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Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee Meeting
Discussion of Scheduling a Future Joint Board Meeting
December 21, 2017, Teleconference

RC 419

MEETING SUMMARY

Committee members: Karen Linnell, Teresa Sager Albaugh, Robert Ruffner, Al Cain, and Reed Morisky

The Joint Board Committee (committee) met by teleconference meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the need for a future Joint Board meeting in 2018/2019. Board of Game members Teresa Sager Albaugh and Karen Linnell, and Board of Fisheries members Robert Ruffner, Al Cain, and Reed Morisky were present. The meeting was chaired by Board of Game member Karen Linnell. In addition to the committee members, Board of Game members Larry Van Daele, Tom Lamal, and Chair Ted Spraker participated via teleconference as did a number of Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) staff.

Public listen-in sites were located at the ADF&G office buildings in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks. The committee did not take oral testimony from the public, but written public comments were solicited for the meeting. All meeting materials are available on the Joint Board Committee meeting website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=12-21-2017&meeting=teleconference.

Chair Linnell called for introductions of committee members, other board members, and agency staff. Following introductions, she reviewed the meeting purpose. ADF&G Boards Support Executive Directors provided information about Joint Board regulatory authorities, past Joint Board meetings and call for proposals, meeting projections, recent proposals for changes to Joint Board regulations, and a timeline for a future meeting, all of which is including in the meeting material.

Following board member questions and discussion about the meeting planning process and timeline, the committee unanimously supported a motion to schedule a subsequent committee meeting for the purpose of soliciting public and advisory comments on regulatory topics the Joint Board should consider at a future meeting. The intent of a follow up meeting and public comment would help the committee better form a recommendation to each board on the need for and regulatory scope of a Joint Board meeting.

The committee requested the second meeting be scheduled far in advance to provide for a 30-day public comment period. The committee set the next meeting date for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, with a comment deadline of February 2, 2018. This would give the committee members time to report to each board by March. The committee will also discuss a recommendation to the boards for establishing a set schedule for future Joint Board meetings.

The committee adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARDS OF GAME AND FISHERIES JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) and Board of Game (BOG) will convene a teleconference meeting of its Joint Board Committee (committee) at 10:00am, Wednesday, February 7, 2018. The purpose of the committee meeting is to discuss and make a recommendation for the necessity of holding a full Joint Board meeting during the 2018/2019 meeting cycle.

To facilitate the committee's discussion and recommendation on the scope of regulatory topics for a future Joint Board meeting, the committee has requested an informal solicitation of comments or preliminary proposals from local fish and game advisory committees and the public concerning potential changes if a Joint Board meeting is scheduled. The committee will review the comments and report back to each board a recommendation for the need of a Joint Board meeting and the topics for the Call for Proposals. The deadline for submittals for the committee's review is Friday, February 2, 2018.

Regulations under the authority of the Joint Board are the following:

5 AAC Chapter 96 – Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Regional Fish and Game Councils

- Article 1: Local Fish and Game Advisory Committee Regulations
 - Section 010. Establishment of local fish and game advisory committees
 - Section 020. Creation of local fish and game advisory committees
 - Section 021. Establishment of advisory committees
 - Section 040. Qualifications for members
 - Section 050. Functions of local fish and game advisory committees
 - Section 060. Uniform rules of operation
- Article 3: Administration of Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees
 - Section 410. Distribution of local fish and game advisory committees
 - Section 420. Review of requests for local fish and game advisory committees.
 - Section 440. Board assistance
 - Section 450. Committee status and change of status.
 - Section 460. Attendance at meetings.
- Article 5: Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations
 - Section 600. Meetings
 - Section 610. Procedures of developing fish and game regulations.
 - Section 615. Subsistence proposal policy
 - Section 625. Joint board petition policy
 - Section 630. Special meetings
 - Section 640. Regular meetings
 - Section 660. Compliance
- Article 6: General Provisions
 - 910. Definitions.

Chapter 97 – Advisory Committee Closures

- Article 1: Areas of Jurisdiction
 - Section 005. Areas of jurisdiction for advisory committees
- Article 2: Emergency Closures
 - Section 010. Advisory committee emergency closures

Chapter 99 – Subsistence Uses

- Section 010. Boards of Fisheries and Game subsistence procedures
- Section 015. Joint board nonsubsistence areas.
- Section 016. Activities permitted in a nonsubsistence area.
- Section 021. Definitions

Written comments from the public may be mailed to Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, emailed to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (PDF only), faxed to (907) 465-6094, or entered online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard>. Written comments must be received by Friday, February 2, 2018.

The meeting will stream live over the Internet on the Joint Board website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard>.

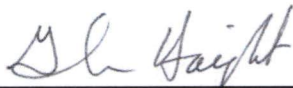
Physical meeting locations are:

- ADF&G Headquarters, 1255 W. 8th Street, Juneau, Commissioner's 2nd Floor Conference Room
- ADF&G Anchorage, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Aerie Conference Room (2nd Floor)
- ADF&G Fairbanks, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, Ptarmigan Conference Room

Committee meetings are open to the public. A meeting agenda and other meeting materials will be available on the Joint Board meeting information website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to join in this public meeting, please contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 by 5:00pm on Friday, February 2, 2018, to make any necessary arrangements.

For more information about the meetings, contact Glenn Haight, glenn.haight@alaska.gov, (907) 465-6095 or Kristy Tibbles, kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov, (907) 465-6098.



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December 26, 2017

Date