

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

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5 AAC 96.625. JOINT BOARD PETITION POLICY

(a) Under AS 44.62.220, an interested person may petition an agency, including the Boards of Fisheries and Game, for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation. The petition must clearly and concisely state the substance or nature of the regulation, amendment, or repeal requested, the reason for the request, and must reference the agency's authority to take the requested action. Within 30 days after receiving a petition, a board will deny the petition in writing, or schedule the matter for public hearing under AS 44.62.190--44.62.210, which require that any agency publish legal notice describing the proposed change and solicit comment for 30 days before taking action. AS 44.62.230 also provides that if the petition is for an emergency regulation, and the agency finds that an emergency exists, the agency may submit the regulation to the lieutenant governor immediately after making the finding of emergency and putting the regulation into proper form.

(b) Fish and game regulations are adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game. At least twice annually, the boards solicit regulation changes. Several hundred proposed changes are usually submitted to each board annually. The Department of Fish and Game compiles the proposals and mails them to all fish and game advisory committees, regional fish and game councils, and to over 500 other interested individuals.

(c) Copies of all proposals are available at local Department of Fish and Game offices. When the proposal books are available, the advisory committees and regional councils then hold public meetings in the communities and regions they represent, to gather local comment on the proposed changes. Finally, the boards convene public meetings, which have lasted as long as six weeks, taking department staff reports, public comment, and advisory committee and regional councils reports before voting in public session on the proposed changes.

(d) The public has come to rely on this regularly scheduled participatory process as the basis for changing fish and game regulations. Commercial fishermen, processors, guides, trappers, hunters, sport fishermen, subsistence fishermen, and others plan business and recreational ventures around the outcome of these public meetings.

(e) The Boards of Fisheries and Game recognize the importance of public participation in developing management regulations, and recognize that public reliance on the predictability of the normal board process is a critical element in regulatory changes. The boards find that petitions can detrimentally circumvent this process and that an adequate and more reasonable opportunity for public participation is provided by regularly scheduled meetings.

(f) The Boards of Fisheries and Game recognize that in rare instances circumstances may require regulatory changes outside the process described in (b) - (d) of this section. Except for petitions dealing with subsistence hunting or fishing, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under the criteria in 5 AAC 96.615(a), it is the policy of the boards that a petition will be denied and not schedule for hearing unless the problem outlined in the petition justifies a finding of emergency. In accordance with state policy expressed in AS 44.62.270, emergencies will be held to a minimum and are rarely found to exist. In this section, an emergency is an unforeseen, unexpected event that either threatens a fish or game resource, or an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome to the petitioners because the resource would be unavailable in the future. (Eff. 9/22/85, Register 95; am 8/17/91, Register 119; readopt 5/15/93, Register 126)

Authority: AS 16.05.251, AS 16.05.255, AS 16.05.258

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST POLICY

Because of the volume of proposed regulatory changes, time constraints, and budget considerations, the boards must limit their agendas. The boards attempt to give as much advance notice as possible on what schedule subjects will be open for proposals. The following regulations specify how the Board of Game considers agenda change requests (5 AAC 92.005):

5 AAC 92.005. Policy for changing board agenda. (a) The Board of Game (board) may change the board's schedule for considering proposed regulatory changes in response to an agenda change request, submitted on a form provided by the board, in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (1) an agenda change request must be to consider a proposed regulatory change outside the board's published schedule and must specify the change proposed and the reason the proposed change should be considered out of sequence. An agenda change request is not intended to address proposals that could have been submitted by the deadline scheduled for submitting proposals.
 - (2) the board will accept an agenda change request only
 - a. for a conservation purpose or reason;
 - b. to correct an error in a regulation; or
 - c. to correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted;
 - (3) the board will not accept an agenda change request that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling;
 - (4) a request must be received by the executive director of the boards support section at least 60 days before the first regularly scheduled meeting of that year;
 - (5) if one or more agenda change requests have been timely submitted, the board shall meet to review the requests within 30 days following the submittal deadline in subsection (4), and may meet telephonically for this purpose.
- (b) The board may change the board's schedule for consideration of proposed regulatory changes as reasonably necessary for coordination of state regulatory actions with federal agencies, programs, or laws.

Note: The form in 5 AAC 92.005 is available on the Board of Game webpage at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.forms or by contacting the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section office (907) 465-4110.

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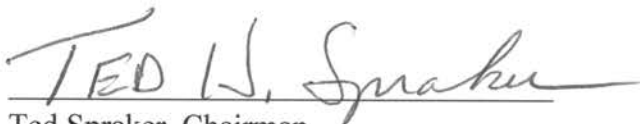
ALASKA JOINT BOARDS OF FISHERIES AND GAME

CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL

It has been suggested that criteria need to be established to guide the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game, Board of Fisheries, and Board of Game (boards) members when deliberating on whether or not to develop a board-generated proposal. The boards will consider the following criteria when deliberating the proposed development and scheduling of a board-generated proposal:

1. Is it in the public's best interest (e.g., access to resource, consistent intent, public process)?
2. Is there urgency in considering the issue (e.g., potential for fish and wildlife objectives not being met or sustainability in question)?
3. Are current processes insufficient to bring the subject to the board's attention (e.g., reconsideration policy, normal cycle proposal submittal, ACRs, petitions)?
4. Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment (e.g., how far do affected users have to travel to participate, amount of time for affected users to respond)?

Findings adopted this 16th day of October 2013.



Ted Spraker, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game
Vote: 6-0



Karl Johnstone, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Vote: 7-0

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Policies and Resolutions

2015

- 2015-212-BOG Policy on Elections of Officers
2015-211-BOG Board Recommendation to ADF&G provided during the Southcentral Region Meeting.
2015-210-BOG Board Recommendation to ADF&G provided during the Central/Southwest Region Meeting.
2015-209-BOG Board Recommendation to ADF&G provided during the Central/Southwest Region Meeting.
2015-208-BOG Resolution Establishing a Standing Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner Regarding Petitions for Emergency Regulations
2015-207-BOG Board Direction to ADF&G provided during the Southeast Region Meeting

2014

- 2014-206-BOG Nonresident Capture, Possession, and Export of Certain Raptors
2014-205-BOG Board Direction to ADF&G Provided During the Statewide Regulations Cycle A Meeting.
2014-204-BOG Customary and Traditional Uses of the Teshekpuk Caribou Herd
2014-203-BOG Board Direction to ADF&G Provided During the Arctic/Western Region Meeting

2013

- 2013-202-BOG Board Direction to ADF&G Provided During the Southcentral Region Meeting.
2013-201-BOG Board Direction to ADF&G Provided During the Central/Southwest Region Meeting
2013-200-BOG Board Direction Concerning the Unit 4 Brown Bear Management Strategy

2012

- 2012-199-BOG Resolution Supporting Funding for the Outdoor Heritage Foundation
2012-198-BOG Board of Game Bear Conservation, Harvest, and Management Policy (*Policy 2011-194-BOG Revised*)
2012-197-BOG Units 9B, 17, 18, 19A and 19B (Mulchatna Caribou Herd) Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-196-BOG Unit 19A Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-195-BOG Unit 24B Moose Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-194-BOG Board of Game Bear Conservation, Harvest, and Management Policy (*Policy 2011-186-BOG Revised*)
2012-193-BOG Subunit 26B Muskoxen - Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-192-BOG Subunit 15C Moose - Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-191-BOG Subunit 15A Moose - Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
2012-190-BOG Falconry, Federal Migratory Bird Rulemaking and Delegation of Authority

2011

- #2011-189-BOG Subunits 9C and 9# (Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd) Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2011-188-BOG Units 9B, 17, 19, and 19B (MCH) Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2011-187-BOG Unit 16 Predation Control Area for Moose Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2011-186-BOG Board of Game Bear Conservation, Harvest, and Management Policy.
- #2011-185-BOG Board of Game Wolf Management Policy (this policy supersedes BOG policy 82-31-GB)
- #2011-184-BOG Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses
(*Supplement findings to 2006-170-BOG*)

2010

- #2010-183-BOG Harvest of Game for Customary and Traditional Alaska Native Funerary and Mortuary Religious Ceremonies.

2009

- #2009-182-BOG Units 12, 20B, 20D, 20E, and 25C Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2009-181-BOG Unit 19D-East Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2009-180-BOG Unit 19A Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2009-179-BOG Resolution Supporting Increasing Non-Resident Hunting License and Tag Fees

2008

- #2008-178-BOG Finding of Emergency: Predator Control Implementation Plans
- #2008-177-BOG Units 12, 20B, 20D, 20E, & 25C Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2008-176-BOG Units 16A & B Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2008-175-BOG Unit 9D (South AK Peninsula Caribou Herd) Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2008-174-BOG Unit 19D East Supplemental Findings

2007

- #2007-173-BOG Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy – (#162 Revised)
- #2007-172-BOG Annual Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose

2006

- #2006-171-BOG Resolution supporting a Moratorium on New Zoo Applications
- #2006-170-BOG Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses
- #2006-169-BOG Unit 19D-East Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2006-168-BOG Unit 19A Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2006-167-BOG Unit 16 Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2006-166-BOG Unit 13 Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
- #2006-165-BOG Unit 12 and 20E Intensive Management Supplemental Findings

#2006-164-BOG Board of Game Bear Management and Conservation Policy
 #2006-163-BOG Resolution Regarding Declining Fish and Wildlife Enforcement in Alaska
 #2006-162-BOG Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy
 #2006-161-BOG Finding of Emergency: Predator Control Implementation Plans

2005

#2005-160-BOG Finding of Emergency: Methods of Harvest for Hunting Small Game in the Skilak Loop Special Management Area of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
 #2005-159-BOG Resolution in Support of Allowing Guides to Take Wolves while Under Contract to Clients
 #2005-158-BOG Resolution in Support of Public Education Program on Predator Control
 #2005-157-BOG Reauthorizing Wolf Control in Portions of Unit 13
 #2005-156-BOG Supporting Joint Federal and State Deer Harvest Reporting
 #2005-155-BOG Supporting Governor’s Lawsuit Against Federal Government; Extent and Reach of Subsistence Regulations in State Navigable Waters

2004

#2004-154-BOG Supporting Increasing Resident and Non-Resident Hunting License and Tag Fees
 #2004-153-BOG Increase FY06 Budget for Boards of Fisheries and Game and State Advisory Committees
 #2004-152-BOG Predator Control in Portions of Upper Yukon/Tanana Predator Control Area
 #2004-151-BOG Bear Baiting Allocation
 #2004-150-BOG Authorizing Predator Control in Central Kuskokwim Area, Unit 19A
 #2004-149-BOG Signage for Traplines on Public Lands
 #2004-148-BOG Authorizing Predator Control in Western Cook Inlet, Unit 16B
 #2004-147-BOG Bear Conservation and Management Policy
 #2004-146-BOG Americans with Disabilities Act Exemptions

2003

#2003-145-BOG Authorization of Airborne Shooting in Unit 19D East Predation Control Program
 #2003-144-BOG Authorizing Wolf Control in Portions of Unit 13
 #2003-143-BOG Authorizing Wolf Control in Portions of Unit 13
 #2003-142-BOG Resolution of the Alaska Board of Game Concerning a Statewide Bear Baiting Ballot Initiative
 #2003-141-BOG Request for Commissioner’s Finding Regarding Same-Day-Airborne Wolf Hunting in Game Management Unit 13
 #2003-140-BOG Guidelines for a Unit 19D East Predation Control Program
 #2003-139-BOG A resolution of the Alaska Board of Game Concerning Management of Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Mortality (*Repealed March 19, 2013.*)

2002

- #2002-138-BOG Request to US Forest Service re: Management of Guided Brown Bear Hunting in Unit 4
- #2002-137-BOG Unit 1C Douglas Island Management Area Findings
- #2002-136A-BOG Unit 1D Brown Bear Drawing Hunt Finding
- #2002-136-BOG Government to Government Relations with Tribes in Alaska

2001

- #2001-135-BOG Resolution concerning Unit 19D-East Adaptive Management Team Work

2000

- #2000-134-BOG Unit 4 Brown Bear Management Team Findings
- #2000-133-BOG Habituation of Wildlife (unsigned – left in draft)
- #2000-132-BOG Reaffirm Resolution re: Management of Alaska’s Fish and Game Resources/Ballot Initiative Process
- #2000-131-BOG Finding of Emergency: Unit 19D-East (Wolf Control Implementation Plan)
- #2000-130-BOG Resolution re: Support of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999

1999

- #99-129-BOG Snow Machine Use in the Taking of Caribou

1998

- #98-128-BOG Findings on Elk Management in Region I
- #98-127-BOG Findings on Commercial Guiding Activities in Alaska
- #98-126-BOG Emergency Findings – Moose in Unit 25B and Unit 25D
- #98-125-BOG Emergency Findings – Moose in Unit 21D
- #98-124-BOG Emergency Findings – Moose in Unit 18
- #98-123-BOG Emergency Findings – Caribou in Unit 9
- #98-122-BOG 1998 Intensive Management Findings: Interior Region
- #98-121-BOG Findings: HB 168, Traditional Access
- #98-120-BOG Resolution re: Ballot Initiative Banning Use of Snares
- #98-119-BOG Trapping and Snaring of Wolves in Alaska
- #98-118-BOG Customary and Traditional Use of Musk Ox in Northwest Unit 23

1997

- #97-117-BOG Customary and Traditional Use of Musk Ox on the Seward Peninsula
- #97-116-BOG Dall Sheep Management in the Western Brooks Range
- #97-115-BOG Resolution supporting Co-management of Alaska’s Fish and Game Resources
- #97-114-BOG Resolution re: Dual Management of Alaska’s Fish and Game Resources
- #97-113-BOG Resolution re: Methods and Means of Harvesting Furbearers and Fur Animals Including Wolves
- #97-112-BOG Resolution re: Management of Alaska’s Fish and Game Resources/Ballot Initiative Process

#97-111-BOG Finding to Include Unit 22 (except 22C) in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area
 #97-110-BOG Finding of Emergency re: Stranded Musk Oxen
 #97-109-BOG Findings re: Unit 16B-South Moose
 #97-108-BOG Resolution re: Subsistence Division Budget
 #97-107-BOG Findings re: Wanton Waste on the Holitna and Hoholitna Rivers

1996

#96-106-BOG Delegation of Authority re: Issuing Permits to Take Game for Public Safety Purposes
 #96-105-BOG Delegation of Authority to Implement Ballot Measure #3
 #96-104-BOG Finding of Emergency re: Western Arctic Caribou Herd
 #96-103-BOG Findings – Antlerless Moose in Unit 20A
 #96-102-BOG Findings – Nelchina Caribou Herd Management
 #96-101-BOG Findings – Intensive Management for GMU 19D East
 #96-100-BOG Establishment of the Nenana Controlled Use Area
 #96-99-BOG Moose Populations in Unit 26A
 #96-98-BOG Taking Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies
 #96-97-BOG Forty Mile Caribou Herd Management Plan
 #96-96-BOG Finding of Emergency – Moose in Remainder of Unit 16B

1995

#95-95-BOG Resolution – Wildlife Diversity Initiative
 #95-94-BOG Resolution – Change Name of McNeil River State Game Refuge to Paint River State Game Refuge
 #95-93-BOG Requiring License Purchase in advance
 #95-92-BOG *Open Number*
 #95-91-BOG Delegation of Authority – Comply with Alaska Supreme Court Opinion in Kenaitze vs. State
 #95-90-BOG Board Travel Policy
 #95-89-BOG Findings – Noatak Controlled Use Area
 #95-88-BOG Delegation of Authority to Increase Bag Limits in Unit 18 for Mulchatna and Western Arctic Caribou Herds
 #95-87-BOG Subsistence Needs for Moose in Unit 16B
 #95-86-BOG Findings on Intensive Management in Unit 19D
 #95-85-BOG Findings on Intensive Management in Unit 20D
 #95-84-BOG Findings on Intensive Management in Unit 13
 #95-83-BOG Resolution: Subsistence Use on National Park Lands
 #95-82-BOG “No Net Loss” Policy for Hunting and Trapping Opportunities
 #95-81-BOG Resolution: Remove Federal Management of F&W on Public Lands and Waters
 #95-80-BOG Resolution to Legislature to Define Subsistence

1994

- #94-80A-BOG Wolf Predation Control Program in Unit 20A
- #94-79-BOG Delegation to Commissioner to Adopt Regulations Resulting from Kenaitze Decision which Invalidates Nonsubsistence Areas
- #94-78-BOG Addendum to Findings on Unit 16B Moose
- #94-77-BOG Resolution on SB325 (Repeal Antlerless Moose Statute)

1993

- #93-76-BOG Findings on McNeil River Refuge Bears
- #93-75-BOG Resolution on Adak Caribou
- #93-74-BOG Delegation of Authority for Permits to Take Furbearers with Game Meat
- #93-73-BOG Delegation of Authority to Make Emergency Regulations Permanent, Moose in Unit 19D
- #93-72-BOG Wolf Control Findings – Delta Area
- #93-71-BOG Resolution on Round Island Walrus Hunt
- #93-70-BOG Findings on Unit 16B Moose Seasons and Bag Limits
- #93-69-BOG Resolution on Popof Island Bison
- #93-68-BOG Resolution on Commercialization of Moose
- #93-67-BOG Resolution on Elk Transplants in Southeast
- #93-66-BOG Resolution on Clear-cut Management in the Tongass National Forest

1992

- #92-65-BOG Findings in Units 12, 20B, D, and E on Wolves
- #92-64-BOG Findings in Unit 20A Wolves
- #92-63-BOG Findings in Unit 13 Wolves
- #92-62-BOG Findings Wolf Area Specific Management Plans for Southcentral and Interior
- #92-61-BOG Resolution on Unit 13 Moose
- #92-60-BOG Findings Unit 13 Moose Seasons and Bag Limits
- #92-59-BOG Findings Unit 19 A&B Moose – Holitna and Hoholitna Controlled Use Area
- #92-58-BOG Findings on Kilbuck Caribou re Fall Hunt
- #92-57-BOG Report of the Board of Game, Area Specific Management Plans for Wolves
- #92-56-BOG Relating to Moose in GMUs 19A and 19B per Superior Court order in Sleetmute vs. State
- #92-55-BOG Relating to Endorsement of State Closure of Deer Hunting in GMU 4 and Requesting Federal Closure

1991

- #91-54-BOG Findings on Strategic Wolf Management Plan
- #91-54a-BOG Relating to Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan
- #91-53-BOG Relating to Taking of Walrus from Round Island by Residents of Togiak
- #91-53a-BOG Board Direction to Committee for Strategic Wolf Plan
- #91-52-BOG Findings on Unit 13 Moose Season and Bag Limits

1990

#90-51-BOG Delegation of Authority
#90-50-BOG Relating to the Reporting of Hunter Usage of Air Taxi Operations
#90-49-BOG Findings on Kwethluk Emergency Caribou Hunt Petition
#90-48-BOG Relating to the Use of Furbearers by Rural Alaskans, Including Alaska Natives
#90-47-BOG Relating to the Commercialization of Moose and other Wildlife
#90-46-BOG Relating to Destruction of Moose by the Alaska Railroad

1989

#89-45-BG Delegation of Authority to Adopt Waterfowl Regulations

1988

#88-44-BG Delegation of Authority for March 1988 Meeting
#88-43-BG Resolution Supporting Funding for Division of Game

1987

#87-42d-BG Procedures for Delegations of Authority (Replacing #75-2-GB)
#87-42c-BG Delegation of Authority to Correct Technical Errors
#87-42b-BG Delegation of Authority to Correct Technical Errors Before Filing Regulations
#87-42a-BG Delegation of Authority to Adopt Emergency Regulations (Replacing #75-3-GB)

1986

#86-41-BG Finding of Emergency: New State Subsistence Law
#86-40-BG Delegation of Authority

1985

#85-39-GB Resolution on Resources v/s Logging
#85-38-GB Findings: Madison vs. State Requirements
#85-37-GB Lime Village Management Area Findings
#85-36-GB Findings: Waterfowl hunting in and near Palmer Hayflats

1984

#84-35-GB Resolution on Waterfowl Stamp
#84-34-GB Transplant of Musk Ox to Nunivak Island

1983

#83-33-GB Resolution on Guide Board
#83-32-GB Findings on Moose in GMU 16B

1982

#82-31-GB Supplement to Wolf Population Control

1981

- #81-30-GB Findings and Policy Regarding Nelchina Caribou
- #81-29-GB Finding and Policy for Future Management of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd
- #81-28-GB Letter of Intent: Wolf Reduction in Alaska

1980

- #80-27-GB Letter of Intent Regarding Use of Alaska's Game for Religious Ceremony
- #80-26-GB Findings and Policy Regarding Bowhunting
- #80-25-GB Standing Committee II on Deer
- #80-24-GB Regarding Advisory Committee Coordinators

1979

- #79-23-GB Authorization to Export Animals from Alaska
- #79-22-GB Staff Directive to Subsistence Section
- #79-21-GB Relating to Brown Bear in GMU 4
- #79-20-GB Relating to Brown Bear in GMU 4
- #79-19-GB Brown Bear, GMU 4
- #79-18-GB Relating to Muskoxen

1978

- #78-18-GB Statement of Direction: Use of Airplanes in Controlling Predation by Wolves
- #78-17-GB Relating to (d)(2) Legislation, State's ability to Manage Fish & Wildlife Resources
- #78-16-GB Relating to (d)(2) Legislation, State's ability to Manage Fish & Wildlife Resources

1977

- #77-15-GB Delegation of Authority to Commissioner to Address Petitions
- #77-14-GB Repeal of Regulations Relating to Registration of Camps by Guides for Hunting Bears
- #77-13-GB Regarding Closed Season for Caribou (rescinded November 30, 1977)
- #77-12-GB Regarding the 17(d)(2) Land Settlement

1976

- #76-11-GB Trapping Wolves by ADF&G
- #76-10-GB Request for Public Safety Involvement in Enforcement of Caribou Regulations
- #76-9-GB Management Goal: Western Arctic Caribou
- #76-8-GB Export of Live Game Animals Outside of Alaska
- #76-7-GB Musk Ox to Anchorage Children's Zoo (rescinded November 30, 1977)
- #76-6-GB Taking of Wolves by Helicopter
- #76-5-GB Regarding the Taking of Wolves in Units 23 and 26A

1975

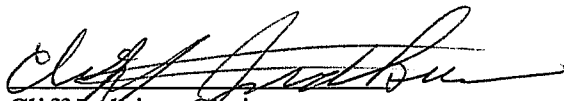
- #75-4-GB Endorsement of Trapping as a Legitimate Use of Renewable Resources
- #75-3-GB Delegation of Authority to Adopt Emergency Regulations (See #87-42a-GB)
- #75-2-GB Procedures for Delegations of Authority (See #87-42d-GB)
- #75-1-GB Effectuating Delegation of Authority

Finding for the Alaska Board of Game
2007-173-BOG

Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy
March 12, 2007

At the March 2007, Southcentral/Southwest Region meeting in Anchorage, the Board of Game modified the Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy, #2006-162-BOG, by adding item #4 to the guidelines that shall be applied when determining the allocation percentage for drawing permits to nonresidents:

1. Allocations will be determined on a case by case basis and will be based upon the historical data of nonresident and resident permit allocation over the past ten years.
2. Each client shall provide proof of having a signed guide-client agreement when applying for permits.
3. Contracting guides shall be registered in the area prior to the drawing.
4. When a guide signs a guide-client agreement, the guide is providing guiding services and therefore must be registered for the use area at that time.


Cliff Jenkins, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

Vote: 7-0
Amended: March 12, 2007
Anchorage, Alaska

**Alaska Board of Game
Policy for the
Annual Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose**

#2007-172-BOG

Background

Alaska Statute **AS 16.05.780** requires the Board of Game to reauthorize the Antlerless moose seasons in each Game Management Unit, subunit or any other authorized antlerless moose season on a yearly basis.

In order for the Board to comply with AS 16.05.780, it must consider that antlerless moose seasons require approval by a majority of the active advisory committees located in, or the majority of whose members reside in, the affected unit or subunit. For the purpose of this section, an “active advisory committee” is a committee that holds a meeting and acts on the proposal.

Because of the requirement for yearly reauthorization, the Board of Game approves of the proposals in order to insure they remain in regulation. In the case of the antlerless moose seasons, the Board of Game has delegated authority to the Department which allows them to administer a hunt if there is an allowable harvest of antlerless moose. The Board of Game has provided language to allow the Department to issue an “up to” number of permits so that we do not have to try and set a hard number each year. In most years it would be very difficult for a decision on allowable harvest to be made prior to the surveys the Department makes of the moose population.

This requirement for yearly authorization takes a lot of valuable Board time as well as requiring the Department to bring in area biologists or regional supervisors to present to the Board information on the proposed regulation. The attendance of many of these area biologists or regional supervisors is not required for any other proposed regulatory changes that the Board will consider in the normal Board cycle of proposals.

Because this requirement increases the cost to the Department and the Board, and because the annual reauthorization for some of the antlerless moose seasons may be considered a house keeping requirement in order to comply with AS 16.05.780, the Board has determined that a more efficient way to handle the annual reauthorization should be adopted and has established the following policy in agreement with the Department.


Policy for yearly authorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts by the Board of Game

Each year, the Department will present as a package for approval all of the antlerless moose proposals. During that presentation, if there are any changes that will be required to be considered, they will be noted for later discussion.

Because the Board had delegated the authority to the Department to hold antlerless moose hunts, there are many hunts that do not occur based on biology. The Department and the Board finds that it is important to keep these regulations on the books so that when opportunity exists, the Department will have the ability to provide additional opportunity for the use of antlerless moose.

The Board agrees that it will minimize debate during the presentation and only consider extensive discussion on any reauthorization that will be associated with a pending proposal submitted during the normal cycle to be considered. This discussion will be limited to any proposal submitted to the Board and not during the approval fo the packaged proposals for reauthorization of antlerless moose seasons.

The Board is aware of the time and expense required to comply with AS 16.05.780; it feels that by adopting this policy both the Department and Board will be better served.



Cliff Ludkins, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

Vote: 7-0
March 12, 2007
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