute language, RC 21, which adds the Egavik Creek drainage as the boundary for the hunt area.*

F **Proposal 40:** Require a registration permit for brown bear hunting in Unit 22C.

CA **Proposal 41:** Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C. *The board amended the proposal to include a registration permit for Unit 22C.*

C **Proposal 39:** Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E, and increase the resident bag limit.

F **Proposal 42:** Allow the use of snowmachines to position brown bears for harvest in Unit 22.

Proposals Outside the Board of Game's Authority

The Board of Game may discuss the following proposal but does not have authority to take regulatory action.

_____ **Proposal 167:** Allow more guides in the Unit 23 hunt area.