

Department of Fish and Game

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An Agenda Change Request (ACR) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC by adding a new regulation to open a hunting season for Eurasian Collared Doves.

With respect to the board's ACR acceptance criteria:

- (A) The department is unaware of any conservation concerns, however the effects of this exotic bird on Alaska's wildlife are unknown.
- (B) The department is unaware of an error in regulation.
- (C) The department is unaware of any unforeseen effects of regulations that should be addressed in a change to a regulation.

The department is unaware of any conservation concerns, errors in regulation, and unforeseen effects of regulations. The proposer states Eurasian Collared Doves are an invasive species and requests that a hunting season be opened to prevent them from spreading. The proposer is requesting a change to the definition of deleterious exotic wildlife, which was included in the regularly scheduled call for proposals for the Statewide Cycle A and B meeting in March of 2016.

Sincerely,

Bruce Dale, Director Division of Wildlife Conservation