



5 AAC 96.610. Procedure for developing fish and game regulations

(a) For the purpose of developing fish and game regulations, each board will observe the procedures set out in this section. The deadlines for each phase will be set by the appropriate board for each meeting and will be announced to committees and the public.

(b) Phase 1. Each board will solicit regulatory proposals or comments to facilitate that board's deliberations. The boards may limit those sections or portions of the existing regulations that will be open for change. The boards will provide forms to be used in preparing proposals. Notices soliciting proposals will be distributed statewide. In order to be considered, a proposal must be received by the boards before the designated deadline unless provided otherwise by a board.

(c) Phase 2. After the deadline for receiving proposals, the boards support section shall compile all proposals received on time, including proposals from department staff and other government agencies, distribute them to the public through department offices, and send them to the committees.

(d) Phase 3. Committees may review the proposals at a public meeting and may request technical and scientific support data and prepared testimony from the department.

(e) Phase 4. Each board will give legal notice of timely received proposals. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), each board will hold a public hearing and will act on proposals or develop alternatives on the subject matter legally noticed. The final decision on all proposals remains the responsibility of a board.

(f) Phase 5. After completion of procedures required by the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), a board will notify each committee of the actions taken on each committee's respective recommendations and proposals and the reasons for those actions.