# Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region November 7-11, 2008 Centennial Hall, Juneau, AK TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### NOTE: This Tentative Agenda is <u>subject to change</u> throughout the course of the meeting.

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea of the board's <u>anticipated</u> schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this tentative agenda. Persons wishing to testify must sign-up by the deadline. Public testimony will continue until those present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony. The following time blocks are only an estimate. Updated agendas will be posted in the meeting room, or call 1-800-764-8901, or 465-8901 in Juneau, for a recorded message on daily progression through the meeting.

### Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM

**OPENING BUSINESS** 

Call to Order; Purpose of Meeting (overview) Introductions of Board Members and Staff Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY (upon conclusion of staff reports)

#### The DEADLINE to sign up to testify is 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 8.

Public testimony will continue until persons who have signed up before the deadline and who are present when called by the Chair to testify, are heard.

# Saturday, November 8th, 8:30 AM

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY continued BOARD DELIBERATIONS upon conclusion of public testimony

## Sunday, November 9th through Tuesday, November 11, 8:30 AM

BOARD DELIBERATIONS continue

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS upon conclusion of deliberations (including petitions, findings, resolutions, letters, & other)
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#### **SPECIAL NOTES**

- A.) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and a roadmap will be available at the meeting. Scheduled updates will be available on the board's recorded message phone. Phone Number: 1-800-764-8901; in Juneau call 465-8901.
- B.) Advisory Committee representatives may present their reports either at the beginning or end of the "Public Testimony" portion of the meeting. The committee representative should notify board support staff whether they prefer to present their report at the beginning or end of public testimony period.
- C.) 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 October 27 to make any necessary arrangements.

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the use and taking of game. Regulations subject to board action are in 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, 98 and 99. The subject matter areas to be addressed concern Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, and statewide provisions including, but not limited to the following:

- A. TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including but not limited to: beaver, mink, weasel, otter, marten, lynx, wolf, and wolverine.
- B. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including but not limited to: black bear, brown bear, deer, elk, goat, moose, wolf, wolverine, fur animals, and waterfowl.
- C. LICENSES, HARVEST TICKETS AND REPORTS, HARVEST GUIDELINE LEVELS, TAGS, FEES, PERMITS, AND PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including but not limited to: permits for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures; discretionary hunting and trapping permit conditions and procedures; Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system, harvest tickets and reports for black bear; and authorization of hunts for disabled veterans statewide.
- D. HUNTING AND TRAPPING METHODS AND MEANS for Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including, but not limited to: lawful methods of taking fur animals and furbearers including trap identification requirements, legal distances for setting traps near trails, and authorization of bounties for taking beaver; lawful methods of taking game and big game including restricting the use of full metal jacket bullets. In addition, authorization for taking wolf and bear from dens in Units 19, 21, 24 and intensive management areas; taking black bear with the use of snares, and from boats in Unit 25; taking black bear in dens with the use of artificial light in Units 21 and 24; and taking cubs and female bears with cubs in Units 21, 24, and intensive management areas.
- E. POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME, for Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including but not limited to: antler size and configuration restrictions including modified or damaged antlers; and the purchase and sale of deer.
- F. RESTRICTED AREAS, in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, including: areas closed to hunting, areas closed to trapping, controlled use areas, closures and restrictions in state game refuges, and management areas.
- G. INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT including but not limited to: authorization of wolf denning in intensive management areas; extending hunting and trapping seasons for taking wolf in intensive management areas; methods for taking wolf and bear; and modification of the Unit 20 predation control area implementation plan to allow the sale of tanned and untanned brown bear hides and skulls.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (907) 465-6094. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection. Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Game any time before the proposal is taken up by the board in deliberations. As a practical matter, written comments should be submitted to the Boards Support Section office at the above address or fax number by October 24, 2008 to ensure inclusion in the board workbooks.

Oral or written comments may also be submitted during the board meeting. The public hearing portion of the meeting for oral testimony will begin immediately after staff reports and continue until everyone who has signed up and is present has been given the opportunity to be heard. Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at the meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less.

#### TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Centennial Hall 101 Egan Drive Juneau, AK 99801 November 7-11, 2008 Southeast Region Topics

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Boards Support Section at the above address, or visit the website at: http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/gameinfo/index.php.

Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Mini Cherian with the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 no later than October 24, 2008 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence and general hunting or trapping regulations is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice the Board of Game may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR STAFF. Pursuant to AS 44.62.200, the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the hunting and trapping regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258.

After the public hearing, the Board of Game may adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or amend, reject, supplement, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interest could be affected.

**Statutory Authority**: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.270

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific**: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.407; AS 16.05.346; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.30.010 – .030; and AS 16.05.330.

**Fiscal Information**: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: October 6, 2008

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director

Alaska Boards Game

# ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

1.	Adopting agency: <u>Alaska Board of Game</u>
2.	General subject of regulation: Southeast Region Regulations
3.	Citation of regulations: <u>5 AAC 84, 85, 92, 98, and 99</u>
4.	Reason for the proposed action:  ( ) compliance with federal law ( ) compliance with new or changed state statute ( ) compliance with court order ( ) development of program standards (X) other: Regularly scheduled topics for the Fall 2008 Board of Game meetings and other miscellaneous items. Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05– AS 16.30
5.	Program category and RDU: Natural Resources and all RDUs
	Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: <u>It is not possible to estimate cost. However is action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.</u>
7.	The name of the contact person for the regulations:
	Name: Kristy Tibbles Title: Executive Director, Boards Game Address: Boards Support Section     Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game     PO Box 115526     Juneau, AK 99811-5526 Telephone: (907) 465-4110
8.	The origin of the proposed action:
	_X staff of state agency _X federal government _X general public petition for regulation change other (please list)  Staff of state agency Head of the state agency Staff of state agency Federal government Public State agency Staff of state agency Staff of state agency Federal government Public State agency Staff of sta
9.	Date: October 6, 2008  Prepared by:  Kristy Tibbles  Executive Director, Board of Game 907-465-4110