



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee Meeting

Discussion of Scheduling a Future Joint Board Meeting

February 7, 2018, Teleconference

MEETING SUMMARY

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

The Joint Board Committee (committee) met by teleconference on Wednesday, February 07, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the need for scheduling a future joint board meeting. Board of Game members Teresa Sager Albaugh and Karen Linnell, and Board of Fisheries members Robert Ruffner, and Al Cain, were present. Member Reed Morisky was absent. The meeting was chaired by Board of Game member Karen Linnell. In addition to the committee members, Board of Game member Larry Van Daele listened via teleconference.

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 material is available on the Joint Board Committee meeting website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=02-07-2018&meeting=teleconference

Chair Linnell called for introductions of committee members, other board members, and agency staff. Following introductions, she provided a review of the purpose of the meeting, the agenda, and public comments. ADF&G Boards Support Executive Director Glenn Haight summarized the memo from ADF&G dated 2/2/18, which provides options and consideration for a call for proposals and a future meeting schedule of the joint board, and discusses the availability of federal census data every ten years.

The committee appreciated the need to develop a set schedule for joint board meetings and supported the concept of having a staggered cycle to address advisory committee related regulations every five years and nonsubsistence area regulations over a ten year period to coincide with the updated federal census information. Member Sager Albaugh expressed concern that ten years is too long, and other information and factors related to socioeconomic characteristics is available to warrant consideration of changes to the nonsubsistence areas more frequently. With regards to limiting the Call for Proposals, there was support for excluding all the subsistence regulations under Chapter 99 as a package, as well as support for excluding only the nonsubsistence area regulations.

The committee agreed with recommending to the Boards of Game and Fisheries that a Joint Board meeting be scheduled for March 21-25, 2019, in Anchorage, and the Call for Proposals be open to regulations under 5 AAC Chapters 96 and 97; it would not include Chapter 99 regulations related to subsistence uses and nonsubsistence areas (again with concern expressed by Ms. Sager Albaugh). The committee did not include a recommendation for a set joint board schedule, but expects the joint board to discuss setting a schedule in policy at the meeting.

The recommendation will be relayed to each board at their upcoming meetings (February 16-23, 2018 for Board of Game, and March 6-9, 2018 for the Board of Fisheries). Member Ruffner expressed comfort in the Board of Game making the decision to call the meeting prior to the Board of Fisheries meeting later in March. Alaska Statute 16.05.315 sets out the policy for scheduling a joint board meeting which is called upon by one board or the commissioner.

The committee adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:18 a.m.