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Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Convenes in Anchorage March 13-17

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Board of Game meeting for the Southcentral Region will convene in Anchorage March 13-17, at the UAA Student Union, 3211 Providence Drive.

The board will consider nearly 70 proposals seeking changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Southcentral Region, which includes the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, and areas surrounding Anchorage and Cordova (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15). Proposals for the meeting have been submitted by the Department of Fish and Game and other agencies, local fish and game advisory committees, and the public.

Issues to be addressed within Southcentral include hunting and trapping seasons; bag limits; methods and means; permit conditions and procedures; intensive management; and restricted areas for hunting and trapping. The board will also address issues outside the region, including caribou and sheep hunting in the Arctic Region (Proposals 202 and 203); changes to sheep hunting regulations statewide (Proposals 207 and 208); and reporting requirements for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt (Proposal 71). All proposals to be considered by the board are available at the meeting website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-13-2015&meeting=anchorage.

The board's agenda for Friday, March 13, will begin with state and federal agency reports, followed by consideration of a petition requesting an emergency closure for taking wolves on state lands in Unit 20, near Denali National Park. The board will then hear oral reports on specific topics for the Southcentral Region.

Public testimony will begin Friday afternoon after the oral reports. Anyone wishing to testify before the board must sign up at the meeting location before 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14. Public testimony will continue until all who have signed up have been given opportunity to be heard. Deliberations on proposals will begin following public testimony and will continue through the remainder of the meeting.

All portions of the meeting are open to the public and a live audio stream is scheduled to be available on the Board of Game website at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov.

Other meeting materials – including the agenda, list of oral reports, and the roadmap listing the order of proposals – can be obtained by contacting Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110, through the Boards Support Section regional offices, or online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo.

Documents submitted to the board during the meeting will be posted online throughout both meetings. Written public comments from individuals or groups may be submitted by hand at any time during the meeting; written comments must not exceed 10 single-sided pages, and 20 copies must be provided. Individuals who cannot attend the meeting may submit comments via fax to (907) 465-6094.

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