ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Meeting Workbook

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Work Session Kotzebue, Alaska January 25, 2024

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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Work Session - January 25, 2024 The National Guard Armory 605 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska

TENTATIVE AGENDA

NOTE: This Tentative Agenda is <u>subject to change</u> prior to or throughout the meeting. The board will <u>not</u> be taking oral testimony at the Work Session.

Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions of Board Members and Agency Staff
- 2) Election of Officers
- 3) State & Federal Agency Reports and Updates
- 4) Board of Game Committee and Assignment Updates
 - Big Game Commercial Services Board
 - Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group
 - Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group
 - Renewal of Committee & Other Assignments
- 5) Approve the 2024/2025 Meeting Dates and Locations
- 6) Board of Game Policies and Findings
 - Board Policy on Rescinding Actions
- 7) Other Business
- 8) Adjourn

S<u>pecial Notes</u>

- 1. Meeting materials are available at: <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo</u> or by contacting the ADF&G Boards Support Office in Juneau at 465-4110.
- 2. A live audio stream for the meeting is intended to be available at: <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>
- 3. The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this hearing and public meeting should contact 465-4110 no later than January 12, 2024 to make any necessary arrangements.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game (board) will conduct a one-day work session on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the Alaska National Guard Armory, located at 605 Third Avenue in Kotzebue, Alaska. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. No regulatory action will be taken at the meeting. Meeting topics include agency reports, board committee reports and assignments, approval of the 2024/2025 board meeting dates and locations, and other administrative business.

The meeting is open to the public. A live audio stream of the meeting will also be available at <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>.

The board will not be taking oral testimony during the Work Session but is accepting written comments. Comments can be submitted online at <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/</u> <u>index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-25-2024&meeting=kotzebue</u>. Comments can also be mailed to: ADF&G Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526; or sent via fax to (907) 465-6094.

The deadline for submitting written comments to be included in the meeting workbooks is Friday, January 18, 2024. Once the meeting begins, comments will be accepted online as record copies, by hand delivery at the meeting, or via the above-mentioned fax number. Comments submitted during the meeting are limited to ten single-sided or five double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group.

The agenda and other meeting documents will be available prior to the Work Session on meeting information webpage at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard. meetinginfo&date=01-25-2024&meeting=kotzebue.

For more information about the meeting, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section at 465-6098. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-6098 no later than Friday, January 12, 2024 to make any necessary arrangements.

/S/

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director ADF&G Boards Support Section January 2, 2024



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Alaska Board of Game 2015-212-BOG

Policy on Election of Officers

At its January 2015 Work Session, the Board of Game (Board) adopted a policy setting the schedule for officer elections based upon the following:

It is the policy of the Board for officer elections to be held annually at the work session, regardless of whether or not the membership changes. In the event a work session is not scheduled, the Board shall hold the officer elections at the first regular meeting of the year. Officers will serve until the Board is able to elect new officers or unless circumstances require the officer to step down.

Adopted: January 8, 2015 Vote: 7-0 Juneau, Alaska

TED N. Spreker

Ted Spraker, Chairman Alaska Board of Game

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.

Alaska Board of Game Vote: 6-0 Alaska Board of Fisheries Vote: 7-0

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

OPERATING PROCEDURES POLICY TO NOT USE MOTION TO RESCIND

Under its *Standing Rules* (91-128-FB), the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) uses the most current version of *Robert's Rules of Order* as a guide in conducting meetings. However, under the Standing Rules and because the Board is not required under Alaska Statutes to use any particular parliamentary procedure, these rules are not mandatory. *Robert's Rules of Order* allows for a *motion to rescind* as a procedural tool to void an action taken by the Board when a *motion to reconsider* is no longer an option.

The Board employs several procedural tools for bringing a subject or proposal forward during or outside of the regular meeting cycle, including several methods to take action to repeal or change regulations. These procedural tools include Agenda Change Requests, Motions to Reconsider, Board Generated Proposals, and Emergency Petitions.

The Board is concerned that a *motion to rescind* may occur not only during the same Board meeting in which the action was taken and after which time a *motion to reconsider* is no longer an option, but also during a subsequent regular or special meeting. This may not allow the public that was engaged in the process that has left a Board meeting after an action has been taken to be aware of the potential action for a motion to rescind and available to provide comments.

Since the Board has adequate means of addressing regulatory changes during or outside of its regular meeting cycle, the Board will not utilize a motion to rescind which would otherwise be allowed in Robert's Rules of Order.

Adopted: December 11, 2013 Vote: 7-0 Anchorage, Alaska

Karl Johnstone, Chairman Alaska Board of Fisheries



ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2023/2024 Cycle <u>Tentative Meeting Dates</u>

Meeting Dates	Торіс	Location	Comment Deadline	
January 25, 2024 (1 day)	Work Session	Kotzebue National Guard Armory	January 18, 2024	
January 26-29, 2024 (4 days)	Western Arctic/Western Region Game Management Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A	Kotzebue National Guard Armory	January 12, 2024	
March 15-22, 2024 (8 days)	Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Game Management Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C	Fairbanks Pikes Waterfront Lodge	March 1, 2024	

Total Meeting Days: 13

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

(The Board of Game will meet via teleconference to consider Agenda Change Requests following the November 1 deadline.)





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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Alaska Board of Game	DATE:	January 23, 2024
		PHONE NO:	(907) 465-6098
FROM:	Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director	SUBJECT:	Meeting dates for the 2024/2025 Board of Game Meeting Cycle

The 2024/2025 Alaska Board of Game (board) meeting dates and locations are expected to be set by the board during the January 25, 2024, Work Session. The topics on the board's schedule for this meeting cycle are Statewide Regulations and the Central & Southwest Region (Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 & 17).

The following considerations have been used by the board in past years when setting meeting dates and locations.

- The meeting dates are based on the duration of past meetings needed to address that region's issues.
- The meetings begin on a Friday to accommodate the public for providing testimony over the weekend, which is traditional practice by the board.
- The schedule takes into consideration the timing for the needs of the Department of Fish and Game such as surveying/data collecting, conflicts with hunting seasons, the legal review process for new regulations, and publishing the hunting regulations handbook.
- The duration between meetings needs to be at least four weeks apart.
- The board's ACR deadline is November 1, and at least 30 days public notice is required for any that are accepted by the board.
- The options take into consideration the meeting dates for the Board of Fisheries to minimize overlap for agencies, advisory committees, and public participants. The Board of Fisheries tentative meeting dates in 2024 are:
 - January 28 February 9, 2025: Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish
 - March 11-16, 2025: Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp & Supplemental Issues

The dates provided on the following page are options for the 2024/2025 meeting schedule that reflect the above-mentioned criteria. The board will also have a one-day Work Session the day prior to the first regulatory meeting, and will meet via teleconference to consider agenda change requests following the annual deadline of November 1. The ACR meeting will be determined later as that deadline approaches unless the board prefers to set it at this Work Session.

Both the Statewide Regulations meeting and the Central & Southwest Region meeting are expected to be scheduled for eight days based on durations in the past which are shown below. The following dates are options for either meeting that minimizes overlap with the Board of Fisheries meetings.

January 10-17, 2025 January 17-24, 2025* February 28-March 7, 2025 March 14-21, 2025 (overlaps 2 days with the BOF Statewide Shellfish Meeting) March 21-28, 2025

*State & Federal Holidays: 1/20/25 Martin Luther King, Jr Day; 2/17/25 – Presidents' Day; 3/31/25 – Seward's Day.

The deadline for the 2024/2025 meeting cycle will be Monday May 1, 2024.

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Statewide Regulations Meeting			
Past Meeting Dates	Locations	No. of Proposals	No. of Testifiers
March 4-12, 2022 (7 days; originally scheduled for 9)	Fairbanks	118	106 (including 34 remote testifiers)
November 10-17, 2017 (8 days)	Anchorage	70	90
March 18-26, 2016 (9 days)	Fairbanks	143	112
March 14-18, 2014 (5 days)	Anchorage	54	55
January 13-18, 2012 (6 days)	Anchorage	103	75
Central & Southwest Region Meeting			
Past Meeting Dates	Locations	No. of Proposals	No. of Testifiers
January 21-27, 2022 (7 days; originally scheduled for 9)	Wasilla	119	54
February 13-20, 2018 (8 days)	Dillingham	101	46
February 13-20, 2015 (8 days)	Wasilla	111	81
February 8-14, 2013 (7 days)	Wasilla	82	48
March 4-10 & 24, 2011 (8 days)	Wasilla & Anchorage	152	83

State of Alaska 2025 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

State	Holidays
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Date	Holiday
01/01/2025	New Year's Day
01/20/2025	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/17/2025	Presidents' Day
03/31/2025	Seward's Day
05/26/2025	Memorial Day
07/04/2025	Independence Day
09/01/2025	Labor Day
10/18/2025	Alaska Day (observed 10/17/2025)
11/11/2025	Veterans' Day
11/27/2025	Thanksgiving Day
12/25/2025	Christmas Day

Please refer to appropriate collective bargaining unit agreement for more information regarding holidays.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2024/2025 Meeting Cycle

The Alaska Board of Game calls for proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Central/Southwest Region, Statewide Regulations, Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Hunts, and other topics.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

Central/Southwest Region

The Alaska Board of Game (board) is accepting proposed changes for hunting and trapping regulations for the Central/Southwest Region (Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17) including the following topics:

Hunting seasons and bag limits including subsistence and general hunts for all species; trapping seasons and bag limits; big game prey populations and objectives for intensive management; predation control areas implementation plans; community subsistence harvest areas; restricted areas including controlled use areas, management areas, closed areas, and closures in state game refuges.

Proposed changes to 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions, specific to Game Management Units (GMUs) within the Central/Southwest Region will also be accepted, excluding changes to Game Management Unit Boundaries. This includes regulations under the categories of general provisions, permits, permit conditions and provisions, methods and means, possession and transportation, and the use of game. Proposed changes to these provisions must specify the applicable Game Management Units in order to be accepted for the region meeting.

Statewide Provisions

The board is also accepting proposed changes to specific regulations having statewide applicability under 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions, and 5 AAC 98.005, Areas of jurisdiction for antlerless moose seasons. The regulations open on the Call for Proposals are listed are listed on pages 2 and 3, and <u>do not include</u> trapping and hunting seasons and bag limits under 5 AAC Chapters 84 and 85. Proposed changes must be for statewide applicability; proposals specific to regions or Game Management Units will <u>not</u> be accepted unless submitted for the Central/Southwest Region Call for Proposals described above.

The following topics will be considered for <u>all</u> Game Management Units:

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions

Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts (State statute requires all antlerless moose hunts be reauthorized annually.)

Statewide Regulations Open on the 2024/2025 Call for Proposals

General Provisions and Definitions:

- 92.001 Application of this Chapter
- 92.002 Liability for Violations
- 92.003 Hunter Education and Orientation Requirements
- 92.004 Policy for Off-Road Vehicle Use for Hunting and Transporting Game
- 92.005 Policy for Changing Board Agenda
- 92.008 Harvest Guideline Levels
- 92.009 Obstruction or Hindrance of Lawful Hunting or Trapping
- 92.990 Definitions

Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Harvest Reports, Tags, and Fees:

- 92.010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- 92.011 Taking of Game by Proxy
- 92.012 Licenses and Tags
- 92.013 Migratory bird hunting guide services
- 92.018 Waterfowl Conservation Tag
- 92.019 Taking of Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies

Permits:

- 92.020 Application of Permit Regulations and Permit Reports
- 92.028 Aviculture Permits
- 92.029 Permit for Possessing Live Game
- 92.030 Possession of Wolf Hybrid and Wild Cat Hybrids Prohibited
- 92.031 Permit for Selling Skins, Skulls, and Trophies
- 92.033 Permit for Science, Education, Propagative, or Public Safety Purposes
- 92.034 Permit to Take Game for Cultural Purposes
- 92.035 Permit for Temporary Commercial Use of Live Game
- 92.039 Permit for Taking Wolves Using Aircraft
- 92.040 Permit for Taking of Furbearers with Game Meat
- 92.041 Permit to Take Beavers to Control Damage to Property
- 92.042 Permit to Take Foxes for Protection of Migratory Birds
- 92.043 Permit for Capturing Wild Furbearers for Fur Farming
- 92.044 Permit for Hunting Bear w/the Use of Bait or Scent Lures
- 92.047 Permit for Using Radio Telemetry Equipment
- 92.049 Permits, Permit Procedures, and Permit Conditions
- 92.050 Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.051 Discretionary Trapping Permit Conditions & Procedures
- 92.052 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.057 Special Provisions for Dall Sheep and Mountain Goat Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.061 Special Provisions for Brown Bear Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.062 Priority for Subsistence Hunting; Tier II Permits
- 92.068 Permit Conditions for Hunting Black Bear with Dogs
- 92.069 Special Provisions for Moose Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.070 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Point System
- 92.071 Tier I Subsistence Permits
- 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions

Methods & Means:

- 92.075 Lawful Methods of Taking Game
- 92.080 Unlawful Methods of Taking Game; Exceptions
- 92.085 Unlawful Methods of Taking Big Game; Exceptions
- 92.090 Unlawful Methods of Taking Fur Animals
- 92.095 Unlawful Methods of Taking Furbearers; Exceptions
- 92.100 Unlawful Methods of Hunting Waterfowl, Snipe, Crane
- 92.104 Authorization for Methods and Means Disability Exemptions

Intensive Management and Predator Control:

- 92.106 Intensive Management of Identified Big Game Prey Populations
- 92.110 Control of Predation by Wolves
- 92.115 Control of Predation by Bears
- 92.116 Special Provisions in Predation Control Areas

Possession and Transportation:

- 92.130 Restrictions to Bag Limit
- 92.135 Transfer of Possession
- 92.140 Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Game
- 92.141 Transport, Harboring, or Release of Live Muridae Rodents Prohibited
- 92.150 Evidence of Sex and Identity
- 92.160 Marked or Tagged Game
- 92.165 Sealing of Bear Skins and Skulls
- 92.170 Sealing of Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine
- 92.171 Sealing of Dall Sheep Horns

Use of Game:

- 92.200 Purchase and Sale of Game
- 92.210 Game as Animal Food or Bait
- 92.220 Salvage of Game Meat, Furs, and Hides
- 92.230 Feeding of Game
- 92.250 Transfer of Musk oxen for Science and Education Purposes
- 92.260 Taking Cub Bears & Female Bears with Cubs Prohibited

Emergency Taking of Game:

- 92.400 Emergency Taking of Game
- 92.410 Taking Game in Defense of Life or Property
- 92.420 Taking Nuisance Wildlife

Game Management Units:

92.450 Description of Game Management Units

Antlerless Moose Reauthorization:

98.005 Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Seasons

Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax, or online:

Online: <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by <u>Wednesday, May 1, 2024,</u> at the Boards Support Section office in <u>Juneau</u>. (A postmark is <u>NOT</u> sufficient for timely receipt).

You are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date on Board of Game proposal forms available from the Boards Support Section regional offices and on the website at: <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>. All proposals must contain an individual's first and last name a n d an organizational name if appropriate, contact telephone number, and address. Regional proposals must specify the applicable region or Game Management Unit.

Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Proposals that are incomplete or unclear may be omitted from the proposal book. You are encouraged to contact the Boards Support Section staff if you have questions or need assistance with completing the proposal form. Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested. Proposals with emotionally charged language will be rejected or redacted as they detract from the substance of the proposal, may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal, and may elicit nonresponsive charges from the public/board members. Proposals not meeting this call or submitted late will not be published.

Proposal books will be available to the advisory committees, agencies, and the public at <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u> for review and comment.

Proposals received per the above "Call for Proposals" deadline will be considered by the Board of Game at their Central/Southwest meeting in January 2025 and Statewide Regulations scheduled for March 2025. For more information, please contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110, or email <u>kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov</u>.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS Alaska Board of Fisheries

THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT FINFISH AND SHELLFISH, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND FINFISH AND SHELLFISH, AND ALL OTHER SHELLFISH STATEWIDE.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for Southeast and Yakutat finfish and shellfish, Prince William Sound finfish and shellfish (including the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River), and all other shellfish statewide for consideration by the board in its 2024–25 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Wednesday, April 10, 2024, as the proposal deadline.

Proposals may be submitted online, email, mail or fax at:

Online: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.form	http://www.adfg.alask	a.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fish	neriesboard.forms
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Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 10, 2024</u> at the Boards Support Section office in <u>Juneau</u>. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date. The Board of Fisheries proposal form, including the on-line proposal form, is available at the Boards Support website, http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms. Proposal forms are also available at any Boards Support office. Proposals must be submitted on the current approved form. Any additional information provided with the form, such as tables, Internet web links, photos, or charts, will not be included in the proposal book.

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The completed proposal form must contain a contact telephone number and address. Email addresses are appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

The board encourages individuals or organizations to communicate and coordinate with others in the development of proposals. Local Advisory Committees (AC) are an excellent resource and the collective knowledge and experience within ACs may help improve proposals, increasing their chances of success. Here is link to ACs across the а state https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acregion. You can also work with area staff from the Department of Fish and Game to better understand the current regulations, and what the effect(s) of your proposed change may be. Area staff contact information can be found on the ADF&G website here: https://adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.main.

All proposals are reviewed prior to publication. Language that is emotionally charged detracts from the substance of the proposal and may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal. Such language may be edited or deleted prior to publication. **Proposals that do not meet the call will not be accepted**. Proposals must pertain to the region, species, and uses in this call. If duplicative proposals are received by the same individual or group only one will be included in the proposal book.

Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested.

Proposal books are sent to advisory committees and the public for review and comment. Proposals are online at <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook</u>. Those submitting proposals are encouraged to review the proposal book at their earliest convenience to ensure proposals are included and accurate. Noted errors and omissions should be reported to Boards Support immediately. The public is encouraged to visit the Board of Fisheries website frequently for news and information regarding the upcoming cycle.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered by the Board of Fisheries during the October 2024 through March 2025 meeting schedule.

For more information, please contact the Alaska Board of Fisheries Executive Director, Art Nelson, at (907) 267-2292.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Regulation Proposal Form 2023-2024 Proposals must be received Tuesday, April 11, 2023 PO BOX 115526, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5526 or FAX (907) 465-6094 or online at: <u>https://arcg.is/1LDOCO0</u>

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Long-Term Meeting Cycle

The Board of Game meeting cycle generally occurs from November through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule that cycle every three years. When the regional regulations are before the board, the following regulations are open for consideration within that region:

- Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species
- General and Subsistence Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species (Except antlerless moose hunts as noted below)
- Intensive Management Plans
- Closures and Restrictions in State Game Refuges
- Management Areas, Controlled Use Areas, and Areas Closed to Hunting and Trapping
- Changes specific to Units or Regions under 5 AAC Chapter 92, excluding Game Management Unit Boundaries in 92.450

Proposals pertaining for the reauthorization of all antlerless moose hunts, 5 AAC 85.045, and all brown bear tag fee exemptions, 5 AAC 92.015, are taken up annually. Changes having statewide applicability to 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98.005 listed on the following page and Game Management Units are considered once every three years at Statewide Regulations meetings.

The proposal deadline is May 1 every preceding year. Boards Support issues a "Call for Proposals" generally in January before the May 1 deadline, which will also specify which regulations are open for proposed changes.

Topic & Meeting Schedule

Southeast Region - Game Management Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 *Meeting Cycle: 2025/2026 2028/2029 2031/2032*

Southcentral Region - Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15 Meeting Cycle: 2025/2026 2028/2029 2031/2032

Western Arctic / Western Region - Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, 26A Meeting Cycle: 2023/2024 2026/2027 2029/2030

Interior and Eastern Arctic Region - Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C Meeting Cycle: 2023/2024 2026/2027 2029/2030

Central and Southwest Region - Game Management Units: 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17 *Meeting Cycle: 2024/2025 2027/2028 2030/2031*

Statewide Regulations* (see next page) Meeting Cycle: 2024/2025 2027/2028 2030/2031

*5 AAC 92.037. Permits for falconry is scheduled every six years: 2027/2028 2033/2034 2039/2040

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Statewide Regulations ~ 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98

General Provisions & Definitions:

- 92.001 Application of this Chapter
- 92.002 Liability for Violations
- 92.003 Hunter Education and Orientation Requirements
- 92.004 Policy for Off-Road Vehicle Use for Hunting and transporting game.
- 92.005 Policy for Changing the Board of Agenda
- 92.008 Harvest Guideline Levels
- 92.009 Policy Obstruction or Hindrance of Lawful Hunting or Trapping
- 92.990 Definitions

Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Reports, Tags, & Fees:

- 92.010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- 92.011 Taking of Game by Proxy
- 92.012 Licenses and Tags
- 92.013 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide Services
- 92.018 Waterfowl Conservation Tag
- 92.019 Taking of Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies

Permits:

- 92.020 Application of Permit Regulations and Permit Reports
- 92.028 Aviculture Permits
- 92.029 Permit for Possessing Live Game
- 92.030 Possession of Wolf Hybrid and Wild Cat Hybrids Prohibited
- 92.031 Permit for Selling Skins, Skulls, and Trophies
- 92.033 Permit for Science, Education, Propagative, or Public Safety Purposes
- 92.034 Permit to Take Game for Cultural Purposes
- 92.035 Permit for Temporary Commercial Use of Live Game
- 92.037 Permit for Falconry (to be *addressed every 6 years*)
- 92.039 Permit for Taking Wolves Using Aircraft
- 92.040 Permit for Taking of Furbearers with Game Meat
- 92.041 Permit to Take Beavers to Control Damage to Property
- 92.042 Permit to Take Foxes for Protection of Migratory Birds
- 92.043 Permit for Capturing Wild Furbearers for Fur Farming 92.044 Permit for Hunting Bear w/the Use of Bait or Scent
- Lures
- 92.047 Permit for Using Radio Telemetry Equipment
- 92.049 Permits, Permit Procedures, and Permit Conditions
- 92.050 Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.051 Discretionary Trapping Permit Conditions & Procedures
- 92.052 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.057 Special Provisions for Dall Sheep Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.061 Special Provisions for Brown Bear Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.062 Priority for Subsistence Hunting; Tier II Permits
- 92.068 Permit Conditions for Hunting Black Bear with Dogs
- 92.069 Special Provisions for Moose Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.070 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Point System
- 92.071 Tier I Subsistence Permits
- 92.072 Community subsistence Harvest Hunt Area and Permit Conditions

Methods & Means:

- 92.075 Lawful Methods of Taking Game 92.080 Unlawful Methods of Taking Game; Exceptions 92.085 Unlawful Methods of Taking Big Game; Exceptions 92.090 Unlawful Methods of Taking Fur Animals 92.095 Unlawful Methods of Taking Furbearers; Exceptions 92.100 Unlawful Methods of Hunting Waterfowl, Snipe, Crane 92.104 Authorization for Methods and Means Disability Exemptions **Intensive Management and Predator Control:** 92.106 Intensive Management of Identified Big Game **Prey Populations** 92.110 Control of Predation by Wolves 92.115 Control of Predation by Bears 92.116 Special Provisions in Predation Control Areas **Possession and Transportation:** 92.130 Restrictions to Bag Limit 92.135 Transfer of Possession 92.140 Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Game 92.141 Transport, Harboring, or Release of Live Muridae Rodents Prohibited
- 92.150 Evidence of Sex and Identity
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- 92.151 Destruction of trophy value of game required in specific areas.
- 92.160 Marked or Tagged Game
- 92.165 Sealing of Bear Skins and Skulls
- 92.170 Sealing of Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine
- 92.171 Sealing of Dall Sheep Horns

Use of Game:

- 92.200 Purchase and Sale of Game
- 92.210 Game as Animal Food or Bait
- 92.220 Salvage of Game Meat, Furs, and Hides
- 92.230 Feeding of Game
- 92.250 Transfer of Musk oxen for Science and Education Purposes
- 92.260 Taking Cub Bears & Female Bears with Cubs Prohibited

Emergency Taking of Game:

- 92.400 Emergency Taking of Game
- 92.410 Taking Game in Defense of Life or Property
- 92.420 Taking Nuisance Wildlife

Game Management Units:

92.450 Description of Game Management Units

Antlerless Moose Reauthorization:

98.005 Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Season



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January 6, 2024

Dear Joint Board of Fisheries and Game,

The East Prince of Wales (PoW) AC respectfully requests to change the administrative code of our AC so we have two designated seats from the following five communities: Hollis, Kasaan, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove and Whale Pass for a total of ten designated seats and the remaining five will remain undesignated.

Thorne Bay is centrally located from the other communities and has paved roads. We have been meeting in the Thorne Bay City Hall and they have graciously allowed us to meet there and use their audio / video equipment so we can also have online participation. The facility also has a bathroom and can hold about 40 people. The other four communities above either do not have a similar facility and / or they are not centrally located with paved roads.

The East PoW AC is not called the Thorne Bay AC. We want to make sure we have designated seats for the five communities, so they do not get left out and the AC doesn't get overloaded with Thorne Bay residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

The East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee