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## Advisory Announcement

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### ADF&G and AIM-COMM to Host Open House at Fish and Game Indoor Shooting Range in Fairbanks

(Fairbanks) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), in partnership with the Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee (AIM-COMM), is hosting a free open house event at the ADF&G Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range, in Fairbanks, on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The range is located at 1501 College Road, just west of Danby Street, and south of Creamer’s Refuge and College Road. The event is family-friendly, open to the public, and suitable for ages 10 and older.

The range features 10, 50-foot indoor firing lanes and classrooms where hunter education and firearms instructional classes are held, along with other events and activities.

Range orientations will not be provided during the open house. No firearms should be brought to the open house as public range use hours are not scheduled during the event. Walk-in public hours on Saturday, Oct. 19, will be from 6 to 8 p.m. only.

The open house will feature live-fire demonstrations, door prizes, and informational tables with speakers representing various events and classes that are conducted at the range. A “Duck Hunt Challenge” will be featured on the range’s electronic shooting system. Members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Rifle Team will be on hand from noon to 2 pm to meet the public and assist with a youth shooting sports (smallbore rifle) demonstration. Special guest Joe Nava, longtime firearms trainer and host of “Shooter’s Corner” on KFAR 660 AM, is slated to attend with a signing session for his book, *Not Your Average Joe*. (Proceeds from the book sale benefit the UAF Rifle Team.)

Law enforcement representatives plan to be in attendance and live-fire demonstrations of NRA Precision (Bullseye) Pistol are planned, along with United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) live-fire sessions. Representatives of the Alaska Hunter Information and Training (HIT) Program are expected to be on hand to answer questions about Alaska’s Hunter Education course offerings and clinics, and also to provide information about the popular NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge program which was started in Alaska by AIM-COMM and the Fairbanks ADF&G Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range.

Door prizes include gift certificates to Frontier Outfitters (official sponsor) and discount coupons for use at Alaska Ammo (official sponsor) in Fairbanks, along with free range time certificates, and discount coupons for Alaska Concealed Handgun Permit classes.

ADF&G and AIM-COMM work together to help promote the safe and responsible use of firearms, hunting and hunter safety, firearms safety and marksmanship, and wildlife conservation. AIM-COMM is a volunteer-based, nonprofit (IRS 501(c)(3)) partner organization to the Fairbanks ADF&G range and was recently selected for national recognition with the NRA’s Donn C. DiBiasio Outstanding Club Award for 2018 and is Alaska’s first and only NRA Gold Medal organization.

For additional information about the Open House, including the schedule of live-fire range demonstrations, visit <https://aimcomm.org> or contact John Wyman at (907) 459-7292, [john.wyman@alaska.gov](mailto:john.wyman@alaska.gov) or Laura Berkowitz at [pres@aimcomm.org](mailto:pres@aimcomm.org).