



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## **THE ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROCESSES FOR ADOPTING REGULATIONS, ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLOSURES, AND SUBSISTENCE USES**

### PROPOSAL DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

The Joint Board of Fisheries and Game is accepting proposed changes to its regulations pertaining to local fish and game advisory committees, the process for adopting fish and game regulations, and subsistence uses, including nonsubsistence areas, to be considered at its next regulatory meeting scheduled for March 25-29, 2024. The following sections of Title 5 Chapters 96, 97, and 99 of the Alaska Administrative Code will be considered:

#### **5 AAC Chapter 96 – Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations**

- **Article 1: Local Fish and Game Advisory Committee Regulations**
  - Section 010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system.
  - 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 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 for 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**

- Section 910. Definitions.

## **5 AAC 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.

## **5 AAC Chapter 99 – Subsistence Uses**

- Section 010. Boards of fisheries and game subsistence procedures.
- Section 015. Joint Board nonsubsistence areas. (*\*see additional information*)
- Section 016. Activities permitted in a nonsubsistence area.
- Section 021. Definitions.

\*Per Alaska Statute 16.05.258(c), a nonsubsistence area is an area or community where dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life of the area or community. Subsistence hunting or fishing is not permitted in nonsubsistence areas. The current nonsubsistence areas exist around Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai, Fairbanks, and Valdez and were created by the Joint Board in 1992.

Alaska Statute 16.05.258(c) requires the board to identify nonsubsistence areas where “dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life” by considering 12 socioeconomic characteristics of the areas. Therefore, proposal submissions to modify the existing areas, repeal areas, or establish new areas must address information related to at least one of the 12 socioeconomic characteristics of nonsubsistence areas. Pages 3 and 4 provide the 12 socioeconomic characteristics and links for related information.

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

**Online:** [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard).

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

**Fax:** (907) 465-6094

**Proposals must be received by Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. (A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt).**

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date. Proposals must be submitted on a current Joint Board proposal form available online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard) or from any ADF&G Boards Support office.

Proposals must contain a contact telephone number and mailing address. Email addresses are also appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Additionally, proposals related to nonsubsistence areas must address information related to at least one of the 12 socioeconomic characteristics as specified above. Proposals that are incomplete, unclear, or lack sufficient information if related to nonsubsistence areas, 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.

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. Additionally, language that provides personal information, such as names of individuals, will be deleted. Proposals that do not meet the call will not be accepted.

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 will be available to the advisory committees, agencies, and the public online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard). 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.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game at a meeting to be scheduled for March 25–29, 2024. The public is encouraged to visit the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game website frequently for news and information regarding this meeting.

For more information, please contact the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Game Executive Directors at (907) 465-4110.

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**Additional Information Related to 5 AAC 99.015. Joint Board Nonsubsistence Areas:**

Under AS 16.05.258(c), the Joint Board is charged with identifying nonsubsistence areas, where “dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life” by considering 12 socioeconomic characteristics of the areas.

The 12 characteristics in AS 16.05.258(c) are:

1. The social and economic structure.
2. The stability of the economy.
3. The extent and the kinds of employment for wages, including full-time, part-time,

temporary, and seasonal employment.

4. The amount and distribution of cash income among those domiciled in the area or community.
5. The cost and availability of goods and services to those domiciled in the area or community.
6. The variety of fish and game species used by those domiciled in the area or community.
7. The seasonal cycle of economic activity.
8. The percentage of those domiciled in the area or community participating in hunting and fishing activities or using wild fish and game.
9. The harvest levels of fish and game by those domiciled in the area or community
10. The cultural, social, and economic values associated with the taking and use of fish and game.
11. The geographic locations where those domiciled in the area or community hunt and fish.
12. The extent of sharing and exchange of fish and game by those domiciled in the area or community.

## **Data Sources**

Data from the 2020 Census were released in 2021 and are available at: [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/2020-census-results.html](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/2020-census-results.html)

The federal Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) is a major source of demographic and economic data: [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs)

ADF&G subsistence research publications related to related to nonsubsistence areas are available online at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=subsistenceresearch.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=subsistenceresearch.main) (See [Technical Papers 335](#), [386](#), and [336](#))

Joint Board findings detailing the nonsubsistence areas can be found online at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbfindings](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbfindings)

Fishing (including Commercial Crewmember) and hunting license, stamps, and tags [License Statistics, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)

"Wildlife harvest data" [Harvest Information, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)

"Commercial fishery harvest data" [Commercial Fisheries Statistics and Data, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)

"Sport fishing harvest data" [Sport Fishing Survey \(v2.3.2\) - Sport Fish - ADF&G \(alaska.gov\)](#)

"Community Subsistence Information System" [ADF&G, Subsistence, Community Subsistence Information System \(alaska.gov\)](#)

"Migratory bird harvest data" [Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)