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## Alaska Board of Game Meetings scheduled in Wasilla, January 20 - 29, 2022

(Wasilla) – The Alaska Board of Game (board) will conduct its annual Work Session and the Central & Southwest Region meeting in-person, January 20 – 29, 2022 at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn located at 1800 W. Lake Lucille Drive, Wasilla, Alaska.

In an effort to fully conduct this meeting and provide a safer environment, the department and Lake Lucille Inn management are enacting a number of temporary COVID-19 mitigation measures including requiring registration and wearing masks. It is imperative all attendees comply with the mitigation measures to reduce the risk of transmitting the SARS-CoV-2 virus and/or any variant which could potentially cause the meeting to be delayed or postponed. The full mitigation plan will be posted on the board's meeting calendar page prior to the meeting.

In addition to the mitigation measures mentioned above, testing and ensuring negative results prior to travel and attending the meeting is strongly encouraged. Anyone demonstrating symptoms associated with COVID-19 are asked not to attend and instead watch or listen to the meeting online. The board's staff has implemented the ability to video stream the meeting for public viewing

Meeting registration is required to communicate meeting updates to attendees and, in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, provide contact information for contact tracing. At the time of registration, attendees will be asked to select a time period for providing oral testimony in an effort to spread out participant attendance. Advanced registration is recommended via the meeting webpages; participants can also register at the meeting venue.

## Meeting Details:

The board's annual work session will occur January 20 followed by the Central & Southwest Region meeting, January 21 - 29. Meeting registration and materials including regulatory proposals, agendas, agency reports and comments, and public comments are available online for each meeting at:

Work Session: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-20-2022&meeting=wasilla.

Central & Southwest Region Meeting: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-21-2022&meeting=wasilla.

The websites will be updated with meeting material throughout the duration of the meetings.

Topics for the Work Session include setting the 2022-2023 meeting schedule and locations, informational reports, and other administrative and miscellaneous items. Regulatory topics for the Central & Southwest Region meeting concern Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17 including: hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits, methods and means, salvage requirements, hunting permits and permit conditions, and other issues. Please review the meeting website for a complete listing of the proposals.

The board invites the public to give oral public testimony (in-person only except for advisory committee members) during the Central & Southwest Region meeting. The board will not be taking testimony during the Work Session. As mentioned previously, the online registration process will allow persons to select a specific time-period for providing testimony. Available time periods will soon be posted on the meeting information website.

Individuals who register at the meeting will also have the ability to sign up for public testimony if done so before the deadline set for **10:00 am Saturday, January 22.** Public testimony will continue until all attendees who signed up before the deadline and are present have been given an opportunity to testify. Deliberations on proposals will begin following public testimony and will continue through the remainder of the meeting.

Written comments on proposals may also be submitted to ADF&G Boards Support staff during the meeting. Comments must not exceed ten single-sided pages, and may be submitted in-person, via email to <u>dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov</u> (PDF attachments only - or contact ADF&G Boards Support for assistance), or faxed to 907-465-6094. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier. Comments must include a full name, community of residence and proposal numbers for which the comments pertain.

For more information about the board meeting process, please contact Kristy Tibbles at 465-6098, or via email at <u>Kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov</u>. She and other ADF&G Boards Support staff will be available throughout the meeting to assist the public with the process.

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